

## Curdridge Parish Council

2 Berkeley Gardens, Hedge End, Southampton, Hampshire, SO30 0QW

Tel: 01489 786557 or mobile 07858 491919

Email: Parish Council Manager: clerk@curdridge-pc.org.uk



**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 2020  
HELD AS AN ONLINE ZOOM MEETING DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS  
LOCKDOWN**

### Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Rory Kemp

Cllr Lynne Newton

Cllr Sian Townsend

### In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

Cllr Roger Huxstep (County Councillor)

Cllr Roger Bentote (District Councillor)

No members of the public present

### Public Session

#### 20.187 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Caister and Wallin.

#### 20.188 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 20.189 To receive reports from the County Councillor, District Councillors and Hampshire Constabulary Representative, if applicable, usually given at the end of each month

Cllr Huxstep reported:

Spotlight on Covid-19 costs - County Council takes stock of latest financial forecasts for tackling the pandemic – the extra, unplanned costs from responding to the Covid-19 pandemic and supporting the county's journey back to a healthy normal will come under the spotlight later this month – with Hampshire County Council's Cabinet set to examine its latest coronavirus financial forecasts. At their meeting on Tuesday 29 September, Cabinet reviewed the current picture, the result of significant unplanned additional costs during the outbreak, as well as lost income from areas such as school meals, country parks and registration services (births, deaths and marriages). Latest predictions put these extra costs and losses at around £160 million this financial year – with around £83 million of that unfunded.

The overall costs and losses rise to over £210 million over the next three years, and despite a potential financial response package having been agreed earlier this summer, a further £80 million of savings will still be needed in the budget by April 2023, in order to meet rising demand in services such as social care for vulnerable children and adults

Overwhelming majority of Hampshire pupils back at school following lockdown - it's been a successful start to the autumn term, following lockdown leading to many school children learning from home for nearly five months. Attendance at Hampshire schools is exceptionally

good and above the national average, despite the fears relating to COVID-19. The week ending 18 September 2020 saw: 91% of primary aged children attending Hampshire schools compared to 86% nationally; and 92% of secondary aged pupils compared to 88% nationally. Many absences are explained by the need to continue shielding because a pupil has a serious medical condition, or a pupil has one of the more usual childhood illnesses.

Hampshire sets out clear actions to reduce carbon emissions

Hampshire County Council's Cabinet reinforced its commitment to tackling the causes and impact of Climate Change when it agreed an Action Plan 2020-2025, as part of the overall Climate Change Strategy. The Action Plan details how the organisation will strive to meet its carbon reduction and resilience targets and includes a new Framework which focuses on the significant programmes of activity needed. The Action Plan and Framework shows how our ambitious approach and combined efforts can bring about significant progress in mitigating against, and building resilience to, climate change. We have the evidence, research and tools in place to focus on this challenge, and it is now absolutely imperative that everyone gets on board – from individual lifestyle changes to industries adopting new technologies.

Council Leader, Cllr Mans said “Together, we can make the changes needed to bring carbon emissions in Hampshire down to net zero – but without national action and Government funding to support local initiatives, the County Council's commitment alone is not enough. We can do so much more together – indeed, only by doing so will we have a chance of leaving the legacy we want for future generations.”

The County Council's Cabinet approved the Climate Change Action Plan and Framework 2020-2025. It is based on a carbon baseline produced by the Carbon Trust which established that the greatest sources of emissions in Hampshire, and therefore where efforts must be focussed to reduce them. These are from industry and commercial operations (38.89%), transport (36.98%) and housing, such as energy use and heating (23.66%)

Cllr Bentote reported that the District Councillors are still working on objections relating to the Five Oaks Planning Application and are continuing to liaise with Winchester City Council about planning issues relating to Poplars Farm.

**20.190 To approve the Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 17 September 2020  
Resolved to approve Minutes of 17 September 2020 for signing. ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.**

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

20.191.1 Curdrige Hill Lockhams Road Curdrige SO32 2BD - Retrospective boundary fence along the road frontage. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 20/01650/HOU. Members discussed this application and were extremely concerned about the impaired visibility that this new fence causes, especially as this property is being extended and is used by a private swimming lesson business and Air BNB customers who have no knowledge of this road and the speeding traffic. It is also understood that the two properties that share the two accesses have already installed an unauthorised road mirror on the opposite side of the road due to poor visibility. Members feel that both gates need to be set back further with splayed entrances to accommodate the businesses and ensure these accesses are safe.

**Resolved TO OBJECT as the fence erected will further impair the visibility when exiting both accesses either end of the fence, especially as this property (which is being extended) is already used for a swimming lesson business and a large Air BNB property. Members also feel that the two accesses at either end of the fence need to be set back from the road further with splayed accesses, as the properties using them have already had to install an unauthorised road mirror on the opposite side of the road (due to poor visibility). ACTION: PCM.**

20.191.2 Horse and Jockey Botley Road Curbridge Southampton Hampshire SO30 2HB - (Retrospective) Tri-set panel sign displaying Taylor Wimpey logo, contact details, house types, directional arrows and 3no. removable overlay panels for Burr ridge Green at Whiteley Meadows (H2.4m x W1.45; 1.2m position height). Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 20/01739/AVC.

It is understood that this signage has now been removed and this Planning Application will no longer proceed. However, Curridge Parish Council would have objected to this Planning Application, based upon the fact that Curridge Parish Council owns the land and have not given authority for such advertising. **ACTION: PCM.**

20.191.3 North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire – Reserved matters application for allotments 2 and sports pitches. Case Officer: Simon Avery. Case No: 20/01879/REM.

Members discussed this application.

**Resolved DO NOT OBJECT, subject to the developers also considering setting aside land to be used as a burial ground for the high volume of residents who will be living in the new North Whiteley developments. ACTION: PCM.**

20.191.4 Cherry Tree Farm, Yard 1E Botley Road Burr ridge SO31 1BQ - To erect a shed measuring 7.08m long x 3.15m wide x 2.46m high at the front end of the yard to use as a specialist aquatic retail space (Class A1). Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 20/01737/FUL.

Members discussed this application.

**Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.**

## **20.192 Planning Decisions and Appeals notified by Winchester City Council/HCC - to be noted**

There were no new planning decisions during this period.

## **20.193 Finance**

20.193.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 15 October 2020 and cheque signing & payments – **TO BE DONE AT MEETING ON 15 OCTOBER 2020.**

20.193.2 Grant Application – St Peters Church for £400 (towards the production costs of the parish magazine)

This item was deferred until the Full Council Meeting on 15 October due time restraints.

**ACTION: PCM.**

20.193.3 St Peters Close Bus Shelter – to consider roofing quotations

This item was deferred until the Full Council Meeting on 15 October, as Council is awaiting quotations. **ACTION: PCM.**

## **20.194 Correspondence**

20.194.1 Cllr Huxstep – HCC Covid-19 feedback form.

Members discussed this item and advised Councillor Huxstep of responses; the PCM will also put these in writing to Cllr Huxstep. **ACTION: PCM.**

20.194.2 Cllr Bodger – draft response to Consultation on Planning Changes for Council to formally ratify.

Members formally approved Cllr Bodger's consultation response and thanked him for taking so much time to draft this response on behalf of Council. Cllr Bodger highlighted his comments regarding the affordability criteria and advised he would draft a response to the next part of the consultation at a later date and circulate it to Members for approval prior to sending it.

**ACTION: CLLR BODGER.**

20.194.3 Email from landlord of the Horse and Jockey advising that the large building company signage has been removed from Curridge Parish Council's land and enquiring if Council would be happy for advertising signage for Horse and Jockey events to go on Parish Council land and requesting a copy of the Exclusive Licence. The email also notified Council

that some new boards have lifted on the jetty, as a consequence of which a user recently twisted their ankle and therefore the Horse and Jockey would like permission to repair the jetty. Members discussed this matter and requested the PCM to respond to the Horse and Jockey landlord to advise that there is no formal Exclusive Licence, as negotiations were originally done by correspondence with the brewery many years ago. However, Council firmly takes the position that it is an Exclusive Licence to the brewery and so is exclusively for the benefit of the brewery (and their immediate landlords of the Horse and Jockey) and not for the benefit of any third party, which is why the brewery pays such a miniscule rent. Council would not be accepting of any advertising on the parish council's land (or any alternative use of the land), without the prior approval of Council and any landlord then ensuring the relevant Planning Permissions were subsequently obtained. Should these stipulations be ignored by the brewery and/or their landlords, Council reserves the right to break the Licence primarily on the basis that the condition ".....subject to Fullers, Smith & Turner PLC and any future owners/tenants of the Horse & Jockey ensuring that full public access to the Parish Quay and the National Trust Woodland Walk will be retained at all times throughout the term of the Licence, failing which Curdridge Parish Council retains the right to break the Licence at any time throughout the 20 year term.....". This condition is not strictly being adhered to as only pedestrian access is now possible by non-patrons of the Horse & Jockey.

Council then discussed the matter of the damaged jetty and continue to be extremely disappointed that neither the brewery or the Harbour Board wishes to take over ownership of the jetty, in view of the fact that the jetty is jointly on their land and so cannot be "comprehensively" insured by the parish council (as advised by the current insurers); Cllr Newton is continuing to liaise with the Harbour Board. However, as the jetty is becoming increasingly dilapidated and in need of regular repairs and Council does not wish to replace it, Members are seriously considering the option of obtaining a Licence from the Harbour Board to remove the jetty, especially as they discovered (when monitoring jetty usage) that most users are coming up the river and parishioners hardly ever use the jetty due to the lack of associated parking. In the meantime Council and the Harbour Board have been jointly maintaining the jetty, whilst Council is deciding upon relevant action and would have no objection to the Horse & Jockey landlord also carrying out repairs, subject to any repairs being inspected by Curdridge Parish Council and the Horse & Jockey landlord being fully aware that the jetty could be removed at some time in the near future. **ACTION: PCM.**

## **20.195 Cemetery**

20.195.1 To receive an update following the Cemetery Working Party's meeting to identify additional burial plots and to review the burial plot purchasing rules to preserve burial plots for long term residents

The Cemetery Working Party and the PCM had attended the Cemetery and had managed to set out some additional burial plots. The PCM also wrote (as instructed) to WCC regarding the North Whiteley Development to establish what provision is being made for residents there and the proposed Sherecroft development planners to see if they have made any provision for resident burials. Members had also requested the PCM to write to the Portsmouth Diocesan to enquire whether any additional graves could be made in the St Peter's Church Cemetery now that significant site clearance has been undertaken and for their advice on Council's current predicament.

The PCM advised that she had heard back from the Sherecroft development planners, but no one else has yet responded.

Members discussed this matter.

### **Resolved:**

- i) that the PCM would draft an additional clause to be added to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations (and burial fees) stating that due to the severe shortage of burial plots within Curdridge Parish Council's Cemetery only residents who have lived in a domestic dwelling within the parish for the past 10 years would***

**be allowed to be buried within the cemetery and anyone who had been moved to a rest home within another parish long term would have to have lived within Curdridge Parish at least five times longer than they had resided in a rest home outside of the parish. This clause will not apply to burial plots previously reserved or interments into those plots and will not apply to the new cremation plots to be established and which will come into use once all the cremation plots in St Peters Church have been used.**

- ii) The Cemetery Working Party will liaise to set up an area for cremation interments on the other side of the path to the burial plots, in order that residents within the parish wishing to be buried in Curdridge Parish Council's Cemetery can be (as long as they are cremated).**
- iii) As Council is unable to offer double depth plots, which would only have one plot fee (due to the possibility of damaging mature oak tree roots), Members felt that once these cremation plots came into use, Council would discount additional plots bought side by side for the same family members.**

**ACTION: PCM.**

20.195.2 Cemetery Car Park – to discuss parking issues and consider action required  
The PCM explained that prior to the Coronavirus lockdown Council and the church had received complaints about the lack of parking in the Cemetery Car Park for funerals, church events and primary school parking, due to the number of cars associated with Hopscotch parking in the cemetery car park all day. Cllr Newton has been monitoring the car park and had informed Council that on weekdays when Hopscotch was operating but the school was not Hopscotch staff were parking nearly 20 cars in the cemetery car park. Cllr Newton had requested Council to take action. Consequently, the PCM had drafted a letter to Hopscotch for approval by Council.

Cllr Townsend felt that since the original Hopscotch planning permission and associated condition was imposed that they retain 19 parking space on site for staff and clients, the Hopscotch business has expanded and there are now more staff and client cars using the business. Other Members agreed but felt that Hopscotch should have applied for planning to extend their business and Winchester City Council could then have ensured the business could accommodate such business expansion and increased traffic.

**Resolved that as Members remained divided Council would take no immediate action but would continue to monitor parking at the cemetery and discuss this matter again in the near future. ACTION: ALL/PCM.**

20.195.3 To consider and adopt the Glebe Field (SINC) & Cemetery Maintenance Policy  
Members thanked Cllrs Newton and Townsend for drafting the initial policy.

**Resolved to approve and adopt the Glebe Field (SINC) & Cemetery Maintenance Policy. ACTION: ALL TO NOTE FOR FUTURE.**

**20.196 Speed Limit Reminder Sign – to discuss finalising the setup of final new post(s) and arranging for the contractor to take over the sign rotation schedule**

The PCM advised that the SLR has now been deployed at Lockhams Road, The Pound and Poplars Farm, so it would be a good time to introduce the groundsman to the contract to rotate the Speed Limit Reminder sign. The Chair advised that he would train the groundsman to download the data when he is ready to take on this element of the rotation, but in the meantime the Chair was more than happy to go around (after the SLR has been moved) and download the data.

**Resolved that the PCM would instruct the groundsman to rotate the new SLR every three weeks (instead of every two weeks as previously to save money), between Botley Road, Curdridge Lane and Lockhams Road until the North Whiteley Development road works are complete and Council can install the new post there to included in the rota. The first rotation will be from Botley Road (The Pound) to Curdridge Lane (outside of Poplars Farm). ACTION: PCM.**

**20.197 Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail – to approve draft letter to Eastleigh Borough Council**  
***Resolved to approve the draft letter, subject to the addition of wording to state that each Council must contribute “pro-rata”. ACTION: PCM.***

**20.198 To consider purchasing a small storage facility for the parish council and to decide upon design and location**

Members wanted to purchase a metal 3 metre by 2 metre storage shed that is as secure as possible.

***Resolved that the PCM would send Members some links to various 3m x 2m metal sheds, so that these can be considered for a decision at a future meeting. ACTION: PCM.***

**20.199 To note Parish Council Manager’s Update Report (previously circulated to Members) – Noted.**

**20.200 To receive reports from Parish Councillors**

SLR Sign Data - Lockhams Road – Cllr Bodger advised that he will download the Lockhams Road data from the SLR Sign as soon as possible. **ACTION: CLLR BODGER.**

Replacement Church shed – Cllr Burden advised that he had taken delivery of the shed and had prepared it for delivery to the church. He has kindly offered to help them erect the shed. Members thanked him and Cllr Kemp confirmed he would be happy to help if needed.

Southern Parishes Meeting Members confirmed they do not wish to raise any items.

**20.201 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

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

There were no new cases arising.

**The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.**