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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER 2016
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM
CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr K Bundell (Chairman)

Cllr J Furby

Cllr R Kemp

Cllr L Newton

Cllr C Weaver

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Vivian Achwal (District Councillor)

Cllr Roger Bentote (District Councillor)

Cllr Roger Huxstep (District Councillor)

3 members of public

Public Session

Roger Duckworth update members with regard to Broadlands; the new planning officer now dealing with the case has advised that the application will not be ready to submit to WCC's Planning Committee until February 2017. District Councillors present said they would speak to WCC to establish why it could not be January 2017.

16.162 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Bodger, Cllr Cross and Cllr Humby.

16.163 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Furby declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 16.167.1.

16.164 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting of 17 November 2016

Resolved to approve the Minutes, as drafted, for signing. ACTION: CHAIR/CLERK.

16.165 To receive reports from the County Councillor, District Councillors and Hampshire Constabulary Representative (if applicable)

Cllrs Bentote and Achwal reported:

Dangerous junctions in Curdridge – District Councillors had requested a site meeting with HCC Highways, but this had not been set up in time to avoid two recent accidents.

WCC report on Devolution – this report was published two weeks ago and can be found at www.winchester.gov.uk/about/devolution/39-devolution-future-local-government/.

Emergency Planning – a meeting was attended where it was advised that local councils and residents could ensure they are ready for Winter by ensuring local grit bins are full, drains and ditches are clear and gaining a knowledge of local vulnerable people (particularly in relation to power outages).

LEADER funding – funding is available for applications.

Cllr Bentote said that he and Cllr Achwal had both enjoyed Curdrige Parish Council Meetings over the past few months and looked forward to working with Cudridge residents in 2017.

Cllr Huxstep reported:

Salt Bins – recommended checking all parish salt bins are full and salt is useable. If not, report via the link on the HCC web page:

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/severeweather/salting.

Avian Flu Prevention Zone - the Government has imposed a 30-day prevention zone order for all domestic birds to be kept inside and to avoid any contact with wild birds. Information available on the link <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-measures-to-protect-poultry-against-avian-flu>.

Neighbourhood Watch - the following incidents occurred: Curbridge between 2200 on 01/12 and 0130 on 02/12 when security gates to an Industrial Estate in Botley Road had been forced. High value scrap metal has been removed from the Site. The vehicle used to take the lead was found with a flat near side tyre with the scrap metal still inside. Also in Curbridge between 2230 on 04/12 and 0830 on 05/12 the door to public house in Curdrige Lane has been damaged. A hole was smashed in wooden door but no entry gained.

Consultation on Proposed Council Strategy for 2017-2020 - Winchester City Council wants to hear your comments on our proposed Council Strategy for 2017-2020.

Commencement of Preparation of Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan - the purpose of the Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan is to allocate the sites to match the need identified.

Two key studies have been completed to start this process and these can be viewed at:

<http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-plan-part-2/traveller-site-assessmentstudy-call-sites/>. If you are aware of any suitable sites for travelling show persons please advise Strategic Planning Team ldf@winchester.gov.uk or 01962 840 222.

Funding available to support rural projects - #Get40 Do you have a project idea that will create jobs and boost our local economy? #Get40 is a new initiative that encourages local rural communities to bid for a share of a £1.6million. Further details about the Fieldfare LEADER programme can be found at www.Fieldfareleader.org.uk For more information please contact Ken Brown on 01962 848 588 or kbrown@winchester.gov.uk

Buy your own home ... with help from Winchester City Council – WCC are proposing to set up an ‘Open-Market Shared Ownership’ scheme. This would support local residents by providing equity to buy a property in the district for those who do not have the substantial deposit required for a house.

Winchester City Council plans investment to support services. Up to £10m could be invested in property by Winchester City Council to produce rental income that supports services and compensates for loss of Government grant. The City Council has lost £2m in funding over the past four years, with a further £1.5m of reductions expected by 2020. Cabinet is now recommending property investments with an expected rate of return of 5-6% as part of its new strategy over the next three years. The ‘Strategic Asset Purchase Scheme’ will focus on the two Local Enterprise Partnership (LEPs) areas of which the City Council is a part: the Solent LEP and the Enterprise M3 LEP.

PCSO Slater advised that she had spoken to her officers, who had confirmed that all Fly Tipping prosecutions are dealt with by the District Council, who would have to advise what CCTV evidence they require. Members asked the Clerk to chase up WCC for a response to Council’s previous request for this information. **ACTION: CLERK.**

PCSO Slater also advised that the crime statistic for 2016 in Curdrige were:

2 Public Orders, 9 Anti-Social Behaviour; 1 Driving Offence; 8 non-residential thefts; 3 Criminal Damage; 2 non-dwelling burglaries and 6 Road Traffic Collisions.

Cllr Furby requested Steph to establish whether statistics for dwelling burglaries could also been given in future; Steph would check this and report back.

16.166 To receive an update regarding the Chapel Lane/Lockhams Road junction and decide upon action (if applicable)

Mr and Mrs Lockyer attended the meeting. Mr Lockyer and Councillor Kemp had prepared a very comprehensive schedule of data relating to recent accidents for Councillors. Mrs Lockyer advised District Councillors of the dangers involved at this junction and suggested that the Chapel Lane and Kitnocks Hill junctions should be "STOP" junctions. The Chair reported that he had spoken to officers at Hampshire County Council to try to arrange an urgent site visit, but had been advised that this matter could not be dealt with urgently. However, the white lines had been re-painted and the junction sign has been moved to a more prominent position. Cllr Bundell said that he would continue to pursue Hampshire County Council to arrange a site meeting and would try to invite Mrs Lockyer to this meeting. He would also make the suggestion that the junction be made "STOP" junction. **ACTION: CLLR BUNDELL.**

16.167 Planning Applications received from Eastleigh Borough Council for decision/response

16.167.1 Land South Of Maddoxford Lane, Boorley Green, Botley, Southampton, SO32 2DB - Outline Application For Demolition Of Existing Residential Dwelling And Associated Farm Buildings, Development Of Up To 50 Dwellings With Access From Maddoxford Lane, Site Infrastructure, Open Space And Associated Landscaping. Case Officer: Liz Harrison. Case No: O/16/79600.

Members discussed this application.

Resolved TO OBJECT on the grounds of over development in the Boorley Green area, given the large scale developments already permitted; increase in the volume of traffic, particularly in Wangfield Lane, which is a dangerous road with a dangerous junctions onto the B3035 and A334, where there have been fatalities; environmental impact due to the proximity to the River Hamble; the development will reduce the visual settlement gap by extending the built up area of Boorley Green to the East; lack of infrastructure and local facilities, as the approved development north of Maddoxford Lane has only playing fields opposite the site of this application.

Members asked the Clerk to advise Cllr Bodger of this objection and allow him to add further objections in accordance with Eastleigh Borough Council old/new Local Plans, if he so wished.
ACTION: CLERK.

16.168 Finance

16.168.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 15 December 2016, cheque signing & payments

Resolved to approve the Finance Report, cheque signing and payments. ACTION: CLERK.

16.168.2 To approve the draft budget for 2017-2018 and agree the Precept and Grant figures for 2017-2018

Members discussed the draft budget.

Resolved:

i) to approve the draft budget, subject to the following revisions/additions:
Code 200140 Legal and Professional - to be increased to £500 to allow a contingency fund, that if unspent each year could be added to ear marked funds, as the Council needed to be prepared if any legal disputes such as North Whiteley arose;
Code 200180 Admin Maintenance (inc Highways) to be reduced to £530, with the remaining "Highways" element being transferred to new budget code 300429 for "Highways and Footpaths";
Code 200200 Conference/Training/Staffing – to be increased to £500, to allow for more comprehensive training requirements;
Code 200265 Volunteers – to be increased to £550 to allow for new volunteer safety/equipment requirements; it was agreed the volunteers did a fantastic job for the community;

Code 300425 Pound/Pond – to be increased to £2,500 to allow for the replacement of existing concrete plinth base (for bench) with a pile driven base (to prevent water erosion damage as has occurred with existing base), a new safety rail (as the current one is rotting and becoming dangerous) and a new recycled plastic bench (as several slats on the current bench are rotten). Any deficit in these replacement costs to come from reserves.

300429 Footpath – to become “Highways and Footpaths” and budget to be increased to £1,000 to cover things such as new signage and minor footpath and highways improvements. ACTION: CLERK.

ii) That the budget requirement for 2017-2018 is £40,540.00, with the precept element being £39,269.00 and the WCC grant element being £1,271.00. Clerk to complete and return WCC Precept Requirement Form. ACTION: CLERK.

iii) To note WCC’s Tax Base Figure 2017/18 for the parish as 639.57.

16.169 To consider HCC Rights of Way request that the footpath to be dedicated at the Allotment Recreation be 1 metre across the car park and expand to 1.5 metres wide across the Allotment Recreation

Cllr Newton and the Clerk updated Members regarding the site visit and HCC’s request to widen the footpath across the Allotment Recreation.

Resolved to approve the footpath being widened to 1.5 metres along the length of the Allotment Recreation; it was noted the footpath would remain at 1 metre wide through the car park to protect pedestrians from traffic. ACTION: CLERK.

16.170 To ratify the previous acceptance of Cllr Christine Weaver’s resignation and the subsequent display of the notice informing of a casual vacancy arising

The Chair reported that Cllr Weaver’s resignation had been reported at the Planning, Highways and Licensing Committee Meeting on 1 December, but needed ratifying at Full Council.

Members were sad to lose Cllr Weaver, but understood her need to reduce her work commitments. Cllr Weaver kindly agreed to stay on until the end of January when a new Councillor would hopefully be in place. The Clerk updated Members on the Co-Option process.

Resolved to accept Cllr Weaver’s resignation for the end of January 2017; it was noted that the 14 day co-option notice had been displayed and that the co-option advertisement would be displayed on the notice boards and website at the end of that 14 day notice (if no election was called). Applications/applicants would be considered by Full Council on 19 January 2017. ACTION: CLERK.

16.171 Correspondence

16.171.1 Hampshire ALC – regarding Council tax referendum principles - Latest from NALC. **Briefly discussed update and noted.**

16.171.2 Winchester City Council – Consultation of parish councils on British Telecom programme of intended payphone removals. **Clerk to advise WCC that Council does not wish to adopt any phone boxes and enquire whether local residents (if interested) could purchase and remove phone boxes from their sites within Curdridge, if BT proceed to remove these. ACTION: CLERK.**

16.171.3 Hampshire ALC – Sports England new funding programme. **Noted.**

16.172 To note Parish Clerk’s Update Report (previously circulated to Members)

Curdridge Lane/Lockhams Road junction – Members confirmed that they would like to use the 500mm grid suggested by Cllr Newton, to be counter-sunk with weed control membrane underneath and scalping in to make a hard surface to walk on. Clerk to proceed to order and instruct John Clements. **ACTION: CLERK.**

UPDATE: variations/quotes to be discussed at Full Council on 19 January 2017.

Lunch Club Christmas Lunch – Cllr Furby advised that she had attended the Christmas Lunch and felt that the numbers had reduced significantly since last year – she asked Members to promote the Lunch Club. The Clerk reported that she had also attended to represent Council and had greatly enjoyed catching up and meeting new residents; she also said how well run the Lunch Club was.

16.173 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Volunteers – Cllrs Furby and Newton reported that they had held their Christmas thank you drinks (with mince pies) for the volunteers and they had been extremely grateful.

Litter Pickers – Cllr Furby advised that litter pickers were required for the section of road from the Reading Room to Station Hill and from the Cricketers Pond to the Plantation. Clerk to write a small request in the next parish magazine article. **ACTION: CLERK.**

Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail – Cllr Newton had attended this meeting and advised that WCC had said no CIL funding was available in Curdridge. It has been suggested that Council write to probinson@winchester.gov.uk to ensure there is no funding available. **ACTION: CLERK.**

Affordable Housing – Cllr Bundell advised Members that a meeting had been set up between the various agencies on Thursday, 5 January 2017 at 2pm in the Reading Rooms. All Parish Councillors were welcome to attend, but Cllr Bundell would update Council after this meeting.

Curdridge Lane Bus Stop – Members were extremely concerned that this bus stop remained dangerous for users, as there was no safe hard standing. Members asked the Clerk to chase up the bus company again for this bus stop to be moved before someone is hurt and if possible get the bus company to attend a site visit with Members. Clerk to also chase up HCC (Rachel.webb2@hants.gov.uk & colin.wright@hants.gov.uk) to establish the current position in their negotiations with the bus company. **ACTION: CLERK.**

UPDATE: Item discussed again at meeting 5 January 2017 – action revised.

16.174 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

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

There were no new matters arising.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.