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

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Steve Wallin (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Lynne Newton

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

4 members of the public

Public Session

There were additional items raised.

22.38 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Haskins, Cllr Kemp and Cllr Townsend. Apologies had also been received from the County and District Councillors.

22.39 To receive Declarations of Interest

All Members (except Cllr Newton) declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 22.46, as they all live near to land submitted in the SHELAA.

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

Cllr Bentote gave a written District Council report:

Flytipping - Winchester City Council has successfully prosecuted a man who pleaded to three offences under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and has now been fined £3,430.

Residents have continued to play a vital role in spotting and reporting fly-tipping via the Your Winchester app and the council's customer service team. The council has continued with its roll-out of CCTV cameras at known 'hot spots' to deter would be fly tippers.

Residents Survey - Winchester City Council has appointed researchers M.E.L Research Ltd to carry out a doorstep survey of 1,600 residents across the district. This is to gain their opinion of the council and its services, the area where they live and what they think the council should focus on improving in the future. We will also be running a separate young persons' survey where people aged 18 to 24 will be interviewed in several locations around the district. The findings will be used to enable the council to better understand the evolving views and opinions of students and young professionals who live in the district. The fieldwork began on Monday 31 January and will run until 20 March 2022.

Waste and Recycling Centres - A lot of you have told us you're not keen on the tip booking system but others were more enthusiastic, so Hampshire County Council (HCC) have decided to retain the booking scheme for at least another six months, with a view to it becoming permanent. It does have advantages: no queuing, less idling so cleaner air, and time for the

operatives to help you with your queries. You can now book more than one visit a week, but it has to be in advance, and access for cyclists will continue.

Garden Waste - Significantly since the introduction of the bins, a record amount of garden waste has been collected across the district. All this waste is turned into garden compost that can be reused in gardens. If you did not use direct debit you will need to renew online or contact Winchester City Council's Customer Service Centre on 0300 300 0013

Five Oaks - It was good to read the detailed responses submitted by Shedfield Parish Council and other local residents who have the technical knowledge to seriously question the applicant's submission. There was also an outright statement by Winchester City Environment Protection Officer to refuse the application. We really do not want this quarrying and infilling.

Shedfield Equestrian Centre - One of the applications on this site for spreading waste has been withdrawn but is likely to be resubmitted with minor changes. Other enforcement issues are going ahead.

22.41 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 3 February 2022

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 3 February for signing. ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.

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

22.42.1 The Glen Gordon Road Curdridge SO32 2BE - Proposed single storey rear and side extension. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 21/03187/HOU.

Cllr Burden introduced this item. He knows the property owners and had been informed that the proposed extension is to enable the Applicants' son and his family to move into the house and the Applicants to move into the proposed annex.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

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

22.43.1 Fairthorne Grange Farm, Foxwood Botley Road Curbridge SO30 2HB - Construction of an equestrian "Sand School". Case Officer: Jordan Wiseman. Case No: 21/03028/FUL.

PERMITTED. Noted.

22.44 Finance

22.44.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 17 February 2022 and cheque signing & payments.

Resolved to approve the Finance Report dated 17 February. ACTION: PCM.

22.44.2 Allotment Recreation – to approve quotation for car park re-surfacing and to ratify County Councillor Grant Application for a contribution towards this project.

The PCM advised that she had made a Grant Application to HCC for the total net quotation for 20 tonnes of 20mm gravel to resurface the Allotment Recreation Car Park and had been advised that Council would achieve at least £250 of this and hopefully the full amount.

Members discussed this.

Resolved that:

- i) Council would purchase 20 tonnes of 20mm of gravel at a cost of £508 plus VAT whether or not grant funding was achieved from HCC;**
- ii) Cllr Burden will speak to a local contractor to obtain a quote from him to level out the gravel with his digger and some suitable dates that he could attend the car park to do this, so that delivery of the gravel can be co-ordinated;**
- iii) Once Council approves the digger contractors quote via email, the PCM will order the 20 tonnes of gravel, ensuring that it will be 20mm gravel and not 20/40mm gravel per the quotation and will notify Larry (or the contractor) of the proposed delivery date.**

22.44.3 Speed Limit Reminder Signs – to consider and approve quotations received to date.

Members discussed the quotations received.

Resolved that Council will:

- i) purchase a new 6m post at £93.31 for the new ground socket on Botley Road;
- ii) purchase a new solar panel for the Elancity SLR Sign UPDATE: put on hold due to the SLR being broken by the storm;
- iii) purchase a new Westcotec SLR Camera in accordance with the quotation obtained for £2,900 plus £580 to upgrade to lithium batteries and to include the Data Collection Unit at an additional cost of £350, together with one set of spare batteries (if not included in the quotation as this is not clear), 3 additional sets of brackets at £50 per set and one pack of combination padlocks at £29.95. Council would not order a solar panel for this SLR Camera at this time. **ACTION: PCM.**

22.45 Correspondence

22.45.1 WCC - have been contacted by Hampshire County Council informing of a request to name a new roundabout being constructed as part of the Botley By-pass Improvement Scheme. HCC have put forward two suggestions for names for the roundabout based on adjacent farms - **Sherecroft Roundabout** or **Pinkmead Roundabout**. Having undertaken a conflict check on these names it seems that either would be acceptable. However, as they do relate to nearby properties it may be appropriate to consult with the property owners to check they are happy for them to be considered. Alternatively, HCC have asked if you might have other suggestions for consideration.

Members discussed this.

Resolved that the PCM would respond to WCC to advise that Council would like to see the roundabout named Jenkyns Roundabout in view of the Jenkyns family history and involvement with this land.

22.45.2 HCC - NEW DATE - Parish and Town Council Event - 17 March 2022. The event will be held in Ashburton Hall at The Castle, Winchester from 18:10-20:00, with tea and coffee from 17:30 and we hope that you will be able to join us. Please RSVP to hcc.parishevent@hants.gov.uk by 23 February 2022 expressing whether attendance will be in person or online; including names of who will be attending. **Noted; PCM to send apologies and request meeting notes as this is the date of Council's meeting. ACTION: PCM.**

22.45.3 Hampshire Countryside Service – notification of road closure – road to be closed part of Footpath 10; no alternative route available; period of closure from 07.02.2022 until 02.08.2022 or until completion of the works, whichever is sooner. Reasonable facilities will be provided to allow access to adjacent premises while the work is being carried out. **Noted.**

22.45.4 Hampshire ALC Newsletter. **Noted.**

22.46 To consider SHELAA land submissions within Curdridge and finalise/approve Councils comments to Winchester City Council

Cllrs Bodger, Burden and Wallin had all declared a non-pecuniary interest, as they live near to land submitted.

Members of the public in attendance raised concerns about plot CU29 at the bottom of Gordon Road. They were concerned about the size of the proposed land submission and the additional traffic, pollution and health and safety issues development of this site would cause.

Cllr Bodger advised all those present that the SHELAA was designed to get information about land owners who might consider developing their land and did not reflect those that would be allowed to develop their land. He said that at least 90% of the properties put forward would not stand a chance of getting their land developed. He said although

Council's response would state that Council did not want any land developed within the parish, residents needed to be aware that Winchester City Council may permit some development to meet the high demand being placed on them, but this would thankfully be much lower density than that at North Whiteley.

Those present said that some facts were not correct with regard to site accesses, but it was felt this would be rectified if and when any Planning Applications were submitted.

Members strongly believed that with the new development within the parish at North Whiteley, the proposed development at Sherecroft and the Affordable Housing at Curdridge that the parish had absorbed as much development as it should have to for some time to come. Cllr Bodger hoped this would be a sufficient argument, although he was concerned about the "PUSH" action group who are independent and will probably be supporting additional development, particularly to the North of North Whiteley which would destroy even more land.

Cllr Bodger advised that Council is preparing comments objecting to all of the land submissions within Curdridge parish, based on sustainability, protecting settlement gaps, safety and defending the openness of the parish (which would be more difficult to defend given precedents set).

Cllr Bodger advised that the Village Design Statement had been prepared by Council many years ago and would not be too influential in planning terms to support maintaining the character of the village.

Resolved that:

- i) Councillor Bodger will finalise Council's response and comments to Winchester City Council, incorporating the additional comments received from Members and from members of the public. ACTION: CLLR BODGER;**
- ii) Cllr Wallin would prepare some wording for the conclusion of Cllr Bodger's comments about why Council should not have to accept any further development of land within the parish than the recently permitted developments, or land currently being considered for development within the parish in the near future. ACTION: CLLR WALLIN;**
- iii) To enable Cllr Wallin to prepare his conclusion the PCM will write to WCC Planning Department to request planning statistics for:
 - a) The total number of houses approved (outline or final) within the North Whiteley Development that will actually fall within the parish of Curdridge;**
 - b) The number of new houses within the parish that have recently received permission and have not yet been built, e.g. Poplars Farm, Curdridge Lane & Home Farm, Reading Room Lane. ACTION: PCM.****

22.47 Parish Quay (wooden jetty removal) – to consider Council's proposed timescale for removing the wooden jetty and the proposed arrangements for doing this

Members discussed this. It was felt that it would be best to get a contractor to remove the jetty, as they could do this more quickly, safely and efficiently than a small Council Working Party.

Resolved that the PCM will invite Smith Construction and Botley Fencing (who had both proven to be the most competitive historically) to provide quotations, if this is something they feel able to do. ACTION: PCM.

22.48 To consider whether there are any suitable sites for an additional defibrillator within the parish, in addition to the Reading Room defibrillator

Members discussed this.

Resolved that Cllr Burden will liaise with the Cricketers Pub landlords to see if they would be amenable to having a defibrillator placed externally at the Cricketers Pub and providing the electricity supply, as well as monitoring it, with Council being responsible for the purchase and all future maintenance and upkeep costs of the defibrillator, subject to it remaining available to parish residents at all times in the future. ACTION: CLLR BURDEN.

22.49 To consider Curdridge representation on the North Whiteley Community Governance Review Advisory Group

This item was deferred.

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

Allotment Recreation (ditch infilling project) – it was agreed that the PCM would circulate an email to Members to arrange a site meeting when Cllr Burden returns from leave w/c 28 February. **ACTION: PCM.**

22.51 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Full Council Meeting 3 March 2022 – Cllrs Bodger and Wallin are unable to attend to Chair this meeting. Members requested the PCM to email Cllr Townsend to ensure she is able to do so.

ACTION: PCM.

Lockhams Road surface – Cllr Burden had walked Lockhams Road to check the road surface following the recent incident of a resident tripping and injuring themselves badly. He said that the road surface is extremely poor. The PCM advised that she is still awaiting hearing back from HCC Highways following reporting this incident.

Chapel Lane Junction (fatality floral tributes) – Members had received complaints about the flowers distracting drivers and now being dead. They requested the PCM to write to HCC Highways to request the removal of these. **ACTION: PCM.**

WDALC Meeting – Cllr Bodger advised that a presentation of the “20 is Plenty” review was given at this meeting. He said the representatives gave a very good speech and so should be able to put forward an excellent case. They had also confirmed that they were not seeking a blanket policy on roads where 20 mph was not appropriate and were looking to over-turn the rule of not permitting 30 mph where there are no street lights.

WDALC members also supported the re-introduction of the final update column in WCC enforcement update reports.

22.52 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

22.53 To receive WCC's update reports on Enforcement cases and decide upon any action required.

At the request of several residents Members requested the PCM to obtain an update regarding the removal of the Poplars Farm Stables and reinstating the woodland. **ACTION: PCM.**

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.51 PM.