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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL BE HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER 2022
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Jonathan Carkeet

Cllr Philip Hedger

Cllr Lynne Newton

Cllr Sian Townsend

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

2 members of the public

Public Session

There were no matters arising.

22.279 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Paul Haskins.

22.280 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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

It was noted that Hampshire County Council and Winchester City Council reports to Council are containing far more information (some of which is not relevant to Curdridge) and this tends to make Curdridge Parish Council minutes extremely lengthy when included.

Resolved that the PCM will email the County and District Councillors to request that their reports are either vastly reduced to include only Curdridge parish specific items or that the County and District Councillors provide a website link to their reports that can be noted in Curdridge Parish Council Minutes in future. ACTION: PCM.

Report to Curdridge Parish Council – Thursday 17th November 2022 from Winchester City Councillors (WCC) Vivian Achwal, Jonathan Fern and Anne Small

Community Governance Review Consultation

A report regarding the results of the Community Governance review held in October by Winchester City Council (WCC) will be go to the WCC Licensing and Regulation committee on 7th December 2022.

WCC meetings for November 2022 (all meetings are at 1830 and held at Winchester Guildhall, unless otherwise stated)

Winchester Town Forum Wednesday 9th

Audit & Governance committee Thursday 10th

North Whiteley Forum Monday 14th @ 1800 hrs online meeting

Cabinet Tuesday 15th 0930

Planning committee 16th CANCELLED due to lack of business

Scrutiny Committee Wednesday 23rd

Business and Housing Tuesday 29th

All the above committee meetings along with their agendas can be found on the WCC website (www.Winchester.gov.uk), members of the public can attend/listen to the meetings, if you wish to speak you need to register 3 working days before the meeting takes place. All meetings are audio streamed live and the link is on the WCC website, after the meeting is held they are uploaded onto BBC iPlayer.

Shedfield Quarry Update - Planning permission was **refused** by the Hampshire County Council (HCC) regulatory committee in October for TJ Transport to build a sand quarry at Five Oaks Farm, Shedfield. Thanks go to all the Parish Councils (including Curdridge), especially Shedfield Parish Council and all the residents who sent in their objections to this application. Cllrs Achwal and Lumby gave a deputation at the Regulatory Committee meeting objecting to the proposal.

WCC Update Public consultation on Winchester District Local Plan started - The Local Plan is the long-term plan for the Winchester District until 2039, outside the South Downs National Park. The Local Plan addresses a range of matters: the climate emergency, the highest standards possible for environmental design for homes and for commercial development, affordable housing, low carbon methods of transport and the natural and historic environment. The consultation opened on 2nd November and closes on 14th Dec 2022. A public event is being held at the Bishops' Waltham - Friday 18th November 1430 to 1900 Further information can be found at: www.localplan.Winchester.gov.uk

WCC Shared ownership development in North Whiteley - A new affordable housing scheme in North Whiteley. The development, named Cobbett Gardens, has 27 Shared Ownership properties, ranging between two, three and four bedrooms each. The scheme is part of the council's larger development plans for North Whiteley. Each home will be certified by the Association for Environment Conscious Building (AECB), to ensure they are environmentally friendly and cost efficient with high levels of insulation and the capability to retain heat for longer during the colder months. The first homes will be ready in late November and early December 2022, with the rest to follow in phases over the next year.

View more details on the website <https://cobbettgardens.com/>

Whiteley Bus service update - HCC have announced that the extension to the service 28/28A will commence on 8th January, The Consortium has confirmed that temporary stops will be in place by this date. The service is being extended from Whiteley Tesco to North Whiteley with peak journeys continuing to Botley Rail Station. The link to Botley Station by a small re-route via Curdridge using Reading Room Lane. The Monday to Friday frequency is increased from two hourly to hourly with an earlier start and later finish. A Saturday service is added to North Whiteley, hourly AM and two hourly PM. The service will be rerouted in Park Gate to use Bridge Road and Station Road instead of Botley Road to serve Park Gate Shops.

Curdridge update - 1. Sovereign Healthcare GP surgery – Cllr Achwal and Small had a meeting earlier this month to discuss issues raised by residents.

2. Botley Road/Whiteley Way – a number of accidents have happened at this junction, Cllr Achwal meet with Hampshire County Council (HCC) Highway engineers and a camera has been put in place to monitor the traffic lights for a few weeks to see why accidents are happening.

3. School Bus – Cllr Small has been monitoring the School bus service to Swanmore school, as a number of times the bus doesn't have enough capacity and children are standing on the bus. HCC have agreed to re-tender the bus service next spring.

Councillors Achwal, Fern and Small - Thursday 17th November 2022

22.282 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 17 November 2022
Resolved to approve the Minutes of 17 November 2022. ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.

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

22.283.1 2 Woodland Cottages The Plantation Curdridge Hampshire SO32 2DT - Construction of a garden annexe for ancillary accommodation (amended drawings; corrected T1 position). Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 22/01716/HOU.

The neighbours living either side of the applicant were in attendance to update Council regarding their objections sent to Winchester City Council. They informed Council that the boundary line contained within this revised planning application is still incorrect and still includes part of the neighbour's property meaning that things such as drains and decking were incorrectly positioned. They also object to the fact that the large windows of the annexe invade privacy, as they face directly into a neighbour's property and are well under the requisite 22 metres away. Also the hedge referred to as screening within the planning application will largely be removed to accommodate the annexe.

Resolved that Council will write to WCC's Planning Officer to request that the applicant rectifies the inaccuracies with regard to the boundary position on their plan supporting this Planning Application, as Council is informed by a neighbour that the revised planning application still includes land in their ownership, meaning the annexe when installed will still be over a mains drain. The proposed annexe also contains a window elevation that looks directly towards the neighbour's windows and will invade their privacy as it is under the general requisite of 22 metres distance (as demonstrated by the plans submitted by Mr Galliano (the neighbour) in his formal objection to WCC. Consequently, Council requests that WCC's Planning Officer also considers requesting that the applicant provides a 3D plan showing the building in the correct position and requests that the applicant considers revising their plans to angle the proposed window/elevation of the annexe (that will currently face directly into the neighbour's property) so that it does not face directly into the neighbour's property. As this application stands Council would be forced to OBJECT; therefore Members request that Winchester City Council also provide Curdridge Parish Council with an extension period to enable Council to reconsider this application should the applicant choose to revise their application/plans. ACTION: PCM.

22.284 Planning Decisions and Appeals notified by Winchester City Council/HCC - to be noted

There were no new planning decisions notified by WCC during this period.

22.285 Finance

22.285.1 To approve the interim Finance Report dated 15 December 2022 and interim cheque signing & payments (if applicable). **Not applicable.**

22.285.2 To receive draft Budget 2023-2024 and Budget Setting Notes for discussion and approval at upcoming meetings. **Noted; PCM requested Members to look through the draft Budget and supporting notes in readiness to discuss any additions/revisions at Council's next meeting, to enable the budget to be formally approved at the start of January 2023. It was noted WCC still need to provide Taxbase figures to enable Council to budget accordingly for the North Whiteley Development. ACTION: ALL.**

22.285.3 Cricketers Pond – to consider recommendations/quotations from Delta Simons Ltd for soil/water testing.

Members discussed the quotation received from Delta Simons Ltd totalling £4,915.00 plus VAT for the water and soil testing of the pond. Members generally agreed that this quotation was too high, especially as Council will also need to budget to make any required improvements and manage the pond, as it regularly requires topping up with tap water when the weather is dry (which is proving costly).

Resolved that Cllr Carkeet will obtain quotations from other companies to see if Council can achieve a more competitive rate for water and soil testing. He will ask for a breakdown, so that water testing alone can be considered. ACTION: CLLR CARKEET.

22.285.4 Cemetery Tree Safety Inspection Report – to consider quotation for recommended tree works from Shawyers following tree climbing inspection (if applicable).

Council previously approved the quotation for tree works recommended within the annual tree safety reports in the sum of £3101 plus VAT. However, a tree climbing report had been required for one tree costing £180 plus VAT, which identified further urgent tree works required in the sum of £540 plus VAT.

Resolved to approve the three tree work quotations provided for the Allotment Recreations and Cemetery/Glebe Field and to instruct Shawyers to carry out all the tree works for the total sum £3821 plus VAT. It was noted that Council is required to ensure that its trees remain safe for insurance purposes. ACTION: PCM.

22.286 Correspondence

22.286.1 Police & Crime Commissioner - update. **Noted.**

22.286.2 Botley Parish Council – draft Neighbourhood Plan (electronic version). **Noted.**

22.286.3 Southern Water - draft Water Resources Management Plan. **Noted.**

22.286.4 Winchester City Council – Parish Liaison Meeting slideshow. **Noted.**

22.286.5 Botley to Bishops Waltham Bridleway Project Minutes. **Noted.**

22.286.6 Whiteley Town Council – draft Parish Plan Training Session slideshow. **Noted.**

22.286.7 Max Easton – Gordon Road development proposal update. **Noted.**

22.286.8 North Whiteley Development Forum – Minutes of meeting, including update on boundary review. **Noted.**

22.287 Local Plan Reg.18 consultation – to consider/approve Cllr Bodger’s consultation response (previously circulated to Members).

Cllr Bodger had circulated his draft response to Members for approval and sending to WCC on behalf of Council.

Resolved to approve Cllr Bodgers consultation response as drafted; Cllr Bodger to send it to Winchester City Council. ACTION: CLLR BODGER.

22.288 Speedwatch – to receive an update from Cllr Newton and to consider future action.

Cllr Newton advised Members that she is struggling to get volunteers to continue with Speedwatch, as she requires three volunteers to be present for each session and she and her husband are having to attend all sessions to make up the numbers. Due to the lack of volunteers the number of sessions has already been vastly reduced and if this continues then Speedwatch will not be able to continue within the parish (as is the case in many other parishes). Members noted that an article had been placed in the newsletter on several occasions and Cllr Newton’s contact details are also on the website.

Resolved that Cllr Bodger will place another article in the next newsletter advising that unless more volunteers come forward to assist with Speedwatch, it will be forced to stop within the parish. ACTION: CLLR BODGER

22.289 To note Parish Clerk’s Update Report (previously circulated to Members) – noted.

22.290 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Lockhams Road (fallen tree limbs/road closure) – it was noted that Cllr Townsend had reported the two large fallen tree limbs to the PCM, who duly reported this to the Police to ensure the two sites were made safe.

Calcot Lane (drainage issues) – Cllr Carkeet queried whether HCC Highways had responded to the PCM’s report to them regarding blocked drains and rainwater flooding in Calcot Lane.

The PCM confirmed HCC had advised they were going to check the drains with a camera, but she has heard nothing further. PCM to chase HCC. **ACTION: PCM.**

North Whiteley Boundary Review (referral to Licensing Committee 7 December) – Cllr Carkeet noted this item and checked Cllr Bodger and Steve Tilbury are prepared to represent Council along with Whiteley TC. He confirmed they were all well prepared.

Botley to Bishops Waltham Bridleway – Cllr Carkeet queried whether Cllr Bodger had managed to speak to Cllr Newton prior to her attendance of the last meeting, as it appeared from the Minutes that Council's position had not been noted or the plan for the proposed route revised. Cllr Bodger confirmed he had not managed to speak to Councillor Newton in time.

Members requested the PCM to write to Robert Shields to advise him of Council's resolution at our last Full Council Meeting that Council's position must remain that although Council supports the project in principle, it cannot support pursuing Curdridge parish landowners who have made it clear they do not wish their land to be included in this bridleway. Council therefore believes the current proposal is not achievable within the Curdridge section of the bridleway and noted that the £10,000 currently ear-marked will only be used towards the bridleway if the whole bridleway is officially achievable (to be approved by Council). This ear-marked funding will be reviewed regularly to ensure the forum is kept informed on Council's financial position.
ACTION: PCM.

Horse & Jockey Licence – Cllr Carkeet confirmed that he and Cllr Haskins had drafted their letter setting out the proposed terms of the revised Licence and will circulate it to Members for approval prior to delivering it by hand to the Landlord. **ACTION: CLLRS CARKEET & HASKINS.**

Reading Room Management – Members queried whether Council had received any response from Jo White, the Chair of Trustees with regard to the information she had agreed to provide at a previous Full Council Meeting. Members queried whether the Trustees had given any thought to the PCM's suggestion that perhaps Council could consider purchasing Skinners Field (at the market rate) to ensure it remains protected by the parish council for use by residents, with the Reading Room Charity then being able to use the purchase funds towards maintaining/retaining the Reading Room building and facilities. The PCM confirmed she had not yet heard back. **Members requested the PCM to write to Jo White for an update and to place this item on the next Agenda to update and discuss the way forward. ACTION: PCM.**

Parish Communication and Community Engagement Strategy/Policy – Cllr Hedger requested this item to be on the next Agenda, so that the working party can provide an update and discuss action required. **ACTION: PCM.**

22.291 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

22.292 To receive WCC's update reports on Enforcement cases (if applicable) and decide upon any action required.

There were no new cases arising.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.53PM.