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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2018
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM
CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr Kevan Bundell (Chairman)
Cllr Eric Bodger (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Rory Kemp
Cllr Sian Townsend

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Clerk)
Cllr Vivian Achwal (District Councillor)
Cllr Roger Bentote (District Councillor)
Cllr Roger Huxstep (District/County Councillor)

Public Session

Henrietta and John Taylor raised the matter of the very poor broadband service in Calcot Lane and that the lower part of the Lane is not included in the planned up-grade. The District and County Councillors had organised a meeting later this evening to discuss broadband issues with residents and it was agreed that Mr and Mrs Taylor would attend this meeting to raise their concerns.

18.28 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Furby, Newton and Wallin.

The Chair advised that sadly Cllr Furby had tendered her resignation as a Parish Councillor after 10 years of service, due to work/home commitments. He informed Members that Cllr Furby would be attending the Annual Parish Meeting and it was agreed that the PCM would clarify if she would be happy for her resignation to be from 5 April following that meeting, as it would be the year end. The PCM would notify WCC of this vacancy arising and advertise it, as usual, on the notice boards and website.

18.29 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Townsend declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 18.32.2.

18.30 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 15 February 2018

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 15 February 2018, as drafted. ACTION: PCM.

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

Cllrs Achwal and Bentote gave the following report:

CPC Road Safety Issues – they had written to the Chief Executives of HCC and WCC to raise their concerns that Curdridge is being shrouded by new housing developments, with no provision for sufficient road safety measures and improvements being made within the village.

Potholes – they had reported several instances of potholes in roads within Curdridge and these had been dealt with fairly quickly.

Botley Station Car Park – they were intending to lobby for additional car parking at Botley Station to accommodate the additional houses being built in the area. Cllr Bundell advised that the idea to create more parking had been put forward by the parish council within the Botley Bypass scheme but had been rejected, as HCC felt it would be unsafe to have access onto the Bypass. Cllr Bundell nonetheless requested our Winchester and County Councillors to lobby for this proposal. **ACTION: CLLRS ACHWAL, BENTOTE AND HUXSTEP.**

Cllr Huxstep gave the following report:

2018/2019 Revenue Budget & Precept – the budget & precept figures for HCC were agreed on 22 February. HCC are confident that they sustain services amongst the best in the country and their council tax precept will again be the second lowest of any county. For example, HCC's precept for a Band D property is £1200 i.e. an average of £100 a month a household. For West Sussex it is £1317 and in Dorset and Surrey their precepts are both over £1400 i.e. over £200 more than Hampshire. Even with the increase proposed of 5.99% the burden of Council Tax measured against inflation is actually £100 less than it would have been had HCC put it up in line with average cost of living increases.

Station Approach – the information event which was due to take place on Saturday 3 March was cancelled due to the severe weather. The remaining exhibition dates are unchanged and set for - Saturday 17 March, 10:00-12:00 Watercress Room, The Swan Hotel, New Alresford & Saturday 17 March, 15:00-17:00 King's Church, Bishops Waltham.

Winchester Sport and Leisure Park - has received a one-million-pound boost. The financial support from Hampshire County Council demonstrates the City Council's commitment to working with partners to deliver a first-class sport and leisure facility, which will improve the general health and wellbeing of residents throughout the District and the wider Hampshire area.

Extra Peak Time Park and Ride buses – WCC has invested in an additional bus after reports that buses were often full in peak times and therefore couldn't always stop to pick up passengers. This means that from March there will be nine Park and Ride buses serving all park and ride sites every seven minutes in the morning from 7.30am until 9.00am and in the afternoon from 3.45pm until 6.00pm and eight at other times.

18.32 Planning Applications received from Winchester City Council, Hampshire County Council or the River Hamble Harbour Authority for decision/response

18.32.1 South Winds Wickham Road Curdridge Southampton Hampshire SO32 2HG - Raising of the roof with loft conversion with dormers front and back. Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 18/00201/HOU.

Members discussed this application and resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

18.32.2 The Lawns Lockhams Road Curdridge Southampton Hampshire SO32 2BD - Proposed rear extension and remodelling of roof to improve first floor layout to existing dwelling and extension to existing garage. Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 18/00345/HOU.

Cllr Kemp had visited this property; he felt this application was modest in comparison to the previous application.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM. Cllr Townsend abstained in conjunction with her declaration of interest.

18.32.3 Lawnwood Wangfield Lane Curdridge SO32 2DA – Two storey rear extension & first floor rear extension. Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 18/00212/HOU.

Members discussed this application, which had already been decided due to the deadline and felt the plans were acceptable, as the proposals were sympathetic to the property needs.

18.32.4 1 Brockhurst Cottages Gordon Road Curdridge SO32 2BE - Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension. Case Officer: Curtis Badley. Case No: 18/00298/HOU.

Cllr Bundell felt this was a modest extension with only a slightly increased footprint.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

18.33 Finance

18.33.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 15 March 2018 and cheque signing & payments.

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

18.33.2 To consider/approve the draft Annual Parish Council Newsletter/Leaflet for 2017-2018 (to be funded from reserves and hand delivered to all households within the parish – roads/delivery to be agreed).

Resolved:

- i) To approve the newsletter (previously circulated) with the Curbridge logo added; “PM” added to times in Affordable Housing item; “owns” added in Minibus item and CPC website address re-inserted.**
- ii) To have 570 copies printed on A3 paper back to back and a folded leaflet - to allow one for each property and 8 extra copies for Kitnocks House.**
- iii) That once the newsletter is printed the PCM will count out batches and deliver to each Member, together with the circulation list, to serve as a reminder of who is doing which roads. The PCM would deliver to some roads and will post the newsletter to 13 properties in Botley Hill and 42 properties in Curbridge.**
- iv) The cost of printing and postage for this newsletter to be taken from reserves. ACTION: PCM.**

18.33.3 To consider the quotations received in response to the Grounds Maintenance Contract tender invite for 2018-2019 and decide upon the successful contractor.

Members discussed the schedule of quotations from the various companies. The two cheapest companies had very similar quotes and therefore Members felt the deciding factor would be which was the most local to the area; which was then advised by the PCM.

Resolved that Council would award the contract to Leylandii and Lawns, as their quote was one of the cheapest and they were a local company. ACTION: PCM.

18.34 CPC Village Gates Signage Wangfield Lane – to consider and decide upon signage for gates at Wangfield Lane in order to obtain approval from HCC Highways and install

Members discussed this matter and felt that due to the heavy development in Boorley Green it would be a good idea to pilot a sign on this gate before changing the others.

Resolved to have a sign made of a relevant size to affix to the incoming village gate at Wangfield Lane with the CPC logo and the words “Please Slow Down” underneath it. Signage for the other village gates would be considered at the September Full Council Meeting as previously agreed. ACTION: PCM.

The Chair raised the matter of the two village gates that had not been installed by John Clements (where just a post had installed). Cllr Bundell said he would like Council to review this matter when the new contractor had settled in, to see whether these remaining two gates could be installed. The PCM advised that the gate at Nations Farm could not be installed due to the sight lines imposed by planning, but the gate could be kept as a spare. Cllr Bundell felt that a wider gate could be installed by Silverlake Garage on the Wickham Road, he had spoken to John, who was going to check some time ago and get back to him, but did not. The

PCM said she would speak to John when he came to download the SLR at the weekend to see if he had had an opportunity to check this. **ACTION: PCM.**

18.35 To consider and approve draft Complaints Policy for adoption

Members felt this was a good document; the PCM thanked them and said she had prepared it in a previous role with input from other agencies.

Resolved to approve the Complaints Policy as drafted, subject to the removal of “A person does not” in clause 3.2 and “telephone” and “in person” from clause 4.2. ACTION: PCM.

18.36 Correspondence

18.36.1 WCC re Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) This ‘Call for Sites’ will inform the preparation of the Winchester District Local Plan Review Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA). This is a requirement of the National Planning Policy Framework. The deadline for completed forms to be forwarded to WCC is 6th April 2018. **Noted.**

18.36.2 Hampshire ALC - advising that as part of the Transport Investment Strategy, the government has committed to creating a Major Road Network (MRN) and have published a Consultation asking for views these proposals. The consultation asks for views on how to define the MRN, the role that local, regional and national bodies will play in the MRN investment programme, which schemes will be eligible for MRC funding.

Should you wish to comment on the consultation, please submit comments no later than 11.45pm on 19th March 2018 to Email: MRNconsultation@dft.gsi.gov.uk. **Noted.**

18.36.3 Email from Nicholas Searle – enquiring whether Council would be happy for him to put a short poem and a photograph of his mother on the reverse of her headstone.

Members discussed this request.

Resolved to approve this request and to add a clause to CPC’s Burial Rules and Regulations, to be ratified at Full Council on 19 April 2018 - “Memorials may include a short verse or poem and/or one photo on a single depth grave (or two photos on a double depth grave) on the reverse of memorial stones, as long as the grave plot number (as required in clause 17 above) remains immediately clear and unobstructed in any manner. ACTION: PCM.

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

18.38 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

40 MPH Speed Limit Sign in Lockhams Road (near Hole Lane) – Cllr Townsend reported this sign has been removed from the sign post. **ACTION: PCM.**

HALC Planning Course – Cllr Townsend reported that she had attended this training course.

Affordable Housing Project – Cllrs Bodger and Bundell had attended a site meeting to discuss revisions required to the draft scheme for display at the drop-in session.

Southern Parishes Meeting – Cllr Bodger advised that most parishes reported that fly tipping had increased in their parishes since the introduction of HCC’s recycling centre charges.

Southern Parishes Meeting – Speedwatch and SLR machines were discussed; those present felt that it might be a good idea for parishes to join together to instruct a company to deal with moving/relocating SLR signs, as this might work out cheaper. Members asked the PCM to notify Lyndsay that Council would be keen to know the outcome of any enquiries made, as it will soon be reviewing its SLR Contract. **ACTION: PCM.**

River Hamble Management Committee – Cllr Kemp had attended this meeting where the main concern was that marinas are changing their conditions for removing boats from the river over Winter.

Lockhams Road/Curdridge Lane Junction – Cllr Kemp advised that he and residents were unhappy with the responses received from HCC rejecting the suggestion of closing Chapel

Lane to through traffic. He has started start a petition. Members were not keen for a Councillor to be doing this, given that HCC had very recently replied on this matter with arguments for not being able to close this road. There was a danger that Cllr Kemp and the Parish Council would come to be seen as vexatious complainants. Cllr Kemp agreed he would not proceed with his petition, but would leave it to be done by the residents who were unhappy with the situation, if they wished.

18.39 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

18.39.1 To receive an update on open Enforcement cases and decide upon any action required. ***This item was deferred, due to the lack of time.***

18.39.2 Staffing Matters. ***This item was deferred, due to the lack of time.***

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.