

Curdridge Parish Council

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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 1 JUNE 2023
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Philip Hedger

Cllr Lynne Newton

Cllr Sian Townsend

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

1 member of public

Public Session

Public Footpath across Wickham Vineyard (Nature Reserve) – Marianne Small reported that the continuation of the Nature Reserve Footpath in Shedfield (where there is a dog-leg in Footpath 9) has now been fenced off and closed by the land owner. She also reported that the gateway to the Vineyard roadway has been moved several metres forward (closer to the highway). She requested Council to raise these matters with the County and District Councillors and Shedfield Parish Council, so that they could arrange to register the adopted and well used path(s) before the 2026 closure date. She advised that the Nature reserve was created upon the completion of the landfill activities on this site and was made available to the general public and visitors to the vineyard in accordance with Planning Conditions.

ACTION: PCM.

23.145 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Carkeet and Cllr Haskins, as well as from the County and District Councillors.

23.146 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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

There were no further update reports at this time.

23.148 To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 18 May 2023 Resolved to approve the Minutes of the AGM on 18 May 2023. ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.

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

23.149.1 Yew Trees Harmsworth Farm Botley Road Curbridge Southampton Hampshire - New Entrance Gates to Harmsworth Drive. Case Officer: Rose Chapman. Case No: 23/00968/FUL. Members noted that the Tree Officer at WCC had objected to this application, based on concerns regarding tree protection.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT, provided that WCC Tree Officer fully supports the tree protection measures proposed to be put in place whilst carrying out all works and in relation to the development proposed. ACTION: PCM.

23.149.2 - Hillview Chapel Lane Curdridge Southampton Hampshire SO32 2BB - Erection of detached single storey summer house along with erection of raised patio area and changes to existing ground levels. (RETROSPECTIVE). Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 23/00778/HOU.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT, subject to WCC placing clear planning restrictions on any external lighting for this property and requiring planning approval for any such lighting and a condition to ensure that the proposed summer house cannot be converted into a separate domestic dwelling/living accommodation in future. ACTION: PCM.

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

There were no new planning decisions for the parish notified by Winchester City Council.

23.151 Finance

23.151.1 To approve INTERIM payment for Finance Report dated 22 June 2023 and cheque signing & payments (IF APPLICABLE). **Not applicable.**

23.151.2 St Peter's Close Bus Stop – to consider Council's proposed action following the expiry of the current (Peppercorn) Lease on the land on 25 June 2023.

Resolved that the PCM will write to Winchester City Council to establish whether they would wish to transfer the ownership of the land (that is the subject of the Licence) that the bus shelter is on to Curdridge Parish Council or provide a new Peppercorn Licence for a 15 year period again. ACTION: PCM.

23.152 Correspondence & Telecommunications

23.152.1 WCC – Parish Connect Newsletter. **Noted.**

23.152.2 HCC – response to Council's request to undertake "No Mow May" on verges within the parish (where health and safety cutting is not required). **Noted.**

23.152.3 South East Water Ltd – Cricketers Pond water test results (2nd batch of tests). Cllr Newton had contacted Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust to ask if their pond specialist could advise Council on the outcome of the results received. They will contact Cllr Newton ASAP and she will then update Council, so that Cllr Townsend can prepare her recommendations to Council for the renovation and future maintenance of the pond. **ACTION: CLLR NEWTON.**

23.153 To note Parish Clerk's Update Report (previously circulated to Members)

North Whiteley Boundary Review (CPC Ear Marked Funds £10,514.00) – Members formally noted the PCM's request to Whiteley Town Council to consider dividing the ear marked funds equally between Curdridge Parish Council and Whiteley Town Council as a gesture of goodwill, as Council had incurred costs and significant administrative time in consulting residents and advising them about parish facilities throughout the process. PCM to report back to Council once a response is received from Whiteley Town Council. **ACTION: PCM.**

23.154 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Sale of Minibus (Ear-Marked Funds) – Marianne Small (who had been part of the original volunteer group raising funds to purchase a minibus advised Members that the funding for the original minibus was raised entirely by a group of residents without any input from Curdrige Parish Council. Although she was unsure whether the group was officially registered as a charity, she said it had been managed in a formal capacity. Cllr Newton read through the proposed response to Hampshire ALC and made revisions which were agreed; PCM to revise/send response. **ACTION: PCM.**

It was noted that Hampshire ALC's legal adviser had indicated that before these funds could be transferred by Council to a new volunteer group in future that group must be registered as a charity and have a formal constitution. **ACTION: PCM.**

Allotment Recreation and Cemetery Wildlife Areas – Cllr Newton advised Members that the Yellow Rattle seed collected from Glebe Field and sown in the Cemetery is doing extremely well. She intends to collect seed again this year and sow it in the Allotment Recreation in Autumn. It was agreed that Councillor Newton will also investigate what wild flower seeds/plugs to purchase to enhance both wild flower areas, so that Council can arrange to purchase these with the budget set aside for this. **ACTION: CLLR NEWTON.**

Reading Room Joint Management Meetings – Cllr Townsend advised that she had written to the Trustees of the Reading Room Charity to query whether the next Joint Management Meeting could take place on 8 June 2023; she is still waiting to hear back. She had also investigated the possibility of having a structural survey done. It was agreed that she should report this to the Reading Room Charity Trustees at the next Joint Management Meeting to establish whether they wished to undertake this survey or not, due to the cost element that would be involved. It was noted that they could apply to Council to use their annual grant for this, although Members felt that the Trustees should decide if they wished to do this as they may wish to carry out renovations with the grant funds instead. Cllr Townsend will advise when the Joint Management Meeting is finalised. **ACTION: CLLR TOWNSEND.**

23.155 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

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

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.