

## Curdridge Parish Council

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**Minutes of Full Council Meeting  
held on Thursday 23 July 2015 at 7.00 pm  
in the Billiards Room at Reading Rooms, Curdridge**

### **To note Attendance and Apologies**

#### **Present:**

Cllr K Bundell (Chairman)

Cllr E Bodger (Vice Chairman)

Cllr J Furby

Cllr R Kemp

Cllr L Newton

Cllr C Weaver

(1 Vacancy)

#### **In attendance:**

Duncan Murray (outgoing Clerk)

Jenny Whittle (incoming Clerk – Minute taking)

#### **Apologies:**

Cllr Humby and Cllr Ruffell.

### **Public Session**

Alison Janes from Pinewood Cottage spoke in relation to her planning application (item 5.b.iii) to explain that as an employee of Winchester City Council it was compulsory for transparency purposes that her application is referred to the Planning & Development Committee.

John Mitchell of the Mooring Association (and Council's representative in relation to River Hamble matters) spoke in relation to item 5.b.ii. to advise that Brooklands Quay (halfway between Swanwick and the Universal Marina) was proposing to install a jetty, which was not small, but would not go out as far as the main channel. The Mooring Association was recommending this application for approval, subject to the condition that the proposed jetty be marked and lit. Members thanked Mr Mitchell for this information.

John Mitchell then updated Members briefly in relation to the recent Hamble Estuary Partnership Meeting to advise that the Environment Agency had concerns regarding the possibility of contaminated run-off from the motorway bridge, as the zinc levels in the river and particularly near the bridge were already very high. The worst pollutants (should a tanker spill) were considered to be milk or orange juice, which would kill most wildlife encountered.

He had also attended the recent River Hamble Harbour Authority Meeting where it was advised that the current Harbour Master had retired after 10 years' service; the new Harbour Master and Marine Director will be Jason Scott (a former Officer on the Illustrious), who will start in post shortly.

Cllr Bodger queried the suggested improvements to the Quay; Cllr Kemp advised that the new proposal was to consider having a new pontoon alongside the current one and to install a hard/slipway. Members discussed this and raised concerns about the cost implications.

***Resolved that Cllr Kemp would liaise with Keith Emmons and Sean Woodward to investigate this matter (particularly with regard to Enhancement Funding) and would provide Council with a formal proposal for a design scheme and substantive costings and funding requirements to be considered at the Planning Committee Meeting on 3 September 2015.***

***ACTION: CLLR KEMP/CLERK - AGENDA.***

#### **15.49 To receive Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Furby declared a pecuniary interest in item 5a.vi.

#### **15.50 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting of 18 June 2015**

***Cllr Newton proposed, Cllr Bodger seconded and Members voted unanimously to approve the Minutes as drafted, subject to the amendment of “path” in item 15.47. ACTION: CLERK.***

#### **15.51 To receive the reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors**

This item was deferred, due to the non-attendance of Cllrs Humby and Ruffell.

#### **15.52 To discuss and, where applicable, resolve matters relating to the parish council properties and the parish**

##### **5.a.i. The co-option of a new Member of the Parish Council to presentations from interested parties**

Samantha Bramley and Carol Cross, were welcomed to the meeting and gave brief verbal introductions to support their individual written applications for the vacancy. Members thanked them and advised a decision would be made under Exempt Business at the end of the meeting and they would be contacted as soon as possible thereafter.

##### **5.a.ii. Dragon’s teeth at the pond – County Councillor’s Grant**

The outgoing Clerk advised Members that Council had received a County Councillor Grant of £800 and had been given dragon’s teeth by Hampshire County Council, but wished to make a request to use part of the £800 grant funding towards the installation cost of the dragon’s teeth.

***Resolved that the outgoing Clerk would provide the incoming Clerk with costings, in order that she could write to Hampshire County Council to ratify using part of the County Councillor’s Grant for this expense. ACTION: OUTGOING CLERK/INCOMING CLERK.***

##### **5.a.iii Cemetery maintenance plan review**

The Chair updated that the grass at the cemetery had only just been cut, as Council had avoided cutting it to protect the wild orchids on site, but had received several complaints from family members requesting the grass to be cut.

***Resolved that:***

- i) The bottom section of the cemetery would be mown regularly when required, as there were no orchids present there. ACTION: CLERK/JOHN CLEMENTS;***
- ii) Council would sow some “Yellow Rattle” in the lower section of the cemetery to aid the management of this section. ACTION: CLERK/JOHN CLEMENTS;***
- iii) In future the top section of the cemetery would be left uncut only until the orchids had started shooting in an endeavour to avoid complaints. ACTION: CLERK/JOHN CLEMENTS;***
- iv) Cllr Furby would draft an information letter to be placed on the cemetery gate advising all users of the proposed course of action for cutting the top section of the cemetery and the reasons. ACTION: CLLR FURBY.***

##### **5.a.iv. Provision of second bench in parish cemetery**

Cllr Newton advised Members that Vera was happy the bench donated by them to be replaced, as long as the plaque details were incorporated onto the new bench.

***Resolved that Council would order a bench from the same supplier at the other bench in the cemetery at an approximate cost of £430 plus VAT and would arrange to have the plaque details engraved on to the new bench. Cllr Newton would advise the incoming Clerk of the plaque details and the outgoing Clerk would advise her of the suppliers, bench specification and budget coding to enable her to place the order. ACTION: CLLR NEWTON/OUTGOING CLERK/INCOMING CLERK.***

#### **5.a.v. Salvete and valete to the respective Clerks**

Members thanked Duncan Murray (the outgoing Clerk) for his hard work over the past four years; they said he had worked above and beyond his contracted hours and they wished him every success in his new role as Clerk/RFO at Chandler's Ford Parish Council.

The Chairman also welcomed Jenny Whittle (the incoming Clerk) to the Council.

It was noted that the Chair had agreed Duncan could purchase the office desk from the parish council for £1, as it was built in under his stairs and would be destroyed if moved. Duncan paid Council £1 cash, which will be banked into new bank account once set up. **ACTION: INCOMING CLERK.**

#### **5.a.vi. To agree the provision of a new computer for the new Clerk**

The current computer appeared to be at the end of its life expectancy and should be inspected to establish whether it could be repaired cost effectively or should be replaced.

***Resolved that Council would arrange for the current computer to be inspected and if irreparable arrange for a replacement laptop to be purchased up to the cost of £1,000. Cllr Furby abstained in conjunction with her declaration of interest. ACTION: OUTGOING CLERK/INCOMING CLERK.***

#### **5.b.i. 15/00485/OUT North Whiteley Amended Plans and Planning Committee – North Whiteley 30 July**

The Chair advised Members that the previous application had applied for the development of 3500 houses at North Whiteley over a period of 12 years, whereas the amended plans proposed the implementation over a reduced period of 8 years and proposed entering the site via all three accesses for the duration of the development.

The outgoing Clerk advised Members that the Environment Agency had made a formal objection regarding the Bluebell Way area, which was proposed on a flood plain where there were issues relating to nitrates and phosphates, which would adversely affect wildlife. He reiterated the previous resolution by Council that Cllr Bundell would attend the meeting to represent Curdridge Parish Council, objecting mainly on the grounds of the requirement to keep the development away from Curdridge and keep road lighting out of the countryside. The outgoing Clerk would be attending the meeting to represent Curbridge Preservation Society and would be objecting on the grounds of protecting SPAs (Special Protection Areas). He advised that he was in the process of obtaining Counsel's Opinion (from Ned Westway a Barrister specialising in SPAs) with regard to objecting to this planning application and mainly focusing on a Section 113 challenge to the Local Plan and protecting the SPA having regard to the Little Egrets and Kingfishers present. Duncan advised Members that although Curdridge Parish Council had instructed Counsel and paid the costs for Counsel's Opinion, this had been obtained merely to empower the residents and Curdridge Preservation Society and that there would be no expectancy in future for the council to become further involved should this matter progress. He said it would be for the residents and the Curbridge Preservation Society to pursue this, should they so wish.

Cllr Bodger queried what Curdridge Parish Council was seeking to achieve; Duncan advised that it was hoping to stop development in Curbridge and to protect the SPA (if Counsel's Opinion confirmed this to be a substantive argument).

The Chair and Duncan would liaise prior to the WCC Planning Committee Meeting on 30 July 2015 to finalise Curdridge Parish Council's representation as per previous resolution.

**ACTION: CHAIRMAN/ OUTGOING CLERK.**

UPDATE: Winchester City Council's Planning & Development Committee Meeting to consider North Whiteley has now been revised to 10 September 2015.

**5.b.ii. Notification of new Harbour Works Consent Application – Brooklands Quay, River Hamble**

Members discussed the recommendation of the Mooring Association put forward by John Mitchell in the Public Session.

*Cllr Furby proposed that Council support the Mooring Association's recommendation and DO NOT OBJECT, subject to the proposed jetty being marked and lit. Cllr Kemp seconded and Members voted unanimously in favour. ACTION: CLERK.*

**5.b.iii. 15/01408/FUL Calcot House, SO32 2BN**

Cllr Bundell presented this application and advised that the revised application may be as a consequence of changes to building regulations.

*Resolved to make NO COMMENT.*

**5.b.iii. 15/01416/FUL Pinewood Cottage, SO32 2BJ**

Cllr Newton presented this application. It was generally felt that the proposed extension would not affect neighbours, as it was single storey and mainly along the side of the property adjoining woodland.

*Cllr Newton proposed DO NOT OBJECT, with Council writing to WCC to support this application. Cllr Bodger seconded and Members voted unanimously in favour. ACTION: INCOMING CLERK.*

**5.b.iii. 15/01449/FUL Pinkmead Farm, SO30 2HA**

Cllr Bundell presented this application. Members discussed the application.

*Resolved DO NOT OBJECT, subject to any signage, umbrellas, canopies etc being sensitive to the rural nature of the area and there being a condition attached to any permission that the business would not extend/overflow onto the surrounding area. Council also requested that any planning permission granted also be subject to the screening which was a planning condition attached to the car wash permission being implemented to screen these facilities. ACTION: INCOMING CLERK.*

**5.b.iv. To note delegated and committee decisions by the planning authority**

The outgoing Clerk reported the planning decisions made and these were noted.

**15.52 TO NOTE THE PARISH CLERK'S REPORT:**

**6.a. To note correspondence**

Traffic Order 40mph speed limit at Curdridge Lane – to be placed on 6 August Agenda.  
Presentation of Parish Forum – circulated to Members.

**6.b. To approve the Finance Report dated 23 July 2015, financial report from the first quarter expenditure to budget, cheque signing and payments**

Cheque for New Westway (Counsel) for £1,800 (£1,500 plus VAT) to be added to payments list.  
Cheque 381 issued to the Reading Room still unrepresented. **ACTION: OUTGOING CLERK TO CHASE.**

Quarterly Report – the Councils budget would be slightly over at the end of the finance year having regard to two additional cuts being carried out to Allotment Recreation to date. Members discussed the possibility of having a wild flower meadow to save on cutting costs in future and

the possibilities. Cllr Newton would investigate the possibilities and provide a recommendation to Council at 6 August meeting. ***ACTION: CLLR NEWTON.***

**6.c. To authorise the new Clerk to set up a new bank account**

***Cllr Bundell proposed that the incoming Clerk opens a new bank account with Lloyds Bank forthwith, to enable mandate details to be completed and signed at meeting on 6 August, Cllr Bodger seconded and Members voted unanimously. ACTION: INCOMING CLERK.***

**15.53 To receive reports from Parish Councillors**

Cllr Furby congratulated the organisers/helpers of Curdridge Show, she said the event was a great success, with 6000-7000 people attending. Members all agreed.

Cllr Kemp advised Council that the residents of the section of Kitnocks Hill at the triangle were thinking of applying to change the road name of part of Kitnocks Hill to Chapel Lane, as this made better sense.

Cllr Newton updated that the Bishops Waltham to Botley Trail had received promises of funding and the problem of passing the Southern Water Treatment Plant had also been resolved. "Quiet Lane Status" had been applied for and it was hoped that work would commence by the end of the year.

Cllr Newton advised that she had been notified of a possible planning breach at the bungalow, Capers End Lane, where the roofline appeared to differ from the permission granted to Mr Markham. Members requested that the Clerk write to Enforcement at WCC to request them to investigate this matter. Cllr Newton said there had also been a vehicle for sale parked on the pavement outside of Pound Copse for some time, which should also be reported to Enforcement. ***ACTION: INCOMING CLERK.***

Cllr Newton was had installed a toad ladder in the trough at Glebe Meadow/Cemetery, to ensure that no more toads became trapped and she had also cut back the hedge at the bus stop opposite the church, following receiving complaints. Cllr Bundell had also spoken to Mr Medway to ensure his tenants carried out hedge cuttings in future.

Cllr Newton advised the incoming Clerk is to draft new letters to residents requesting hedges to be cut for distributing to offending residents where complaints were received. ***ACTION: INCOMING CLERK.***

Cllr Bundell had spoken to the manageress of Hop Scotch to request that staff parked considerately in the parish council's cemetery car park. Cllr Bundell would liaise with John Clemence concerning the possibility of marking up car parking spaces and associated costings and would then refer this item back to Council for consideration. ***ACTION: CLLR BUNDELL.***

**15.53 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.

***Resolved to move exempt business.***

**5.a.i. The co-option of a new Member of the Parish Council to presentations from interested parties**

Members discussed this matter in detail.

***Resolved to appoint Carol Cross to the co-option vacancy. ACTION: CLLR BUNDELL.***

**The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.**