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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER 2020
VIA ONLINE ZOOM MEETING DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS
LOCKDOWN**

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)
Cllr Steve Wallin (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Larry Burden
Cllr Debbie Caister
Cllr Rory Kemp
Cllr Lynne Newton
Cllr Sian Townsend

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)
Cllr Roger Huxstep (County Councillor)
Cllr Vivian Achwal (District Councillor)
Cllr Roger Bentote (District Councillor)

Public Session

There were no matters arising.

20.254 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Caister who would be arriving late.

20.255 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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

Cllr Huxstep had circulated his report, which gave an update regarding Coronavirus and identified arrangements in case of severe weather conditions.

Cllr Achwal reported that WCC is currently introducing its new green waste bins and advised that the fly tipping at the top of Kitnocks Hill has now been removed. The District Councillors were disappointed that neighbouring towns had gone into Tier 3 under the new Coronavirus regulations.

20.257 To approve the Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 3 December 2020
Resolved to approve the Minutes of 3 December 2020 for signing. ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.

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

20.258.1 North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire - Reserved matters application for local equipped area for play (LEAP3). Case Officer: Simon Avery. Case No: 20/02566/REM.

Cllr Bodger introduced this item and advised the District Councillors present that he was not terribly happy to see the play area located in a position with no parking. This was noted.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT, but Council is disappointed to note the lack of parking at the location chosen for the play area. ACTION: PCM.

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

There were no new Planning Decisions notified in WCC's schedules of planning decisions received.

20.260 Finance

20.260.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 17 December 2020, cheque signing & payments.

Resolved to approve the Finance Report, cheque signing & payments. ACTION: PCM.

20.260.2 To note Curbridge Parish Council's Tax Base Figure for 2021-2022 (if available).

Cllr Bodger asked for a reminder of how the Tax Base Figure is calculated. The PCM confirmed that the Government website advises "A "tax base" is the number of Band D equivalent dwellings in a local authority area. To calculate the tax base for an area, the number of dwellings in each council tax band is adjusted to take account of any discounts, premiums, or exemptions. The resulting figure for each band is then multiplied by its proportion relative to Band D (from 6/9 for Band A to 18/9 for Band H) and the total across all eight bands is calculated. The tax base is used to determine the level of council tax an authority charges each dwelling."

Members noted the Tax Base figure of 817.11 for Curbridge.

20.260.3 To consider and approve the draft Finance Budget 2021-2022.

Members discussed the draft budget and budget setting notes previously circulated by the PCM. The PCM advised that she had updated the subscriptions to include HIWWT and had also updated the PAYE annual fee.

Cllr Townsend enquired whether the budget for the Cricketers Pond needed to be increased to sort out the highways flooding and possible pond pollution there. Members discussed this in detail and decided that the budget would not be increased this year, but Council would carry out water pollution testing of the pond with a reputable company (if this option did not prove too expensive). Cllr Huxstep recommended that Council contact HCC Highways to enquire who they would recommend (so that the professional opinion is taken on board). Members requested the PCM to contact HCC Highways for this information and to then obtain a quote from the company, in advance of requesting this survey. **ACTION: PCM.**

Resolved to approve the draft budget for 2021-2022 as drafted, with a precept figure of £55,190.00 (fifty five thousand, one hundred and ninety pounds) for 2021-2022. ACTION: PCM.

20.260.4 Allotment Recreation (steel storage shed) – to consider and approve quotations for concrete shed base.

The PCM advise that she had consulted 5 companies for quotations, one could not carry out this work, but had recommended a company who had not responded, one company was too busy, 2 companies were unable to do the work, as there is no electricity supply for their electric cement mixers, so only one company had quoted.

Members discussed the quotation provided and proposed specification and felt that the quote was competitive.

Resolved to instruct J Smith Construction Ltd to carry out this contract in the New Year. Members requested that the concrete base is built 1.5 metres from each boundary in the top right-hand corner of the Allotment Recreation (next to Allotments). ACTION: PCM.

20.261 Correspondence

20.261.1 Cllr Rob Humby, HCC – response to Council’s request for traffic calming measures in Wangfield Lane, advising that HCC will not be including Wangfield Lane in their safety programmes as it is very low risk compared to other areas within the county. However, they will continue to do traffic assessments and monitor this throughout the current development programme. **Noted; Council would await HCC’s update following their proposed traffic assessment in Spring 2021.**

20.261.2 The South West Energy Hub is pleased to have received an extension from BEIS to its Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF). This means that we can fund feasibility studies worth up to £40k looking at low carbon heat and power systems for buildings and stand-alone systems. Examples include heat pumps, solar panels, solar farms, biomass heating, wind turbines and hydro power. **Noted.**

Parish and Town Councils are eligible and have already been successful at applying for funding. Community focussed organisations, charities and social landlords are also eligible to apply. The remaining application deadlines are 14 December 2020, 15 March 2021, and 14 June 2021. Further details are available here: <https://www.swenergyhub.org.uk/energy-fund/>.

20.261.3 St Peter Church – thank you for grant donation. **Noted.**

20.261.4 Hampshire County Council’s – notifying of New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991 Permit Scheme report for 2019/20. **Noted.**

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/county-permit-scheme>.

20.261.5 South Western Railway – advising that FirstGroup has announced an agreement on the next steps for SWR, which moves them into negotiation with the Department for Transport on a new longer-term directly awarded management contract that will follow the end of the current ERMA in March 2021. The DfT have indicated that the new National Rail Contract would last to 1 April 2023 with the possibility to extend for a further 2 years. As per our agreement entering into the ERMA on 20 September this agreement was to be expected.

Noted.

20.261.6 Winchester City Council – advising that the minutes for North Whiteley Development Forum, Monday, 16th November 2020, 6.00 pm have just been published on their website.

Noted.

20.262 Allotment Recreation

20.262.1 Car Park – to consider HCC Highways’ request to store equipment in the top corner of the car park whilst they carry out repairs to the pavement in Botley Road.

Members discussed HCC’s request to use the car park area adjacent to the allotments on Botley Road as a temporarily compound area for a welfare unit and to store plant and materials.

Resolved that HCC can use the top right-hand corner of the car park (further from the entrance next to the road) if there is sufficient parking for other users. It was agreed that Council Newton would change the padlocks on the height barrier to a combination padlock at the start of February 2021, so that it is not necessary to give HCC’s contractors keys to open the height barrier. ACTION: CLLR NEWTON.

20.262.2 Allotment Recreation (water fountain) – to consider action required in response to Southern Water’s site inspection and water safety advice report (previously circulated to Members).

The PCM had circulated Southern Water’s Contravention Schedule in relation to the water fountain at the Allotment Recreation. Members discussed this report and the requirements.

Resolved that Members will run the water fountain on a regular basis when carrying out Speedwatch volunteering at the Allotment Recreation and will keep a schedule of dates that these inspections are carried out, which will eventually be stored in the steel storage shed once installed. Members requested the PCM to write to Southern Water to advise them of the proposed action. ACTION: SPEEDWATCH VOLUNTEER MEMBERS.

20.263 Cricketer Pond – to consider action required in response to Southern Water’s site inspection and water safety advice report (previously circulated to Members).

Southern Water had advised Council that the fitting works for the tap at the pond were very poor. The correct fittings had not been used and the location was very poor. These issues were cause for grave concern as when the tap is on pond water could wash back up the system and into domestic supplies. Members were very disappointed about this. Cllr Burden had spoken to a plumber who had advised that the required works to rectify this problem were quite significant. Members were not keen carry out these works at such short notice (given the deadline of 6 January 2021) and so discussed alternatives such as having the water supply to the pond cut off.

Resolved that Council will email Southern Water to advise that it has decided to cut off the water supply to the pond and enquiring of the best way to arrange for this to be done ASAP. ACTION: PCM.

20.264 To approve Schedule of Meeting Dates 2021

Resolved to approve the Schedule of Meeting Dates 2021 as drafted. ACTION: PCM.

20.265 To note Parish Council Manager’s Update Report (previously circulated to Members)

The PCM advised that she had also written to HCC Highways to enquire about the possibility of installing a new SLR ground socket on Botley Road (in the location highlighted by Councillor Newton and she had also inspected the repair works to the wooden jetty at the Parish Quay carried out by the landlord of the Horse and Jockey.

Members were grateful to the landlord of the Horse and Jockey for carrying out the repairs but discussed their concerns about the condition of the jetty and the increased repairs that were required.

Resolved that the PCM would write to the Harbour Board to obtain a quotation for a Licence to remove the jetty and would refer this item back to Council for formal consideration once this quotation is received. ACTION: PCM.

20.266 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

HCC (speed sign cleaning request) – the PCM has requested HCC to clean the signs; Members will monitor this, so that this can be chased up if no action is taken.

Wangfield Lane (large lorries) – Cllr Burden was disappointed that HCC did not intend to do a TRO, or any speed reduction measures in Wangfield Lane, as he had seen several large lorries using the lane in recent weeks.

Silverlake (screening) – Cllr Newton reported that the screening had still not be reinstated. Members requested the PCM to write to WCC to chase this. **ACTION: PCM.**

20.267 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

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

There were no new cases arising.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.36PM.