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MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2023 IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM CURDRIDGE

Present:

Cllr Paul Haskins (acting as Chair)

Cllr Eric Bodger (from item 23.44.2)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Philip Hedger

Cllr Lynne Newton

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

Eight members of the public

Public Session

The Chair noted that sadly Rosemary Short, a former long-term resident of the parish who had previously been on the parish council, had sadly passed away. Cllr Newton would be speaking to her husband on other matters shortly and would pass on Council's condolences.

23.40 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Bodger, who was attending a North Whiteley Meeting, Cllr Carkeet and Cllr Townsend.

The County and District Councillors had also sent their apologies.

23.41 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Burden declared an interest in item 23.44.2, as the applicants are his direct neighbours.

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

Cllr Lumby had provided a written report:

"1. £2.6bn spending programme for 2023/24 Hampshire County Council's spending plans for 2023/24 are to be considered this month by the cabinet and then by full council. The plans total £2.6bn and cover the hundreds of services delivered by the council to its 1.4 million residents, including supporting its most vulnerable children and adults. The capital budget proposals will also be considered, with building and infrastructure projects totalling £645.3m over the next three years to be approved. The proposed three year programme includes: - £175m investment in new and extended school buildings to provide school places for children in Hampshire, delivering a further 4,393 school places and giving a total of 18,874 new school places by September 2025. - £142m for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges. - £103m of Integrated Transport Plan schemes including £58m of schemes focused around walking and/or cycling improvements - £100m to address condition-based enhancements to schools. - An additional £0.3m funding towards the County Council's Flood Risk and Coastal Defence Programme as part of HCC's response to the challenge of climate change. There are two related points for us. First, there is commitment to pushing ahead with the Botley bypass, which should provide much needed relief, especially around Curdridge. Secondly, it is expected that the site for the new secondary school in Whiteley will be made available this summer. The new school, with 900 places, is expected to be ready for the start of the 2027 academic year. There are also proposals for a possible new SEND school on the site of the old Cornerstone School in Whiteley.

2. 20 mph review -The review of the criteria for 20 mph speed limits within Hampshire has progressed to the next stage following last year's consultation and the work of a County Council Task and Finish Group. A report has been produced recommending a series of changes which will make it easier for communities who want reduced speed limits to promote speed reduction schemes and seek the introduction of lower limits. The proposals will now be considered further before progressing to full Cabinet for approval in June. The proposals will be of interest to many parishes and I look forward to discussing potential local impacts with parishes and interested residents over the next few months, as the new policy becomes clearer.

3. Roads The bad weather we have all experienced this month has provided many challenges to Hampshire Highways, especially from blocked drains, flooding and potholes. Even though the weather has improved recently with the water tables falling, the overnight freezing temperatures have exacerbated the pothole situation with many more now appearing, and particularly in the rural areas. Service demand across the highways service remains extremely high with demand far exceeds capacity at the present time and consequently all work is having to be prioritised so that the highest risk issues are repaired first. This includes the use of temporary 'infill' repairs to remove major potholes, these can then be addressed on a longer lasting basis later. Some parishes have commented that some pothole filling appears to be sub-standard and this is the reason. The outlook for this month is also unfavourable, with the Met Office suggesting that the weather is likely to be unsettled, with the potential for more periods of stormy conditions - potentially similar to those we experienced in February 2022 - and some further colder/ wintry spells. One of the priorities now is therefore ditch and grip clearance to help alleviate surface water flooding and ice problems in at risk areas; Hambledon is one of the priority areas here. Please do continue to report highways issues online. A reminder that the number to call in emergency is 0300 555 1388 (0830-1700) Monday to Friday, or outside officer hours, 101.

4. Drain cover thefts Road users across Hampshire are being urged to be vigilant after a recent spate of drain cover thefts - leaving deep openings in the road surface which could cause a potential hazard to drivers, pedestrians and cyclists, and also result in significant expense to council taxpayers. To report a missing cover, please call the number given above or report it to the police online at <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

5. Increased police numbers announced The Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Donna Jones, has presented her budget plan for the years 2023-24. She had previously pledged to increase police numbers by 600 and is on track to recruit these by the end of March this year. Her new budget has added an additional 50 officers to these numbers, to be funded through the police precept of council tax.

6. County councillor grants - The deadline for applications for my County Councillor grant budget is 28th February. I have provided support this year to various projects, from jubilee celebrations in West Meon, Meonstoke and Whiteley to playground improvements in Hambledon, support for community groups in Waltham Chase and a grant for the new pavilion in Shedfield. Do let me know if there any schemes locally you would like me to support, I do have some money left. Councillor Hugh Lumby, Meon Valley Division"

23.43 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 2 February 2023

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 2 February 2023, as drafted by Cllr Bodger due to the Parish Council Manager's absence from the meeting (due to testing positive for Covid). ACTION: PCM.

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

23.44.1 1 Woodland Cottages The Plantation Curdridge Hampshire SO32 2DT - T-1 lime. Remove suckers and pollard tree to a height of 10 metres to allow more light into property.

T-2,3.oak. Crown lift to a height of 5 metres from ground level and reduce lateral limbs growing towards property and garden by 1.5m metres to allow more light into garden.

T4- ash. Fell, tree is showing signs of ash die back. Replant with English oak. Case Officer: John Bartlett. Case No: 23/00218/TPO.

Cllr Newton (Tree Warden) advised Members that the only tree works she felt were necessary was the removal of the Ash tree.

Resolved TO OBJECT to all tree works, except the removal of the Ash tree and its replacement. ACTION: PCM.

23.44.2 Merrion Gordon Road Curdridge Hampshire SO32 2BE - Single storey rear extension and new flat roof garden room. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 23/00011/HOU.

8 residents were in attendance; the two applicants and six residents wishing to object. The Chair asked everyone to be respectful of each other and not to repeat comments made by others. He recommended that all present should send any comments made this evening directly to Winchester City Council also to ensure they are put on record.

The Chair invited the applicants to expand on their written application. They explained that planning was being sought to increase the internal size of their property, mainly to enable them to provide support to a family member. They were also applying for a garden room (home office) to give them a quiet working space. The Chair asked for clarification of the roof pitch on the house extension; the applicant confirmed it follows the line of the current roof.

The six objectors then spoke to register objections on behalf of themselves and Mr and Mrs Barker (who are on holiday), but are direct neighbours of the applicant. They provided Members with copies of the plans with added details and advised that they wished to firmly object on behalf of Mr and Mrs Barker, as the house on the other side of Mr and Mrs Barker has already extended to the rear, so if this house is also extended to the rear their house will effectively be closed in with significantly reduced natural light, especially as they have a large oak tree at the bottom of their garden that already blocks the sun from that direction.

Residents also objected on the grounds of loss of privacy and overlooking, as this property is higher than its neighbours and so the proposed extension will create additional overlooking and loss of privacy. The garden room (home office) also has windows facing directly into neighbours' properties imposing on their privacy.

Councillor Burden and his wife and daughter advised that the plans as drawn encroach onto their property and that when they carried out a joint extension of their property and Merrion (with their former neighbours) many years ago Winchester City Council advised that they would not be allowed to carry out any more extensions. They also felt that the garden room (home office) would impact on wildlife in the neighbouring field. They also raised the fact that the garden room (home office) appears to have a kitchen and a toilet and could become a separate dwelling.

Members discussed this application.

Resolved TO OBJECT on the grounds of over-development and the proposed extension not being in keeping with the character of neighbouring properties, together with adverse impact on light to neighbouring properties, overlooking and the possible adverse effects on neighbouring wildlife. If WCC is minded to permit this application please ensure that a condition is attached to any permission granted to ensure that the home office cannot be converted into a separate domestic dwelling/living accommodation in future. ACTION: PCM.

Cllr Burden abstained from voting in conjunction with his declaration of interest.

23.44.3 Cricketers Pond Botley Road Curdridge Hampshire SO32 2DU - Removal of existing rear extensions and construction of new rear extension. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 23/00035/HOU.

Cllr Newton introduced this item and advised that the extension was mainly on the back of the house and current lean-to and it had been confirmed that the extension would provide support to the current frail structure. Members had some concerns about the size of the extension, but noted that neighbours had supported the application.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

23.44.4 Rose Cottage Outlands Lane Curdridge Hampshire SO30 2HD - Erection of single storey rear extension and roof alterations including rear dormer window and associated works (amended plans). Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 22/02758/HOU. Members discussed this application.

Resolved to MAKE NO COMMENT. ACTION: PCM.

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

23.45.1 Woodside Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire SO30 2HB - Proposed 2 storey side and front extension. Proposed new roof with loft conversion. Associated internal rework. Proposed two car garage and gated front boundary. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 22/01752/HOU. **APPLICATION WITHDRAWN. NOTED.**

23.45.2 Land Opposite Lockhams Hill Lockhams Road Curdridge Hampshire - Erection of 4 detached dwellings (2 x 3 bedroom and 2 x 4 bedroom) with private amenity space, off-road parking, soft landscaping and associated works. Case Officer: Rose Chapman. Case No: 22/02618/FUL. **APPLICATION WITHDRAWN. NOTED.**

23.45.3 – Green Close, Wangfield Lane - **Notification of Appeal** against an Enforcement Notice – Green Close, Wangfield Lane - APP/L1765/C/22/3313363. **NOTED.**

23.46 Finance

23.46.1 To approve Finance Report dated 16 February 2023 and cheque signing & payments.

Resolved to approve the Finance Report dated 16 February, cheque signing and payments. ACTION: PCM.

Members also noted the revised Precept figure of £61,775.00 for Curdridge Parish Council, which had been approved urgently via email following the outcome of the North Whiteley Boundary Review. The PCM would also place this item on the next Agenda to ratify this decision. ACTION: PCM.

23.46.2 Proposed Curdridge Parish Council Planning Policy Document – to receive update from Steve Tilbury Planning Consultant and decide upon action and quotation.

This item was deferred until the next Full Council Meeting on 2 March March when Cllr Carkeet will be in attendance. **ACTION: PCM.**

23.47 Correspondence & Telecommunications

23.47.1 Sally Lawrence, WCC – notification of revised taxbase following North Whiteley Boundary Review outcome. **Noted.**

23.47.2 Karen Vincent, WCC – update slides for new voting ID requirement. **Noted.**

23.47.3 Hampshire ALC – King’s Coronation events advice. **Noted; Council will wait to hear from the Reading Room and St Peters Church as to whether they are planning any events that they would like support for.**

23.47.4 Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner – newsletter. **Noted.**

23.47.5 Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust – newsletter. **Noted.**

23.47.6 Southern Water - Southern Water Clean Rivers and Seas Task Force Update. **Noted.**

23.47.7 WeCAN – newsletter. **Noted.**

23.47.8 HCC - Hampshire Climate Change Action event resources. **Noted.**

23.47.9 Fareham Borough Council – Electoral Review outcome update. **Noted.**

23.47.10 Hampshire ALC – EGM Agenda. **Noted; Cllr Bodger attending meeting.**

23.47.11 Hampshire Hospitals – regarding Charity Ball 2023. **Noted.**

23.47.12 Victim Support – thank you for Grant donation. **Noted.**

23.48 To review draft Full Council Minutes policy

The PCM advised that Council used to only release Minutes to the public once they had been formally approved by Full Council, as is the case with most parishes. However, Council had revised this recently, so that Minutes could be sent out once they had been formally approved by four Members. However, the PCM and Members felt that this system sometimes caused

more frustration (and additional workload), as Members (being volunteers) cannot always read the Minutes promptly.

Resolved that Council will return to its previous policy of only releasing Minutes to members of the public once they have been formally approved by Council. It was agreed that if any meetings had to be cancelled delaying the approval of the previous Minutes indefinitely (such as with the Covid lockdown) that Members would consider each instance on its own merits. ACTION: PCM.

23.49 To note Parish Clerk's Update Report (previously circulated to Members) – noted. Cricketers Pond (duck house renovation) – contractor has written to advise he cannot access the duck pond with current high water levels, so will do this in Spring/Summer. Members asked the PCM to email him to put this project on hold until Council decides upon action for the pond maintenance. **ACTION: PCM.**

St Peters Church (burial plots – site meeting) – PCM updated that she is still waiting to hear from church reps with some meeting dates. Members said they will review this again at meeting on 2 March.

23.50 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Hill View, Chapel Lane (external lights impacting drivers) – residents had complained about the external lighting at this property brightly shining into the road and causing night blindness when driving along Chapel Lane. Members asked the PCM to report this to WCC. **ACTION: PCM.**

23.51 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

23.52 To receive WCC's update reports on Enforcement cases (if applicable) and decide upon any action required.

There were no further matters arising.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.04 PM.