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MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2017
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM

Present:

Cllr K Bundell (Chairman)

Cllr E Bodger (Vice Chairman)

Cllr K Bull

Cllr C Cross

Cllr J Furby

Cllr L Newton

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Roger Bentote (District Councillor)

Cllr Roger Huxstep (District Councillor)

Public Session

Roger Duckworth advised that although the Broadlands planning application had been permitted, he has personally raised further enquiries with WCC.

16.194 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Kemp, Cllr Humby and Cllr Achwal.

16.195 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

16.196 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting of 19 January 2017

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

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

Cllrs Bentote and Huxstep reported that:

Fly tipping – the incidence of fly tipping has increased, which is believed to be related to the new charges being made for DIY waste. Residents are warned that if they employ builders they should check thoroughly what happens to any rubble/old units as ultimately they can be held responsible for any illegal disposal. Two substantial fines of £3922 and £5400 have recently been imposed on offenders.

District Councillors have attended training/briefings on Universal Credit, Travellers Sites and Waste Management. More travellers' sites are needed but these can often be contentious particularly when travellers do not wait for planning permission before using a site. The waste management contract involving East Hampshire and Winchester is up for renewal soon and it could mean changes to refuse collections.

Hampshire County Council has approved a council tax increase of 4.99%. This equates to £1133.10 for 2017/18 – about £1 per week for a Band D household. Three percentage points of the increase will go towards extra funding for social care.

Cllr Bentote was pleased to support Curdridge Parish Council at a meeting with WCC to discuss lighting on the proposed cycle/footpath between North Whiteley and Botley. Low level lighting would seem to be the best compromise.

Vivian has requested that the footpath is swept from Botley Station along the Botley road towards Winchester Road and for the signpost to be cleaned on the junction of Lockhams Road opposite the Cricketers Inn.

Winchester City Council had confirmed the Inspectorate had approved their Local Plan, Part 2 for adoption in April; they had also announced they were to become an entrepreneurial council, under which one of the schemes will be Shared Ownership of the properties with property purchasers generally owning 70% and the council owning 30% of properties.

16.198 Planning Applications received from Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council for decision/response

16.981.1 The Barn Harmsworth Farm Botley Road Curbridge Southampton – Proposed erection of a two storey side extension. Case Officer: Russell Stock. Case No: 16/03301/HOU.

Cllr Bundell introduced this item. He had spoken to the agent; this scheme is modest compared to the previous scheme applied for.

Resolved to make NO COMMENT.

16.981.2 Lower Lockhams Kitnocks Hill Curdridge SO32 2HJ – Single storey side and rear extension, swimming pool and pool house construction. Case Officer: Robert Green. Case No: 17/00324/HOU.

Cllr Cross introduced this item. The new application revised the entrance to remain in its current location.

Resolved to SUPPORT this application, subject to the observation that Council would like to see the sight lines for the entrance gate improved for safety. Although no councillor had a declarable interest in this matter, Cllr Newton took no part in the discussion because she knows a relative of the applicant. **ACTION: CLERK.**

16.981.3 Oakwood Curdridge Lane Curdridge SO32 2BH – Demolition of existing garden store and erection of replacement garden store. Case Officer: Curtis Badley. Case No: 16/03506/HOU.

Cllr Bundell introduced this item and said that the replacement would be a vast improvement.

Resolved to SUPPORT this application.

16.199 Finance

16.199.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 16 February 2017 and cheque signing & payments.

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

16.199.2 Grant Funding Applications to Curdridge Parish Council

16.199.2.1 Curdridge Scout and Guide HQ – contribution towards cladding of rear wall in the total sum of £3,500.

Resolved to give a grant of £500 under Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1976 s.19. ACTION: CLERK.

16.199.2.2 Curdridge School Association - £213.89

Resolved to give a grant of £131 (remaining grants budget) under LGA 1972, s.145. ACTION: CLERK.

16.200 Cricketers Pond replacement base, bench and safety railings – to receive update following site visit and decide upon action required

Cllrs Bull, Furby and Newton had attended the site visit, at which it was agreed that if decking was placed over the current concrete plinth, this would avoid the cost of removing the plinth and would be safe, as new concrete supports would support the new decking and fencing. It was recommended that Council use recycled plastic decking and fencing (which would allow a bench to be fixed) and would last significantly longer. Cllr Bull said he would be happy to obtain a quote from some business contacts.

Resolved that Council would obtain quotations for recycled (wood effect) plastic decking with concrete supports (to be placed over the current concrete plinth), plastic recycled (wood effect) fencing and a bench. Cllr Bull would obtain an initial quotation from business contacts for the supply and installation of decking/supports and integrated fencing on behalf of Council and would email this to the Clerk for referral to Council. ACTION: CLLR BULL.

16.201 Curdridge Lane/Lockhams Road Junction pavement (proposed pedestrian pathway) – to receive an update and quote

Members are extremely concerned about the safety of pedestrians and keen to have a pavement installed. HCC's contractor has quoted to extend the pavement to Hole Lane, install a tarmac pavement and level and seed the grass verge for the sum of £6,000. HCC has requested a contribution from Council of £3,000.

Resolved to make a contribution of £3,000 from Council's road safety budget to allow the installation of the pavement for public safety. ACTION: CLERK.

16.202 Village Gates – to receive update and quotes and decide upon action required

The Clerk had obtained and circulated quotes for plastic gates, as HCC felt gates installed by the roadside could only be maintained by approved/insured highways contractors and plastic would require no regular maintenance. Very few companies supplied white plastic fencing; only two companies out of seven contacted were able to supply white plastic. The Clerk circulated pictures of example products.

Resolved to apply to HCC for a Licence and then purchase 5 vinyl plastic (similar to UPVC) panels 1200 mm high by 2400 mm wide (to be adapted into 10 gates) and 20 posts and caps from Kents Direct in sum of £1089.95 (including VAT and delivery) to be installed by the groundsman by digging posts into the ground rather than concreting (subject to a reasonable quote), using ear-marked funds set aside for road safety projects, as such gates are believed to slow traffic entering into villages. ACTION: CLERK.

16.203 North Whiteley Development Street Lighting on A3051 – to receive update and decide upon action (if required)

Cllr Bundell had had a meeting with HCC Highways, who had advised that they could only adopt the pavement/cycle path if it either had no lights or 5 metre lamp posts, due to legislation. However, HCC will investigate whether low level lighting would be acceptable and report back to Cllr Bundell, following which he would arrange a meeting with Whiteley Town Council to negotiate the lighting, prior to the Whiteley Forum Meeting. Cllr Bundell would report the outcome back to Council. **ACTION: CLLR BUNDELL.**

16.204 Bus Shelter Lighting – to consider installing solar PIR lighting

Cllr Bodger had purchased and is testing out a new solar PIR light to see if it will be suitable for the bus shelter.

Resolved that if the light is suitable, Cllr Bodger will install it in the bus shelter and reclaim £15 from Council for the purchase. ACTION: CLLR BODGER.

16.205 Curdridge Show – to consider whether Curdridge Parish Council should have a stall at the show and agree representatives

Members felt that it would be a good idea to have a stall to inform the public of what the Council does and to allow parishioners to raise any queries they may have.

Resolved that:

- i) the Clerk would book a stall;**
- ii) Cllr Newton would investigate the cost of purchasing advertising flags with the parish name and logo on;**
- iii) Cllr Bundell would man the stall. Cllr Bull, Cllr Cross, the Clerk and as many other Members as possible would also try to pop in throughout the day to help out. ACTION: CLERK/MEMBERS.**

16.206 To consider Hamble River Valley Forum's Requests/Recommendations:

16.206.1 Parish Quay – to ensure Council has a forfeiting clause within the Licence to the brewery, should they sell their land

Resolved that the Clerk would write to the brewery to put on record that the Licence was exclusive to the brewery and would not pass to any new owners, should the brewery sell the pub or land. ACTION: CLERK.

16.206.2 To liaise with National Trust on behalf of the Hamble River Valley Forum regarding a path on their land

Resolved that Councillor Newton has delegated powers to support the Hamble River Valley Forum by liaising with the National Trust to try and acquire a path on their land. ACTION: CLLR NEWTON.

16.207 Correspondence

16.207.1 Winchester City Council - Invitation to the Parish Council Forum meeting at 6 pm on Thursday 6th April at King Charles Hall, Guildhall, Winchester (to assist with general planning and development queries, rather than focus on isolated cases). **Clerk to advise WCC that Council will send a representative. ACTION: CLERK.**

16.207.2 Winchester City Council – invitation for a parish representatives on the WCC Standards Committee. **Cllr Bodger was nominated by Council for this role. ACTION: CLLR BODGER/CLERK.**

16.207.3 Upham Parish Council – email advising they are trying to organise a meeting with surrounding parishes to meet the new Chief Executive and Leader of Winchester City Council to discuss how Winchester is planning to manage the threat posed by the Eastleigh Local Plan on the parishes of Colden Common, Otterbourne, Twyford, Upham, Bishops Waltham, Durley and Curdridge. If arranged they would like parishes to send a representative. **Cllrs Bodger, Bundell and Furby would like to attend this meeting (if arranged).**

16.207.4 Police & Crime Commissioner – notifying of their Precept Survey (relating to views about policing in general and what their priorities should be) and requesting as many people as possible to complete this survey. **Members to respond individually.**

16.207.5 Police & Crime Commissioner - letter inviting Council to provide written evidence to the Panel's forthcoming proactive scrutiny session, which will focus on Rural Crime. **Noted.**

16.207.6 Hampshire ALC email notification of Annual Conference on Wednesday 22nd March 2017, 9.00am – 15.15pm at President's Suite, St Mary's Stadium, Britannia Road, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 5FP (£75 plus VAT per delegate). **Clerk to send apologies.**

16.207.7 WCC – notification of Planning Appeal for 6 Kitnocks Farm Cottage, Outlands Lane. **Noted.**

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

Bus Route (Lockhams Road) – the Clerk advised that the bus company were not prepared to relocate the bus route back along Lockhams Road, as the bus stops Curdridge Lane/Botley Road were well used. Members instructed the Clerk request the bus company to reconsider,

as the bus stop at St Peters Close would still be used in the alternative location and several residents in the parish could no longer get to a bus stop. **ACTION: CLERK.**

16.209 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Footpath across vineyard (Shedfield) – Cllr Furby reported that someone had tripped on the eroding boardwalk; she had also been advised that the owner of the vineyard was considering closing this footpath. Members asked the Clerk to email Shedfield Parish Council to see if they had heard about someone falling on the footpath and/or the possibility of the owner closing the footpath and if so, what the current status of the footpath was as far as Shedfield Parish Council were concerned (as it had been used by the public for over 20 years). **ACTION: CLERK.**

Speedwatch – Cllr Bodger had raised this matter at the Police and Crime Commissioners Forum and it was agreed they would investigate Lockhams Road being approved as Speedwatch location once again. Cllr Newton would also raise this at tomorrow's session.

Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail – Cllr Newton requested an Agenda item on the next Full Council Agenda "To consider the possibility of writing to one or two landowners within the parish (on behalf of the Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail Group) to see if they would be prepared to allow the trail to run across their land". **ACTION: CLERK.**

Station Hill Speed Limit – Cllr Bundell was still trying to arrange a meeting regarding speed limits within the parish.

16.210 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

16.211 Staffing Matters

The Clerk advised Members that as her hours had increased, she was now within the threshold for automatic enrolment into a pension scheme and would like to enrol.

Resolved that Council approves the Clerk's enrolment into the Government's NEST pension scheme and makes relevant contributions. ACTION: CLERK.

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

There were no new matters arising.

The meeting closed at 9.29 pm.