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

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Rory Kemp

Cllr Lynne Newton

Cllr Sian Townsend

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

Public Session – there were no matters arising.

21.214 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Steve Wallin, as well as from the County and District Councillors.

21.215 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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

There were no update reports since the previous meeting.

21.217 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 2 September 2021

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 2 September 2021 for signing. ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.

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

21.218.1 North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire - Reserved matters application for public open space in the southern part of the overall site. Case Officer: Robert Green. Case No: 21/02198/REM.

Resolved to make NO COMMENT.

21.218.2 Harfields Farm House Botley Road Curdridge SO32 2DU - Add first floor to listed barn serving as garage and workshop, in order to provide bedrooms and games room/gym ancillary to the main house. Relocate existing pool and garden room/plant room. New car port. (AMENDED PLANS). Case Officer: Liz Marsden. Case No: 20/00115/HOU.

The Chair updated Members that the revised plans had significantly reduced the size of windows overlooking neighbouring properties, which made a vast improvement.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

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

21.219.1 Poplars Farm Curdridge Lane Curdridge SO32 2BH – Conversion of a listed barn to a dwelling and associated alterations; establishment of a residential curtilage; the demolition of a barn; the erection of a new heritage carport and garden room/office; and associated works. Case Officer: Rose Lister. 20/02762/FUL. **PERMITTED. NOTED.**

21.219.2 Poplars Farm Curdridge Lane Curdridge SO32 2BH - Conversion of a listed barn to a dwelling and associated alterations; establishment of a residential curtilage; the demolition of a barn; the erection of a new heritage carport and garden room/office; and associated works. Case Officer: Rose Lister. Case No: 20/02763/LIS. **PERMITTED. NOTED.**

21.219.3 1 Summerlands Cottage Botley Road Curdridge SO32 2DS - Conversion of garage to form annexe to dwellinghouse. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 21/01783/HOU. **PERMITTED. NOTED.**

21.220 Finance

21.220.1 To approve the finalised Finance Report dated 16 September 2021, balance of cheque signing & payments.

The PCM had updated the interim report approved by Council on 2 September.

Resolved to approve the finalised Finance Report of 16 September and the balance of cheque signing and payments. ACTION: PCM.

21.220.2 Cemetery paths renovation and new path and sunken graves – to receive an update and decide upon action required

Members discussed this and felt that they would prefer a solid compacted path to ensure it does not become a trip hazard and allows wheelchair users access to the cemetery, as gravel paths tend to migrate and are not firm under foot for the elderly or disabled. Members were not keen on using Romsey Red compacted paths, as the clay content tends to get onto shoes in wet weather. The new style of resin paths was the most favoured option, if the sub-structure required will not damage tree roots. The PCM had circulated photos of the various sunken graves within the cemetery that could be dangerous.

Resolved that:

- i) PCM will liaise with resin path suppliers to establish the sub-base and general requirements for resin paths. ACTION: PCM;**
- ii) If resin paths can be constructed without a solid concrete base the PCM will write to WCC's Tree Officer to ensure specified requirements will not damage the roots of the mature tree on the roadside boundaries. ACTION: PCM;**
- iii) If WCC confirm this pathing is acceptable the PCM will arrange a site meeting with resin path suppliers to obtain quotations. ACTION: PCM;**
- iv) If WCC feel resin paths would not be suitable the PCM will refer this item back to Council for further consideration. ACTION: PCM;**
- v) PCM will obtain a quote from Rob Edwards to level all the sunken graves in the Cemetery ASAP and seed over with grass seed in the time slot before Winter. ACTION: PCM.**

21.221 Correspondence

21.221.1 WCC - Follow up to Landscape Character Assessment Presentation event: 11th August 2021. **Noted.**

21.221.2 HCC – confirmation that the Countryside Service has approval from the Secretary of State to extend the temporary closure of part of Curdridge Footpath 9, to enable works related to the local development to be carried out. **Noted.**

21.221.3 WCC - quick reminder that the 'Flourishing Communities' on-line survey <https://winchester.citizenspace.com/economy-and-arts/flourishing-communities> closes on Monday 20th September 2021. **Noted.**

21.221.4 Citizens Advice Winchester District – advising they are working on their Advice First Aid project (as part of Reaching People Together), which aims to expand the reach of support

in local communities by partnering with other organisations. They provide Advice First Aid training to our partner organisations' team members in order that they can offer immediate support and guidance in the community, as well as offering a clear referral pathway into Citizens Advice where more in-depth advice is required. They also continue to work with the partner organisations to gather feedback and offer ongoing support. **Noted.**

21.221.5 HCC - Water for Life – Hampshire programme update: stakeholder briefing. **Noted.**

21.221.6 Royal British Legion Industries – request for Council to consider supporting their charity and raise community awareness by purchasing and displaying a “Tommy”. RBLI provides stable, permanent employment for veterans and those with disabilities. As part of their employment, veterans produce the **Tommy**; a symbolic military figure that has become a nationally recognised symbol of Remembrance and military support.

Members discussed this and wanted to support the Royal Legion Industries and felt that parishioners would agree.

Resolved to purchase one male and one female Tommy with anchoring supports (if available) to be erected ASAP in a suitable location within Curdridge Parish Council's Cemetery (to fit in with the proposed new layout). ACTION: PCM.

21.222 To note the resignation of Cllr Debbie Caister and the display of the Notice of Casual Vacancy Arising and to approve a Co-Option Vacancy Notice being displayed on 27 September 2021 if no election is called

Members noted the actions undertaken by the PCM to date and the proposal to advertise the Co-Option Vacancy on 27 September if no objections were received. **ACTION: PCM.**

21.223 To consider request from members of the public for Council to write to HCC supporting their request for speed limit reduction and/or “Slow to 20 when the lights are showing” signs, to enable children to cross the road to school safely

Members discussed this matter and agreed that speed limits on Botley Road were dangerous (especially at the school). Although they would like to see reduced speed limits on Botley Road, HCC had advised it was very unlikely and therefore Members discussed a speed reduction during school commuting times.

Resolved that Council will write to HCC to support requests made to them for a speed reduction on Botley Road, but due to HCC confirming this is very unlikely alternatively that HCC erects signs stating “Slow to 20 when the lights are showing” on Botley Road (preferably prior to Chapel Lane incoming from Bishops Waltham and prior to Reading Room Lane incoming from Botley). NB: if HCC say they have no budget to do this Council could make a contribution. ACTION: PCM.

21.224 To note Parish Council Manager's Update Report (previously circulated to Members)

The PCM had delayed making the Parish Quay Licence Application until after the circulation of the newsletter to see if anyone wished to adopt this facility. Council has received only one enquiry from someone who does not wish to adopt ownership of the jetty. PCM will advise Harbour Master and the brewery that Council is applying for a Licence to remove the jetty.

ACTION: PCM.

21.225 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Wickham Road (between Reading Room Lane and Lockhams Road, (opposite side of the road to pavement) – Cllr Townsend reported that there is a car bumper on the verge to be removed.

ACTION: PCM.

Reading Room Play Area – Cllr Townsend made Cllr Burden (as a member of the Reading Room Charity) aware that some of the soft play area surface is lifting and curling and could be dangerous. Cllr Burden said he would report this to the Reading Room Charity.

Glebe Field (grazing) – Cllr Newton advised that the usual Shetland ponies would not be grazing Glebe Field this year and enquired whether anyone knew of anyone with small ponies

or a small amount of sheep to graze the field. Members would have a think about this and Cllr Newton would continue to liaise with local animal owners.

WCC requests to identify property locations for planning enforcement cases – Members were keen to establish whether HCC Highways and WCC Planning Enforcement use “What Three Words”, if not, Council will request them to adopt this service (as the emergency services have). **ACTION: PCM.**

CPC Health & Safety Site Visits – H&S site visits had taken place; PCM to circulate Minutes in due course and this item will be placed on the next. **ACTION: PCM.**

21.226 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

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

Enforcement cases were discussed. **ACTION: PCM.**

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.15 PM.