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MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Cllr K Bundell (Chairman)
Cllr E Bodger (Vice Chairman)
Cllr C Cross
Cllr J Furby
Cllr R Kemp
Cllr L Newton

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Clerk)
Cllr Roger Bentote (District Councillor)

Public Session

Wangfield Action Group – members of the Wangfield Lane Action Group attended the meeting to introduce themselves and to make members aware that they were available to support any members of the public who have concerns relating to traffic matters associated with the new Boorley Green development. As members of the Speedwatch Team, as well, they have been monitoring the traffic statistics relating to Boorley Green/Wangfield Lane and have recorded a vast increase in traffic since the Boorley Green development started, which is well above that predicted by HCC Highways. They will continue to monitor this.

Cllr Bodger advised that he and Sarah Stubbing had attended a meeting with Annie Tomlinson, the Senior Transport Planner at HCC; he would report further under Parish Councillors' reports.

Broadlands – Roger Duckworth advised that although the plans had been accurate, the officer's report to WCC's Planning Committee had been factually incorrect and therefore he is personally intending to report this matter to the Ombudsman. Cllr Bentote said he would also speak to Planning Officers at WCC.

17.213 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Bull, Cllr Achwal, Cllr Humby, Cllr Huxstep.

17.214 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

17.215 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting of 16 February 2017

Resolved to approve the Minutes, as revised with "substantive" changed to "substantial" in Cllr Huxstep's report and the addition of the final sentence regarding declarations of interest in item 16.981.2. ACTION: CLERK.

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

Cllr Bentote reported that the main issues arising related to volume and speed of traffic and the increase of fly tipping since the introduction of fees by HCC.

Cllr Huxstep's report had been circulated to Members by email. The Chair advised that the main item affecting the parish was the update in relation to planning statistics. For the two-year period 1st January 2015 to 31st December 2016, Winchester City Council achieved 91.11% for determining major applications within 13 weeks or an agreed extension of time. The government has set a current target of 50% for authorities to achieve over the two-year period rising to 60% in 2018. For the two-year period 1st January 2015 to 31st December 2016, the Council achieved 91.76% for determining minor and other applications within 8 weeks or an agreed extension of time. The government has set a current target of 65% for authorities to achieve over the two-year period rising to 70% in 2018.

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

17.217.1 High Trees Botley Road Curdrige Southampton Hampshire SO32 2DS – Two storey rear extension, new section of roof to match existing. Convert garage into kitchen area. Case Officer: Lindsay McCorkell. Case No: 17/00162/HOU.

Cllr Bundell introduced this item and reported that the extension was to go in the direction of the current garage and so would not affect the street scene or neighbours.

Resolved TO SUPPORT the application. ACTION: CLERK.

Fieldfare, Lockhams Road – Case No: 17/00372/HOU – the Chair reported that this application had not been received in time to go on this Agenda, but required consideration prior to the next Planning Meeting. He felt that although a formal resolution could not be made, as the item was not on the Agenda, that Council should advise WCC that they would support this application, as it is merely for a single storey conservatory of a lesser size than the adjoining property's extension, which sets a precedent. **ACTION: CLERK.**

17.218 Finance

17.218.1 Purchase of BT Phone Box at St Peter's Close – to approve/sign BT Contract and cheque for the purchase price of £1. **Resolved to approve the Contract and cheque for signing. ACTION: CHAIR/CLERK.**

17.218.2 To approve the Finance Report dated 16 March 2017 and cheque signing & payments.

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

17.219 Cricketers Pond replacement base, bench and safety railings – to receive update regarding quote and decide upon action required

This item was deferred to the next Full Council Meeting, as Cllr Bull was unable to attend this meeting.

17.220 Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail – 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

Cllr Newton advised that there was only a very small piece of land required for the trail that fell within Curdrige Parish (which belonged to Cowplain Turf), as most of their land was within Durley Parish. Cllr Newton requested Council to approve the Clerk liaising with Durley Parish Council to jointly send a letter to the owners of Cowplain Turf, requesting them to consider allowing the trail to cross their land at the bottom (which is wetter ground and so is not used for

their turfing business), on the basis that the path will be fenced by the trail group, to ensure the owners retain privacy and security on their land.

Resolved that the Clerk would liaise with Durley Parish Council to send a joint letter to the owners of Cowplain Turf in the terms set out above. ACTION: CLERK.

17.221 Correspondence

17.221.1 Hampshire ALC – email relating to Links to Housing White Paper & Consultation.

Noted – Cllr Bodger and Bundell delegated to respond to this consultation.

17.221.2 Hampshire ALC – email relating to Amendment to Local Government Finance Bill.

Noted.

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

Bus Route – Members were not happy with the response received from HCC (and the bus company) and requested the Clerk to write to them again advising that Members are concerned that not only has Curdridge Parish Council incurred substantial costs for the installation of the bus stops in Lockhams Road, which have now become redundant, but also that HCC were making contributions to this bus route and were not listening to the opinions of Curdridge Parish Council and members of the public, who were qualified to decide the most practical route for the bus, which avoids the requirement to use Chapel Lane (as was originally the only proviso by the bus company – due to their buses being damaged). It is felt by Members that the argument relating to the improved usage of the alternative bus stops on the current route is not valid, as Members believe that users would relocate to new bus stops on the new route proposed by Council, which would be far safer than some of the current bus stops used. Members asked the Clerk to try and produce an electronic map setting out the desired route for the bus and to copy Members and District/County Councillors in on her email.

ACTION: CLERK.

Parish Quay/Horse & Jockey parking matters – the Clerk had written to the brewery as requested by Members and they had responded that they would like reassurance that the Licence would pass to any tenants, should they sell the pub with vacant possession. Members asked the Clerk to confirm that this would be the case, as long as the pub remained as a whole and no land was sold off that would affect the current status of public access to the Parish Quay and the National Trust's woodland walk adjoining the Horse and Jockey. **ACTION: CLERK.**

17.223 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Vineyard Footpath – Cllr Furby is organising a meeting with the manager of the Vineyard. Members requested her to invite a representative from Shedfield Parish Council, which she confirmed she would do. Cllr Newton advised Members that it is her understanding that when minerals were extracted from the Vineyard about 28-29 years ago that it was a condition that the land had to be made good and a public footpath provided, at which time this footpath was provided and has been used by the public ever since. However, there are no records at HCC Rights of Way to support this. Members requested the Clerk to write to Shedfield Parish to advise that Cllr Furby is arranging a meeting and would like a representative to attend and to also advise Shedfield Parish Council of the above information from Cllr Newton, so that they can consider pursuing a formal adoption. **ACTION: CLERK.**

Lockhams Road – Cllr Furby requested the Clerk to write to the PCSO to ensure that vehicles parking in Lockhams Road at night have their parking lights on. **ACTION: CLERK.**

Boorley Green – Cllr Bodger reported that he had attended the meetings with Annie Tomlinson, the Senior Transport Planner at HCC to discuss traffic calming measures at Boorley Green. Some of the suggestions to be considered for the consultation of residents by leaflet were to block off Oatlands Road; traffic calming in Maddoxford Lane and to block

Wangfield Lane at Hamble Bridge. Cllr Bodger would keep Council updated when the consultation is finalised and provide information to be displayed on the parish website.

Bus Stop – Cllr Bodger confirmed he will fit the new solar light as soon as possible.

Walking Football Team – Cllr Kemp advised that he is trying to set up a Curdridge walking football team. He wondered whether this could be done through Council; Members felt that it could not, but a grant could be applied for if the set up as a community group was successful. It was recommended that Cllr Kemp approaches the Reading Room Committee, as the team would use their facilities. Cllr Kemp confirmed he is placing an article in the Curdridge Parish Magazine, but he request Members to also let people know by word of mouth.

Parish Quay improvements – Cllr Kemp confirmed that he is going to approach the landlords of the Horse & Jockey to establish whether they would be prepared to make a contribution to the improvements if they proceed.

Curdridge Parish Magazine – Cllr Newton had been approached to establish whether Council would like to make a contribution and join them in circulating a flyer to all households prior to Curdridge Show to advertise and pass on information. Members asked the Clerk to email Christine Weaver for further details of the contribution that would be required and how much space would this allow for Council. **ACTION: CLERK.**

Curdridge Show – Cllr Newton advised Members that the cost of a flag for the parish stall would be £40 for a simple hanging flag or approximately £70+ for a teardrop flag. Members asked Cllr Newton and the Clerk to obtain three quotations for one teardrop flag and to purchase the most competitively priced. **ACTION: CLERK/CLLR NEWTON.**

Speedwatch – Cllr Newton advised that Richard Bennett had agreed to join the Speedwatch Volunteer Group. Members were very grateful to all the volunteers.

Potholes – Cllr Bodger had reported 4 potholes in Vicarage Lane to HCC (via their website) and these had been repaired straight away.

17.224 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

17.225 Staffing Matters – ***Resolved to sign the NEST Pension Scheme Direct Debit Form. The Clerk confirmed that NEST will only take contributions approved by Council and processed by the Clerk. ACTION: CLERK.***

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

There were no matters arising.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.