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

Present:

Cllr K Bundell (Chairman)
Cllr E Bodger (Vice Chairman)
Cllr C Cross
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)

Public Session

Roger Duckworth the neighbour of Broadlands, Chapel Lane attended to update that he had researched planning enforcement and the House of Commons Library advice on Enforcement Law states that any planning enforcement must be proportionate to the level of the breach and must consider whether a Planning Application would be permitted if applied for. He also advised that a new Planning Application had been submitted for the works at Broadlands (16/02037), but the application had not been processed by WCC yet, due to staff shortages. Cllr Achwal advised that she had liaised with Mr Duckworth and the District Councillors have a meeting with WCC Planning Enforcement to discuss this matter. She would report the outcome to Mr Duckworth and Curdridge Parish Council.

16.119 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Humby.

16.120 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

16.121 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting of 18 August 2016

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

16.122 To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors

The Clerk had circulated the District Councillors' written reports to Members. Matters reported included:

Trees/hedges on A334 Kings Corner have now been cut back.

Flytipping instances around the district are being reported and addressed.

Enforcement cases arising within Curdridge are being addressed.

Wangfield Lane traffic – residents' concerns regarding the traffic associated with the Boorley Green Development have been taken on board and a meeting has been arranged between the District Councillors and WCC Officers to discuss this matter.

Simon Eden, Chief Executive, WCC is leaving; his successor will be appointed on 11 October and start in post in early 2017.

Council Housing – WCC will be conducting a housing survey to gain residents' views; residents are urged to complete this please.

Electoral Registration – WCC have sent out registration letters to all residents for completion.

Station Approach, Winchester – WCC seeking fresh plans to create shops, homes, parking and public spaces at the Cattle Market and Carfax sites.

Commercial Premises Survey – recent studies suggest a shortage of small commercial premises (office/industrial) in rural areas of the Winchester District suitable for small business and start-up. The survey is available on the WCC website and the response deadline is 23 September 2016.

WCC Community Cookery Skills Classes (aimed at men over 55) - Winchester Fire Station, Easton Lane from 2 pm to 3.30 pm from Monday 19 September to Monday 24 October.

16.123 Planning Applications received from Winchester City Council for decision/response

16.123.1 Tamarind House The Plantation Curdridge – 1 no Oak (T1) remove the decayed limb over the garage, reduce remaining crown by 5 to 6 metres to health growth. Case Officer: Ivan Gurdler. Case No: 16/01981/TPO – to ratify Cllr Newton's opinion to raise no objection to this application.

Resolved to ratify Cllr Newton's advice as Tree Warden to RAISE NO OBJECTION. ACTION: CLERK.

16.124 Finance

16.124.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 15 September 2016, cheque signing & payments

Cllr Furby queried why Southern Water's bill for the pond was so high. The Clerk confirmed that all previous bills had been estimated and therefore Council had requested the Clerk to write to Southern Water to enquire why a meter reading had not been carried out, as the meter reading was much higher than the estimated figure. Southern Water then carried out a meter reading, hence the high water bill. Southern Water also advised that CPC could only be billed six monthly (instead of quarterly) if it paid by direct debit, which Members did not wish to do.

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

16.125 Allotment Recreation

16.125.1 To review how the new meadow is working out and decide any action required
Cllr Newton reported that the trial meadow area now needed cutting and that Council then needs to review the costs and whether to proceed with the meadow in future.

Resolved that:

- i) The Clerk contact the Community First volunteers to establish whether they would be able to cut and clear the small meadow area this year and if they could would instruct them to do so;***
- ii) If Community First were unable to do this the Clerk would then obtain quotes from John Clements (and other contractors) for the meadow cutting and clearing and also liaise with Bishops Waltham Parish Council to establish whether they could provide and charge for such service. The Clerk would then update Members by email for a decision (that would be ratified at the October Full Council Meeting).***

- iii) ***The Clerk would place this item on the November Agenda to be discussed (with a view to deciding whether to proceed with the meadow and estimating costs for the budget setting in November).***

ACTION: CLERK.

16.125.2 To consider applying for the CPC permissive footpath across the Allotment Recreation to become a formal Right of Way
Members agreed that this was a very good idea.

Resolved that the Clerk would write to HCC Rights of Way to request that the permissive footpath across the Allotment Recreation be registered as a dedicated Right of Way (extending Footpath 6). ACTION: CLERK.

16.126 Glebe Meadow – to review hay cutting process and associated costs

Cllr Bundell advised Members that the contractor's small baler had broken down this year and so he had only been able to bale the meadow as round bales, which the contractor agreed to purchase (and deduct the purchase cost from his usual cutting fees). Cllr Bundell advised that he would request the contractor to revert back to using the square baler next year, in order that the hay could be sold to Jayne-Anne at the usual rate once again or negotiate for the contractor to cut the grass in exchange for having the hay. **ACTION: CLLR BUNDELL.**

16.127 Correspondence

16.127.1 Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Hampshire – Final Recommendations. **Noted.**

16.127.2 Community First – notification of Community Projects volunteer service offered by them. **Noted – see item 16.125.1 above.**

16.127.3 Cruse Bereavement had written to thank CPC for their grant funding.

16.127.4 HCC Serving Hampshire Consultation update notes – Cllr Bodger and Bundell had attended HCC's seminar and felt that the consultation process had been overtaken by events. ***Members requested the Clerk to write to HCC advising that CPC felt that events had moved on since the consultation questionnaire had been distributed and therefore felt unable to respond to the consultation at this time, but looked forward to responding to any future consultations relevantly updated. ACTION: CLERK.***

16.125.5 Democratic Services, Winchester City Council – invite to attend their Code of Conduct Training on Monday, 3 October at 6pm in the Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham – **Cllrs Bodger, Cross and Kemp requested the Clerk to enrol them on this training course. ACTION: CLERK.**

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

16.129 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Cllr Kemp had received a bogus call from someone purporting to be BT, advising that his computer had a virus they could fix, if he gave them remote control. He allowed this and realised they had infected his PC with a virus, which he had to have removed at a significant cost. He wished to make others aware of this scam.

Cllr Cross confirmed that residents in Curdridge Lane are still complaining to her about the large lorries going up and down the road. She had also heard that Shedfield PC are upset about this. Cllr Newton confirmed that a resident is monitoring this. Members requested that Cllr Cross also requests residents to monitor and log this problem, in order that Council can report this to HCC Highways.

Cllr Furby advised that the broken manhole cover at the bus stop in Curdridge Lane has still not been repaired. Members requested the Clerk to chase this up. Members also requested the Clerk to chase up the proposed pedestrians road safety sign. **ACTION: CLERK.**

Cllr Bodger reported that he had so far only seen one lorry containing hard core travelling along Wangfield Lane from the Boorley Green development.

Cllr Newton requested the Clerk to prepare some more hedge cutting request letters for her (5 including Japanese Knotweed and 15 without). **ACTION: CLERK.**

Cllr Newton – Footpath 3 overgrowth (between Sherecroft and Mr Collins' woods) needs cutting back again. Members asked the Clerk to notify HCC Rights of Way. **ACTION: CLERK.**

Cllr Bundell had requested Mr Medway to arrange for his tenant to cut his hedge back next to the St Peters Close bus stop.

Cllr Bundell had spoken to WCC's transport representative at a recent meeting and had been advised that the bus service within Curdridge is subsidised by public funding and therefore WCC are negotiating with the bus company to reinstate the bus stops/route along Lockhams Road/Chapel Lane, due to safety implications associated with the new bus stop in Curdridge Lane.

Cllr Bundell had spoken to Mike Evans at Whiteley Town Council; like Curdridge PC they were still extremely keen to see the new North Whiteley development transferred to Whiteley Town Council. Members asked the Clerk to write to (Steve Tilbury?) at Winchester City Council quoting the original CPC resolution and querying what the current position is with regard to the boundary change. Copy to Whiteley TC. **ACTION: CLERK.**

Cllr Bundell had spoken to Mr Southcott, who had confirmed that he will probably have to replant some of his stable hedge (as the horses had eaten it). Mr Southcott is also happy to plant some screening in front of his other new fence on B3051.

Mr Southcott had also raised the problem with visibility when pulling out from Calcot Lane onto Botley Road caused by the Willow tree on the pond. Cllr Newton confirmed that she regularly cuts this tree back. Cllr Bundell would speak to the Wildlife Trust to see whether they can offer any advice on the best action to take. Councillor Achwal offered to include this junction in their forthcoming look at dangerous junctions in the village with a Highways Officer. **ACTION: CLLR BUNDELL.**

Cllrs Bundell and Kemp had also received complaints about near accidents, due to the poor visibility when pulling out from Chapel Lane onto Lockhams Road, as the junction is not very visible. Members requested the Clerk to email Corinne Phillips at WCC to request that the junction be inspected to establish whether line painting and/or road signage would rectify this problem. Cllr Achwal asked to be copied in on this email, as she is meeting with Corinne to carry out site visits in the area and felt this site could be included. **ACTION: CLERK.**

16.130 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

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

Enforcement matters – Enforcement cases were discussed.

16.132 Staffing Matters - Staffing matters were discussed.

The meeting closed at 9.18 pm.