



**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, HIGHWAYS & LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING
OF CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7 PM, ON THURSDAY, 2 AUGUST
2018 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT THE READING ROOMS, CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)
Cllr Sian Townsend (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Kevan Bundell
Cllr Debbie Caister
Cllr Rory Kemp
Cllr Lynne Newton

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager – PCM)
3 members of the public

Public Session

Gina Ward (a resident from Curdridge Lane) came along to complain about the increased traffic along Curdridge Lane, which is making it extremely dangerous for residents/pedestrians using the road. She requested Council to consider the possibility of closing Curdridge Lane in one direction (on the inward bound side from Waltham Chase – possibly at Nations Farm) and allowing only buses and bicycles to use it. She also felt that this system could be used in Wangfield Lane to vastly reduce the through traffic using the village as a rat run. Members later considered this item and would bear these suggestions in mind, but felt that it was extremely unlikely that Hampshire County Council would authorise this.

P18.49 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Steve Wallin.

P18.50 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

P18.51 To approve the Planning, Highways & Licensing Minutes of 7 June 2018

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 7 June, as drafted, for signings. ACTION: CHAIR.

P18.52 Brief presentation by WYG Planning Consultants regarding proposals for the development of Sherecroft Farm.

WYG'S representatives advised that they have been instructed by the landowners (Jenkyns Trust) to prepare plans relating to their parcel of land next to Botley Petrol Station. They have consequently been liaising with Hampshire County Council regarding this site, as the Botley Bypass is planned to cut through this parcel of land and the land owners would like some development potential in return for donating the land required, rather than Hampshire County Council having to go to the cost of a Compulsory Purchase Order, which would be more expensive and time consuming (going beyond the deadline imposed for using the grant funding obtained by HCC for the bypass). WYG have prepared draft plans, which are in the early stages. The current plans are for approximately 100 houses on one side of the site and industrial units, retained farmland and additional parking for Botley Train Station on the other side. The houses will only be two storey houses and will be surrounded by open spaces, a play area and many trees, so that they are aesthetically pleasing from the bypass. WYG asked Members for their

input, as they would like to work closely with the Parish, District and County Councils on this project to provide the best possible scheme. Members advised that although they are not keen to have 100 houses built within the parish, they understand it is inevitable. They advised that they would like to see:

- Some elderly accommodation within the site, although they appreciated that an elderly village was not a feasible option;
- An alternative rear exit for Botley Tarmac Company, to avoid lorries continuing to cut through the Botley Train Station Car Park, although they appreciate that this would require a crossing over the retained farmland for a significant distance.
- The housing estate have two entrances/exits for emergency/safety purposes; WYG advised this probably will not be feasible, as it would make the bypass more dangerous, but they will investigate this further;
- Additional parking for Botley Train Station “drop-offs”; WYG advised they would like to do some more research on this item and survey Botley Train Station Car Park to identify the number of commuters at various times of day and the number of drop-offs etc.

WYG thanked Members for their time and said that they hoped to be in touch again in the near future with an update. Members thanked them for their time.

P18.53 Planning Applications received from Winchester City Council, Eastleigh Borough Council, Hampshire County Council or the River Hamble Harbour Authority for decision/response

No new Planning Applications have been received.

P18.54 Planning Decisions notified by Winchester City Council/HCC - to be noted

P18.54.1 31 Vicarage Lane Curdridge Southampton Hampshire SO32 2DP - Remove existing 3-bar fence and replace with 2m closed board fence with concrete supports (to the Botley Road boundary only). Fence panels to weather naturally. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 18/00835/HOU. **PERMITTED.** Noted.

P18.55 Correspondence

P18.55.1 HCC response to Council’s request for them to consider levelling the verges in Lockhams Road to provide a safe pedestrian refuge along Lockhams Road. **Members noted this was not feasible due to the varied width of verges within the ownership of HCC.**

P18.55.2 Cllr Newton – HCC Transport & Street Lighting Seminar notes. **Noted.**

P18.55.3 Health & Safety Signs (re Wangfield Lane village gate sign) – response to Council’s request for a reduction in their quote for excluding the mounting channel on rear of sign; they advise they would only be prepared to reduce their quote from £57.60 to £55.73. **Members requested the PCM to proceed with this sign at a cost of £55.73. ACTION: PCM.**

P18.55.4 Hampshire ALC – notification of NALC Consultation regarding Bye Laws on Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI’s). **Noted.**

P18.55.5 HCC – reminder of Community Transport Consultation deadline for responses 5 August 2018. **Noted; Members had responded individually.**

P18.56 Highways Matters

P18.56.1 To receive an update regarding speed limit reduction and signage on Lockhams Road/Chapel Lane in conjunction with prioritising the funding of traffic calming measures under the Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.30 and (if applicable) to decide upon further action. Cllr Bodger had prepared a further draft response to Hampshire County Council in relation to the “Neglected Villages” communications, relating to requested highways improvements within Curdridge. He will circulate the amended version to Members tomorrow and subject to their comments will forward this on to Hampshire County Council. Once HCC’s further response is received Council can consider further the way forward with regard to proposed highways improvements within Curdridge. **ACTION: CLLR BODGER.**

P.18.56.2 To note report of damage/vandalism of Cricketers Pond roadside seating safety barrier and wildlife safety fence along the Calcot Lane boundary and to decide upon action.

Members were disappointed to note the vandalism of the safety fencing surrounding the bench at the Cricketers Pond. Members discussed the original quotations for improvement works at the Cricketers Pond, which included new composite safety fencing around the bench, a new composite bench and composite decking over the current concrete plinth (due to the base of the concrete plinth being eroded by the water). Members believed that they had previously chosen a contractor who was able to secure the concrete plinth by way of putting tubes down into the pond for new fence supports to be concreted into and then using these to board up and infill with concrete to strengthen the front of the concrete base. This quote had not been followed up at the time, as Cllr Kevin Bull had hoped that his company would be able to do this work at a vastly reduced cost.

Resolved that the PCM would:

- i) Firstly invite the fencing company who had installed the Allotment Recreation Fencing recently (and who were the most competitive fencing company) to provide a quote in accordance with the above specification, to exclude the bench, but include batons and 60 cm high wooden picket fencing from the bench to Kevin Bull's boundary;**
- ii) Check the original quotes and establish which contractor had originally been chosen to request a revised quote to exclude the bench, but to include the picket fence (as above);**
- iii) Place this item on the Full Council Meeting Agenda for 16 August 2018 for an update and decision. ACTION: PCM.**

P18.57 To discuss Council's proposed input into the forthcoming WCC Local Plan Review. Members discussed this matter and raised concerns regarding the various larger parcels of land they would have no desire to see proposed for development within the new Local Plan.

Resolved that Cllr Bundell would draft a Local Plan consultation response to WCC advising of the various parcels of land that Council would not like to be included in the next Local Plan for development (Jenkyns Trust Land opposite Pinkmead Farm; the whole of the land between the A334, Chapel Lane, the B3035 and St Peters Close (including the balance of Mr Medway's land not used for the current proposed Affordable Housing site, but excluding Skinners Field, which should only be used for minimal development for community use). PCM to add this item to Full Council Agenda on 16 August 2018 for approval. ACTION: PCM/CLLR BUNDELL.

P18.58 Parish Council Manager's action update report.

Members approved the hedge cutting letters drafted and circulated by the PCM and requested letters to be sent to all householders notified to the PCM now that the bird nesting season has ended. The PCM wished to check official bird nesting dates with the Tree Officer at WCC first, as she believed the end date had been revised. **ACTION: PCM.**

P18.59 Councillors' Reports (on Planning, Highways & Licensing matters).

Burials – Cllr Kemp enquired what the period was that burials have to remain untouched. PCM to confirm by email. **ACTION: PCM.**

North Whiteley Development (street lighting) - Cllr Humby had responded to Cllr Bundell's query about 'adoptable lighting' mentioned in the North Whiteley Planning Application. He confirmed that low level lighting would not be permitted, unless adopted by another authority. Members agreed that this was as far as we could take this issue.

Lockhams Road (signage) – PCM to chase up HCC again regarding missing sign. Will also request the removal of "public phone" sign opposite Gordon Rd. **ACTION: PCM.**

Gordon Road (field) – complaints had been received regarding grass growing onto pavement. PCM to write to landowner. **ACTION: PCM.**

Eastleigh Borough Council (new Local Plan Consultation) – Cllr Bodger is drafting Council's response to Eastleigh Borough Council; Members asked him to include a request for them to also retain countryside gaps on their borders, rather than rely on WCC to do so and incorporate the Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail Group's objections (as applicable).

Botley Station (pedestrian refuge) – Cllr Bentote had chased up HCC on behalf of Council and they had advised that they currently have no plans to install a pedestrian refuge at this site.

Reading Room (Oak Tree Works) – the Reading Room Committee had now withdrawn their appeal to WCC's planning objection.

P18.60 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

P18.60.1 Planning Enforcement – New Cases Arising and Updates. Outstanding and new cases were discussed.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30 PM.