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**FULL COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 16 DECEMBER 2021
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM
CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Steve Wallin (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Paul Haskins

Cllr Rory Kemp

Cllr Lynne Newton

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

Public Session – there were no members of the public in attendance.

21.295 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Townsend and the County and District Councillors.

21.296 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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

There was no further update from HCC Councillor.

Cllr Bentote gave a written report:

“Just over a week ago we heard the very sad news that our colleague Councillor Lynda Murphy had died. Lynda was the cabinet member for Climate Emergency and was a dedicated advocate of all matters to do with securing the future of our planet. We shall miss her knowledge and commitment and a friend. Councillor Hannah Williams will now replace Lynda in cabinet.

Winchester Movement Strategy

Residents, commuters and businesses are being asked what they think about 10 proposed transport and travel schemes that have been developed as part of the Winchester Movement Strategy, as well as comment on the emerging Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. The proposals include a new park and ride site for the north side of the city, improvements to public spaces and for pedestrians, bus priority measures, high quality cycle routes into and across the city centre and reduced city centre parking.

An online survey opened Monday 6 December 2021 and people have until just before midnight on Friday 11 February 2022 to complete the questionnaire, which can be found on Hampshire County Council's pages: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/winchester-movement-strategy> Whilst the emphasis is on city centre traffic it is an opportunity to look for

improvements in bus services and hours of operation of the park and ride services which could be of benefit to us out of towners.

We all wish all members of Curdridge Parish Council a very happy Christmas and hope that 2022 brings better news re COVID.”

Councillor Roger Bentote

**21.298 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 2 December 2021
Resolved to approve the Minutes of 2 December 2021. ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.**

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

21.299.1 Woollams Botley Road Curdridge SO32 2DQ - We wish to instal an in-ground swimming pool of 10m x 4m x 1.2m to 1.6m deep pool system (actual visible and usable length is 9m as we will install an integrated safety cover). The property is a holiday let business and we feel an addition of a simple, elegant pool will serve as an attractive feature within a lawned area of the garden. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 21/02690/HOU.

Items 21.199.1 and 21.199.2 were taken together. Members discussed this application.

RESOLVED DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

21.299.2 Woollams Botley Road Curdridge SO32 2DQ - We wish to instal an in-ground swimming pool of 10m x 4m x 1.2m to 1.6m deep pool system (actual visible and usable length is 9m as we will install an integrated safety cover). The property is a holiday let business and we feel an addition of a simple, elegant pool will serve as an attractive feature within a lawned area of the garden. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 21/02691/LIS.

See resolution in item 21.299.1 above.

21.299.3 Hampshire County Council - Five Oaks Farm, Winchester Road, Shedfield, SO32 2HS - the winning and working of up to 230,000 tonnes of soft sand with phased working and restoration through backfilling with up to 435,000 tonnes of clean inert waste/materials, associated internal access routes, plant and infrastructure at Five Oaks Farm, Winchester Road, Shedfield, SO32 2HS (application number 20/01483/HCS). Case Officer: Amy Dales. Case No: 20/01483/HCS.

Members discussed this application.

Resolved TO OBJECT, as the revisions do not address the concerns Council raised previously, which are reiterated. Though the application is described as “quarrying”, it appears to be a landfill application, given that the plan is to dump materials occupying at least twice the volume of the sand extracted.

“https://www.simetric.co.uk/si_materials.htm” gives the density of wet, uncompacted sand as 1.922, which is higher than clay (1.83) and most other types of earth (1.2 to 1.7). This means that the weight of the backfill needs to be LESS than that of the sand extracted to avoid raising the surface of the land.

Council agrees with WCC’s objection that the development falls under the remit of Policy MTRA4, which allows development that has an operational need for a countryside location, subject to its impact on the character and landscape of the area and on neighbouring uses. Should there be a proven operational need for sand to be extracted from this site, we propose that the backfill be limited to the volume of sand removed. As well as bringing the scope of the project into line with the permission applied for, this would reduce the impact on local roads by a third, and potentially reduce dust nuisance by half. Even so, there is a need to ameliorate the impact of the additional HGV movements in the area that already suffer congestion. A suitable mitigation measure would be to fund traffic lights at the A334/B2177 junction. To ensure compliance with limitation of the operation to quarrying and equivalent backfill, there should be a condition that the volume of material imported should not exceed the

volume removed. This would be enforced by ensuring that the average height of the land should not rise by more than 20mm. This is a generous concession, given that it represents 200 cubic metres per hectare, equivalent to over 300 to 400 tonnes of soil per hectare.

Council also strongly supports the Landscape Officer's comments "The landscape officer considers that, despite the proposed screening with mounds and fences along the eastern edge of the site, the magnitude of change (albeit of short duration) combined with the proximity and sensitivity of the nearby residential receptors, particularly people living adjacent to the east of the site and at the northern end of St Anne's Lane, would result in significant harm to residential amenity." ACTION: PCM.

21.299.4 3 Hillside Kitnocks Hill Curdridge SO32 2HJ - Single storey rear extension and alterations to window and doors to existing house. Case Officer: Peter Korankye-Gyabong. Case No: 21/02721/HOU.

Cllr Wallin introduced this item and felt that the proposals are acceptable and unoffensive.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

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

2 Hillside, The Copse Kitnocks Hill Curdridge SO32 2HJ - Double storey side extension with hipped roof. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 21/02518/HOU. **PERMITTED. Noted.**

21.301 Finance

21.301.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 16 December 2021, cheque signing & payments

Resolved to approve the Finance Report dated 16 December 2021. ACTION: PCM.

21.301.2 To note Winchester City Council's 2022-23 Tax Base information and discuss and approve the draft Budget 2022-2023

Members discussed the draft budget and resolved to approve the budget subject to:

- i) Increasing code 200010 "Admin Salaries" to £25,000.00 to allow Council to set aside a more substantial contingency fund;
- ii) Increasing code 200200 "Conference/Training/Staffing" to £800 to allow the PCM to attend more training as required and to enrol on "Microsoft Excel" training at Eastleigh College next year.
- iii) An increase in the budget to allow Council to "ear mark" sufficient precept funds to cover the new North Whiteley Development that now falls within the parish. WCC has not yet provided Council's Tax Base figures for 2022-2023, to enable this calculation, therefore it was agreed that once this is received the PCM could then divide the draft budget total for 2022-2023 by the current Tax Base figure for 2021-2022 and then multiply that total by the new Tax Base figure for 2022-2023 to calculate the increase sum to budget for. It was hoped that this ear-marked funding will not be required, as Council is hoping the boundary review will place these properties within Whiteley, but Council needs to be prepared for every eventuality. It was noted that if funds are not used they can be transferred to the relevant party that absorbs costs during the interim period.
- iv) Members approving the final precept figure to be notified to WCC by email, with this figure then being ratified at a future meeting for insertion into the Minutes. **ACTION: PCM.**

21.302 To consider supporting campaign to lower speed limits to 20 mph speed limits by default where people live, work and play

Members discussed this.

Resolved to support the 20's Plenty for Hampshire Campaign, subject to it being noted that a blanket policy of 20mph is not applicable to our parish as a whole and therefore

the word “default” is not considered suitable; Council would like to finesse speed limit reductions with HCC on roads within the parish where 20mph (or even 30 mph) may not be suitable. ACTION: PCM.

21.303 Correspondence

21.303.1 Hampshire ALC – November Newsletter. **Noted.**

21.303.2 WCC – notification that the Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) will go out to consultation for adoption as a Supplementary Planning Document (the current LCA has this status) prior to approval by Cabinet again in March 2022.

<https://democracy.winchester.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=2883&Ver=4>

The consultation period which will run from Monday 10th January to Monday 21st February 2022. The consultation will run online on WCC’s Citizen Space portal. **Noted.**

21.304 To note Parish Council Manager’s Update Report (previously circulated to Members)

Botley Road SLR Socket – Members requested that HCC drops off keys for the new socket to Cllr Newton. PCM to place this item on the Agenda for 20 January (face to face meeting) to enable Council to consider purchasing additional SLR equipment. **ACTION: PCM.**

21.305 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Funtley Landfill Site – Cllr Bodger advised Members that he had been notified of this proposal, which had not been in time to go on this Agenda. It was agreed that the PCM would check the consultation response deadline and circulate information to Members or place this item on the next Agenda (time permitting). **ACTION: PCM.**

North Whiteley Urban Extension – Phases 7 & 8 – Cllr Bodger confirmed he had been invited to attend an online meeting regarding this item. He would give input, but would make it clear that this is not a representation of Council’s final decision.

21.306 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

21.307 To receive an update on open Enforcement cases and decide upon any action required. **There were no new cases arising.**

21.308 To discuss Council protocol for reporting Enforcement cases. **Previously discussed.**

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.10 PM.