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MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2022 IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM CURDRIDGE

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Paul Haskins

Cllr Lynne Newton

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager – PCM)

8 members of the public

Public Session

22.266 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Jonathan Carkeet, Cllr Philip Hedger and Cllr Sian Townsend, as well as from the County and District Councillors.

22.267 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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

Hampshire County Councillor, Hugh Lumby had provided the following written report:

Five Oaks Quarry - planning permission for the proposed quarry at Five Oaks Farm, between Waltham Chase and Shedfield, has been unanimously refused by Hampshire County Council's regulatory committee (its planning committee). If consent had been granted, it would have had a major impact on our road network across the area as well as other adverse consequences. It now remains to be seen whether the developer will seek to appeal the rejection.

County Deal update - negotiations are poised to take place with central Government on plans for a PanHampshire County Deal, with the aim of investing in Hampshire's economy and improving the lives of all residents and communities across the area - by bringing decisions and powers closer to people and places in the region. Devolution proposals are now ready for formal negotiations with central Government, to secure the best possible deal for residents, businesses and communities across the whole Pan-Hampshire area, (covering Hampshire County Council, Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils, the 11 district and borough councils within the County Council administrative area, Isle of Wight Council and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council). The combined prospectus can be viewed at <https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/documents/s100275/Pan-Hampshire%20Deal%20Prospectus%202022.pdf>

Support for warm winter hubs - Communities across Hampshire are being invited to apply to Hampshire County Council for support from the Leader's Community Grants Scheme in order to create a network of warm hubs this winter. Voluntary and community organisations, including parish and town councils, can apply for a grant of up to £5,000 to develop and host warm hubs where people can gather together. This might be in the form of a regular coffee

morning or the provision of a shared activity; creative ideas and concepts that will deliver support especially to our most vulnerable residents are particularly welcome. Information can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/leaders-community-grants>. Additional funding is also available to community groups from the Adult Services' Local Solutions Grant fund to support local people maintain their independence. This includes assistance to organisations offering finance and money management support to those unable to easily access existing services, as well as for groups undertaking projects to help vulnerable people by reducing social isolation and loneliness. Details can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/local-solutions-grants/localsolutions-grant>

National Census Data - about the population in your local area can now be viewed readily on census maps published by the Office for National Statistics, search for details at <https://www.ons.gov.uk/census/maps>.

Roads Hampshire Highways' commitment to reduce carbon emissions and mitigate against the impact of climate change achieved national industry recognition last month. Its Carbon Strategy, which aligns with the County Council's ambition to be carbon neutral by 2050, won the Environmental Sustainability Award as well as the Special Merit Award in this year's Highways Industry Awards. The Special Merit Award is a particular achievement in that it is selected by its peers in the industry. Last month 7,456 square metres of carriageway were resurfaced across the county, with 20,737 gullies and other drainage cleared, 6,535 potholes and other defects repaired and 5,489 square metres of footway repaired or resurfaced. It is now prepared for the wetter and colder months ahead, with crews on standby 24/7, ready to salt the roads in snow and icy conditions, as well as deal with the impacts of high winds, heavy rain and flooding, such as those recently seen.

Police & Crime Commissioner - Donna Jones, Hampshire's Police and Crime Commissioner has launched her annual precept consultation on council tax contributions to policing. The survey is online and will run from 31 Oct to 4 Dec. This survey is to gather views on whether she should increase the level of council tax in support of policing, continuing investment in Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary. The survey can be found at <https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/consultations/precept-consultation> The Commissioner has also published her annual report for 2021/22, providing an overview of the Commissioner's activities and key successes from when she took post in May 2021. It covers the recruitment of nearly 600 new police officers, extra funding for the region to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB), domestic abuse and bespoke support for victims of sexual violence. It can be seen at <https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2022/10/Annual-Report-2022.pdf>.

Councillor Hugh Lumby, Meon Valley Division

District Councillors, Cllr Achwal, Cllr Fern and Cllr Small gave a written report:

Community Governance Review Consultation

A report regarding the results of the Community Governance review held in October by Winchester City Council (WCC) will be go to the WCC Licensing and Regulation committee on 7th December 2022.

WCC meetings for November 2022 (all meetings are at 1830 and held at Winchester Guildhall, unless otherwise stated)

Winchester Town Forum Wednesday 9th

Audit & Governance committee Thursday 10th

North Whiteley Forum Monday 14th @ 1800 hrs online meeting

Cabinet Tuesday 15th 0930

Planning committee 16th CANCELLED due to lack of business

Scrutiny Committee Wednesday 23rd

Business and Housing Tuesday 29th

All the above committee meetings along with their agendas can be found on the WCC website (www.Winchester.gov.uk), members of the public can attend/listen to the meetings, if you wish to speak you need to register 3 working days before the meeting takes place. All meetings are audio streamed live and the link is on the WCC website, after the meeting is held they are uploaded onto BBC iPlayer.

Shedfield Quarry Update - Planning permission was **refused** by the Hampshire County Council (HCC) regulatory committee in October for TJ Transport to build a sand quarry at Five Oaks Farm, Shedfield. Thanks go to all the Parish Councils (including Curdridge), especially Shedfield Parish Council and all the residents who sent in their objections to this application. Cllrs Achwal and Lumby gave a deputation at the Regulatory Committee meeting objecting to the proposal.

WCC Update Public consultation on Winchester District Local Plan - The Local Plan is the long-term plan for the Winchester District until 2039, outside the South Downs National Park. The Local Plan addresses a range of matters: the climate emergency, the highest standards possible for environmental design for homes and for commercial development, affordable housing, low carbon methods of transport and the natural and historic environment. The consultation opened on **2nd November and closes on 14th Dec 2022**. A **public event** is being held at the **Bishops' Waltham - Friday 18th November 1430 to 1900**. Further information can be found at: www.localplan.Winchester.gov.uk

WCC Shared ownership development in North Whiteley - A new affordable housing scheme in North Whiteley. The development, named Cobbett Gardens, has 27 Shared Ownership properties, ranging between two, three and four bedrooms each. The scheme is part of the council's larger development plans for North Whiteley. Each home will be certified by the Association for Environment Conscious Building (AECB), to ensure they are environmentally friendly and cost efficient with high levels of insulation and the capability to retain heat for longer during the colder months. The first homes will be ready in late November and early December 2022, with the rest to follow in phases over the next year. View more details on the website <https://cobbettgardens.com/>

Whiteley Bus service update - HCC have announced that the extension to the service 28/28A will commence on 8th January, The Consortium has confirmed that temporary stops will be in place by this date. The service is being extended from Whiteley Tesco to North Whiteley with peak journeys continuing to Botley Rail Station. The link to Botley Station by a small re-route via Curdridge using Reading Room Lane. The Monday to Friday frequency is increased from two hourly to hourly with an earlier start and later finish. A Saturday service is added to North Whiteley, hourly AM and two hourly PM. The service will be rerouted in Park Gate to use Bridge Road and Station Road instead of Botley Road to serve Park Gate Shops.

Curdridge update - 1. Sovereign Healthcare GP surgery – Cllr Achwal and Small had a meeting earlier this month to discuss issues raised by residents.
2. Botley Road/Whiteley Way – a number of accidents have happened at this junction, Cllr Achwal meet with Hampshire County Council (HCC) Highway engineers and a camera has been put in place to monitor the traffic lights for a few weeks to see why accidents are happening.
3. School Bus – Cllr Small has been monitoring the School bus service to Swanmore school, as a number of times the bus doesn't have enough capacity and children are standing on the bus. HCC have agreed to re-tender the bus service next spring.

Please don't hesitate to contact us should you need any further details or have any issues that need following up.

Councillors Achwal, Fern and Small

22.269 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 3 November 2022

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

22.270.1 Planning Application to Vary Condition 2 and Remove Condition 3 Planning Permission 22/00502/FUL The Cricketers Public House, Curdridge Lane, Curdridge, Southampton - 1. **Vary condition 2** - to allow opening hours for the Pavilion Barn from 12.00 - 22.00 Mon - Sat.; 12.00 - 20.00 Sun. 2. **Remove condition 3** - the removal of this condition which will allow events without the need for a Temporary Events Notice. The condition as currently worded is unlawful and *ultravires* and conflicts with National Planning Guidance regarding the use of planning conditions. As you will see this is supported by the Licensing Department at Winchester City Council.

The PCM updated that Winchester City Council had withdrawn this application as they were awaiting further supporting documentation to enable the application to go live.

8 members of the public were in attendance. Six were direct neighbours who are concerned about the noise associated with the new outdoor pizza facility, as the pub landlords were not complying with the planning condition relating to the hours of operation (and neighbours had obtained photographic evidence demonstrating its use outside of the permitted hours on several occasions). They are also concerned about Curdridge Lane being very dangerous when pub patrons park along one side of the road near to junctions. Two residents live further away, but are also concerned about Curdridge Lane being dangerous.

Members thanked residents for attending the meeting and said that their comments would be noted by Council when responding to this planning application when the consultation does go live. Members also recommended that neighbours should meet with the pub landlords to discuss their concerns.

Cllr Haskins proposed that Council should write to the pub landlords to advise that neighbours have raised concerns about the noise associated with the outdoor pizza facility and the pub's non-compliance with the planning condition setting out the hours of use and the fact that Curdridge Lane is regularly being made hazardous by pub patrons parking along the side of the road. Council should ask the pub landlords to update on how they are engaging with neighbours to try to overcome these issues.

ACTION: PCM.

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

22.271.1 Land At Reading Room Lane Curdridge Hampshire SO32 2HE - Proposed Detached Barn. Case Officer: Jordan Wiseman. Case No: 22/01594/FUL. **PERMITTED. Noted.**

22.272 Finance

22.272.1 To approve Finance Report dated 17 November 2022 and cheque signing & payments.

Resolved to approve the Finance Report of 17 November and cheque signing and payments. ACTION: PCM.

22.272.2 To consider budgeting requirements for 2023-2024 budget setting process.

Resolved that Members would consider budget setting items for the next meeting.

ACTION: ALL.

22.272.3 Allotment/Cemetery Tree Safety Inspection Reports – to consider quotation for recommended tree works from Shawyers.

The PCM advised that Shawyers (who had been the most competitive company recently) had provided a quotation for the recommended tree safety works. However, both Shawyers and Cllr Newton (Tree Warden) had raised concerns about one mature tree on Botley Road with damaged limbs and had recommended a climbing report, which would cost more, but Cllr Newton said could save costs in the future, as traffic lights are required for any works on these trees, so it would be good to do any work required for this tree at the same time (if necessary). The PCM advised she had instructed Shawyers to carry out an urgent tree climbing report, as Council has a duty to keep its trees safe.

Resolved:

- i) to instruct Shawyers to carry out the recommended tree safety works in accordance with their quote provided in the sum of £3101.20 plus VAT. ACTION: PCM;**
- ii) to ratify the PCM instructing Shawyers to carry out a tree climbing report for the damaged mature tree and provide a quotation for any tree works required. PCM to circulate any update/quote to Members for approval, as soon as the tree climbing report has been carried out. ACTION: PCM.**

22.272.4 Cricketers Pond – to consider recommendations/quotations from Delta Simons Ltd for soil/water testing.

This item was deferred until Cllr Carkeet is present. **ACTION: PCM.**

22.273 Correspondence

22.273.1 Winchester City Council - Parish Precepts 2023-24 Information. **Noted.**

22.273.2 Winchester City Council – Local Plan Drop In and Events Information. **Noted.**

22.273.3 CAB Winchester – thank you for grant donation. **Noted.**

22.273.4 WeCAN – November News. **Noted.**

22.273.5 Winchester District Assoc. of Local Councils – meeting update slides. **Noted.**

22.273.6 Hampshire County Council - Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan Partial Update - Draft Plan Consultation 8 November 2022 to 31 January 2023. **Noted.**

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

22.273.8 Hampshire ALC – Parish Consultations Update. **Noted.**

22.273.9 Action Hampshire – Invite to AGM. **Noted.**

22.273.10 Winchester City Council - applications for Coronation Party road closures are invited to begin now and they need to be submitted at least 12 weeks in advance so WCC can be confident of getting the legal process completed in time for the event, therefore the final date for submissions is Friday 3rd February 2023. Applications after this date will be accepted, but WCC cannot guarantee being able to process them in time. **Noted.**

22.274 To approve Schedule of Meeting Dates for 2023

Resolved to approve the Schedule of Meeting Dates as circulated. ACTION: PCM.

22.275 To note Parish Clerk’s Update Report (previously circulated to Members) Noted.

22.276 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

St Peters Church (burial plots) – Members asked the PCM to chase St Peters Church, as it has now been some time since their acknowledgement email. **ACTION: PCM.**

Glebe Field Grazing Licence – Cllr Newton requested the PCM to write to the current tenant and advise that the ponies now need to be removed as the field is starting to become very wet. **ACTION: PCM.**

LDC Planning Applications – Cllr Newton requested for it to be noted that she was very unhappy that Council had deviated from its usual stance to object to all LDC applications. She firmly believes that a new precedent has now been set that will make it extremely difficult for Council to object to other LDC applications in future.

WCC Parish Forum – Cllr Bodger had attended this meeting. Winchester City Council confirmed their Enforcement Department is now fully staffed.

22.277 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

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

There were no new cases arising.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.05 PM.