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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 27 JUNE 2019
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM
CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Steve Wallin (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Rory Kemp

Cllr Lynne Newton

Cllr Sian Townsend

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager)

Cllr Roger Huxstep (County Councillor)

Cllr Vivian Achwal (District Councillor)

Cllr Roger Bentote (District Councillor)

Cllr Jonathan Fern (District Councillor)

Public Session

19.75 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Larry Burden and Cllr Debbie Caister

19.76 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

19.77 To approve Minutes of Annual General Meeting on 16 May 2019

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 16 May 2019, as drafted. ACTION: PCM.

19.78 To receive Planning Minutes 6 June 2019 – noted.

19.79 To receive reports from the County Councillor, District Councillors and Hampshire Constabulary Representative (if applicable)

Cllr Huxstep reported:

Local Authority Funding - Local authorities are calling for a “significant injection of funding” from the government, after a recent report showed that councils across the country could be facing a £51.8 billion funding black hole over the next six years.

To this end a consultation opened on 5th June and will close on 17th July. The council is asking residents’ and stakeholders’ views on ways it could balance its budget in response to continuing pressure on local government funding and increasing demand for public services. Your feedback will help to inform the approach the county council takes to balance its budget up to 2021/22. These decisions could affect you for example, in terms of how much council tax you pay which council services you may receive in the future and how services are delivered. Please visit the Hampshire County Council’s website: www.hants.gov.uk/balancingthebudget to complete the survey or you can email insight@hants.gov.uk or call 0300 555 1375 and ask

for an information pack. Also please ask your friends and neighbours to take part in the consultation.

New study underway to encourage recycling - Hampshire County Council is carrying out a study to find out more about what Hampshire residents are throwing away. It's part of a drive to increase recycling and reduce the amount of waste disposed of each year and to increase recycling. Hampshire has been criticised for lower recycling levels compared to other counties. Although the recycling figure is lower, Hampshire also sends far smaller amounts to landfill because of its partnership with Veolia to harness energy from waste.

Toxic caterpillars invade UK - "Toxic" caterpillars are invading Britain and experts are warning that the insects could trigger painful rashes or deadly asthma attacks. Many sightings have been reported across southern England, including Devon, Hampshire, Dorset, Buckinghamshire and Cambridgeshire.

More vehicle charging points for Hampshire

Electric cars are sparking a green revolution in Hampshire. Hampshire County Council is speeding ahead with its roll-out of electric vehicle charging points, to help residents and visitors get plugged in. The latest Department for Transport statistics detail the number of registered electric or plug-in hybrid cars, vans and micro-cars called quadricycles in Hampshire. Over 2018, the number of registered plug-in vehicles in the area increased by 55%. At the end of 2017 there were 2,547 electric vehicles in Hampshire. By December last year, that figure had grown to 3,948, a jump of 1,401. To fuel the growth, over the next three months, 136 charging points will be installed across the area using the County Council's framework; an investment of almost £370,000.

Climate Emergency - On Monday this week the council's cabinet declared a 'Climate Emergency' in line with the action taken by many other councils and organisations in the UK and globally and commits to develop an action plan to provide a meaningful and effective set of measures to ensure that Hampshire moves towards carbon neutrality and greater resilience to the effects of climate change.

The District Councillors reported:

Last night was the first full council meeting of the new Winchester City Council and the main driving points of being more open and transparent and the need to consider the carbon footprint in all work were very clear.

Residents will now have a chance to put questions to the council at every meeting and committees looking at major projects will include non-councillors.

Climate Change was highlighted by a petition brought to the meeting by Friends of the Earth and two young girls aged 12 and 10. Questions on the already declared Climate Change Emergency were thought provoking and the need for action throughout the district agreed by all councillors.

Those of you who travel the A3051 will be aware that work on the two new roads into Whiteley is progressing quickly and building of houses started. There have been some traffic delays on the A3051 but no more than usual. More detailed plans for 3 developments 18/02606/REM 18/02607/REM and 19/00419/REM are available to view on the Winchester City Council planning website.

More congratulations for Lynne and the Speedwatch Team on winning the South East Region Citizens in Policing Award for Police Support Volunteer Team of the Year 2019.

19.80 Planning Applications received from Winchester City Council, Hampshire County Council, Eastleigh Borough Council or River Hamble Harbour Authority for decision/response

19.80.1 Harmsworth Farm Botley Road Curbridge SO30 2HB - Relocation of swimming pool and enclosure in new single storey building. Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 19/01113/HOU.

Members discussed this application.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

19.80.2 Harmsworth Farm Botley Road Curbridge SO30 2HB - The proposal is for the extension of the entrance hall at the front of the house. Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 19/01143/HOU.

Members discussed this application.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

19.80.3 Pinkmead Farm Botley Road Curbridge SO30 2HA - Proposed garage with accommodation above, with single storey rear and side extension. Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 19/01152/HOU.

Members discussed this application.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

19.81 Finance

19.81.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 18 April 2019, cheque signing & payments.

Resolved to approve the Finance Report, cheque signing & payments. ACTION: PCM.

19.81.2 To discuss and approve responses to Section 1 of the "Annual Governance Statement" of the Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Small Authorities in England Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2019

The Parish Council Manager went through Council's response with Members.

Resolved to approve Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement. ACTION: PCM.

19.81.3 To discuss and approve the Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Small Authorities in England Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2019

The Parish Council Manager went through Council's return figures with Members.

Resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement. ACTION: PCM.

19.81.4 To consider quotations from Botley Fencing in relation to the various Health and Safety repairs and improvements to parish council facilities.

Members discussed the quotations provided by Botley Fencing; they noted that Botley Fencing had been by far the most competitive in previous quotations and felt that the quotations seemed very reasonable.

Resolved to instruct Botley Fencing to carry out (Job 1) to remove the bench outside of Kitnocks House; (Job 2) to renovate and stain the bench at The Pound; (Job 3) to install picket fencing at the pond (Calcot Lane) to extend the current picket fencing to the boundary on the left hand side of the bench and from the bench to the first Botley Road wooden fence post on the right hand side of the bench), as previously discussed/agreed at site visit; (Job 4) to repair, install and paint the wooden posts of the chain-link fencing on the Botley Road boundary of the Pond. ACTION: PCM.

19.81.5 To consider letter from Lloyds Bank advising that their compensation limit is now up to £85,000 of combined eligible deposits if anything happens to our bank.

Members discussed the Lloyds Bank's letter, together with the current account balance (as per latest Bank Statement dated 31 May 2019). They felt this was low risk and so should not cost much to insure against.

Resolved that PCM will get a quote from Council's insurance company to insure against this risk. She will also liaise with Lloyds Bank (if quote is unreasonable) for their advice. PCM will place this on a future Agenda once information is available. ACTION: PCM.

19.81.6 Bench (Wangfield Lane) – to consider new arrangements/budget for the grass cutting surrounding Council's bench at Wangfield Lane.

Members discussed this matter. They felt that this bench was not used much and therefore did not warrant a high budget being allocated to it.

Resolved that PCM will liaise with HCC Highways to ensure that they own the land the bench is located on and will then obtain a quote from Leylandii and Lawns to cut the grass 3 times per year during the growing season (a narrow grass path from the road and directly in front of the bench only) and will report back to Council once this information is available. ACTION: PCM.

Cllr Newton requested the PCM to make a note in the budget setting notes for Council to consider reducing grass cutting at the Allotment Recreation to make it a wild flower meadow with just one path around the outside. She also wished Council to consider having a small (very low maintenance) bog area at the bottom end where it was very wet. **ACTION: PCM.**

19.82 To consider public request for Council to consult with the Reading Room Charity and renew the registration of Skinners Field as a Village Green

Members discussed this item. Cllr Newton had received a lot of complaints from residents who are concerned about this land being built upon (as the Skinners had specifically given the land on the basis that it would be kept as an open space for the benefit of parishioners and would not be built upon). She therefore felt that Council should liaise with the Reading Room Charity and arrange to re-register Skinner's Field to continue to have Village Green status when the current registration expires soon. Cllr Kemp agreed; he is friendly with the Skinner family and they are adamant that the Skinners Field is not to be built upon. Cllr Bodger was concerned that registering the Skinners Field as a Village Green would restrict building on the land.

Members generally felt that this was desirable; Cllr Wallin said the current proposal to retain the Reading Rooms and renovate it would mean that the charity would not wish to relocate any time soon.

Resolved that the PCM would write to the Reading Room Charity to request that they consider authorising the renewal of the current Village Green registration on the Skinners Field and if they permit Council to do so proceeds to make the application. ACTION: PCM.

19.83 Correspondence

19.83.1 Home Start Hampshire - thanking Council for its kind grant donation. **Noted.**

19.83.2 Winchester Green Week Steering Group - information about Green Week 2019. **Noted.**

19.84 To note Parish Council Manager's Update Report (previously circulated to Members) – Noted.

19.85 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Cricketer Pond (duck signs) – Members requested the PCM to chase HCC once again to either reinstate the duck sign they had wrongly removed, or to urgently allow Cllr Newton to collect the sign from them, in order that she can reinstate it, as the ducklings are at risk. **ACTION: PCM.**

Fly Tipping (Furzecote Farm) – Cllr Newton advised that the large load of fly tipping outside of Furzecote Farm had been logged and would be removed ASAP.

Glebe Field (hay cutting) – Cllr Newton had now identified someone with a square baler who would be willing to cut the hay for £2 per bail, in order that it could be sold to make some income for the Council to spend on maintenance. Members asked the PCM to write to Kevan Bundell to update him and Cllr Newton would arrange the cutting of the hay and onward sale (once Council had approved the sale price per bale). **ACTION: PCM/CLLR NEWTON.**

Cemetery (fallen tree) – Members asked the PCM to chase the person who had displayed an interest in cutting the tree in return for having the wood. If he no longer wants the wood, Cllr Bodger will liaise with the other party interested in having the wood, failing which Cllr Townsend will arrange for its removal. **ACTION: PCM.**

Footpath (Gordon Road) – Cllr Newton (as Council's Footpath Warden) had received approximately 20 complaints from residents about the footpath at Poplars Farm being closed

and notices being displayed to keep off. Some residents had walked this path for over 20 years and had requested that Cllr Newton pursue it being reinstated by HCC as a formal footpath. Council noted and supported Cllr Newton making this application on behalf of residents as the Footpath Warden, in view of the level of demand demonstrated. **ACTION: CLLR NEWTON.**

Lockhams Road (SLR socket installation) – Cllr Newton was concerned that the tree highlighted by HCC had not yet been trimmed. Cllr Townsend would arrange this ASAP.

ACTION: CLLR TOWNSEND.

Wangfield Lane (large property notice board) – Cllr Bodger had received complaints and had approached the Charters Estate Agents to get this relocated onto private property. Having received no response WCC/HCC were now pursuing this matter.

19.86 To move Exempt Business

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of the following items of business on the grounds that it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act

19.86.1 To receive an update on open Enforcement cases and decide upon any action required.

Enforcement cases were briefly discussed.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.50 PM.