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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 17 MARCH 2016
IN THE SCOUT HUT AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr K Bundell (Chairman)

Cllr E Bodger (Vice Chairman)

Cllr J Furby

Cllr R Kemp

Cllr L Newton

Cllr C Weaver

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Clerk)

Cllr R Humby

Cllr L Ruffell

Public Session

16.32.1 Botley Mills – several residents from Sherecroft Gdns attended to speak on this item. They had concerns regarding the Planning Application for additional parking, due to the historical disregard for planning rules in the past by Botley Mills and the fact that the woodland is a conservation area; they said approximately 30 trees had already been cut down. Winchester City Council (WCC) have advised that this planning application is being dealt with by Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC), as this area has been devolved to them by WCC. Residents advised that there are four reports supporting the planning application, regarding flooding etc, which all have factual inconsistencies, which have been reported to EBC by the residents. The residents advised that there has always been a 1.5 metre brick wall around the mill to protect it from flooding, but a large fence has now been erected around the whole site, on the pretence of protecting the river from illegal fishing. However, the Harbour Master (who has not been consulted about this planning application) has confirmed that it is legal to fish this river, as it is a tidal, salt water river.

Mr Duckworth reiterated the information contained in his email (see “Correspondence” below) regarding the X9 bus service. He also raised concerns regarding the excavation being carried out for the development of Broadlands, Chapel Lane. Cllr Ruffell advised that he would refer this to WCC Building Control to investigate.

16.26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Cross.

16.27 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Furby declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 16.31.2.

16.28 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting of 18 February 2016

The Minutes were approved, as drafted for signing. ACTION: CHAIR.

16.29 To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillor

Cllr Humby introduced Cllr Roger Huxstep, who is currently a local and city Councillor and will be standing for the Curdridge, Curbridge, Shedfield, Shirrell Heath and Whiteley area, when the new boundaries are introduced in May. Cllr Humby confirmed he himself would remain with Curdridge until the County boundaries change next year.

Cllr Humby confirmed that the Curdridge Lane/Lockhams Road junction road safety project has been revised as the first priority within Curdridge and will now be progressed. Cllr Humby will arrange a site meeting between Chris Evans (who will be tasked with this project), himself and Curdridge Parish Councillors to discuss the requirements. He also advised that he has progressed his project for a County wide road survey with Sam Clark the Senior Transport Planner and once EBC's Local Plan preferred option is known, she will start collating and collecting data on major road junctions, which will then be monitored each Autumn. This data will be significant for the Botley By-Pass.

Cllr Humby advised that the Hants & IOW Devolution process was progressing, but there were still issues to be dealt with, as to whether there will be a Treasury Mayor or not.

Cllr Ruffell advised that there would be an increase in WCC Council Tax this year, which was mainly due to the reduced income from the government revenue support grant, although he pointed out that there had been no increase in WCC Council Tax for the past six years. WCC are also awaiting funding from development, which is due to take place within the district. Cllr Bundell queried whether Cllrs Humby and Ruffell had suggested to WCC that they charge retrospective planning applications additional fees to bring additional revenue. They confirmed they had not, but would speak to officers.

Cllr Ruffell also advised of the legal requirement to have all dogs chipped in 2016; he advised of the free dog chipping session on 1 April from 10 am to 4 pm at the Mole Country Store in Winchester. The Clerk had already circulated notices to all parish notice boards.

16.30 Brief Presentation by Sally Wood Head Teacher Curdridge Primary School regarding Grant Application and miscellaneous school matters; together with decision regarding Grant Application for £350

Sally Wood introduced herself and Anne Young, a school Governor, who was also attending. She advised Members that she had been the Head Teacher of Curdridge Primary School for 9 years and felt the school was very unique, due to its setting and the local road network. The school has a capacity for 119 pupils; currently it has 110 pupils, with half coming from outside the catchment area, due to the size of the village.

Sally advised that the school is in a catch 22 situation, as most parents drive their children to school because they feel the roads are too dangerous to allow them to walk, but this means that road improvements (i.e. a patrol crossing on the main road) cannot be carried out, as there are not enough children walking. The school produced a transport plan six years ago, which involved Hampshire County Council and the police, but it had been felt that very little could be done to improve the situation, due to the inadequate number of children walking to school. However, HCC did fund the relocation and installation of two new school gates and the anti-slip road surface outside of the school to improve safety. At that time other options were considered, such as a "Walking Bus", but due to the requirement to cross the main road the adult to child ratio was too high to make this viable; they had also considered a traffic island on the main road, but the road was not wide enough and Park & Stride from the Reading Room, but this was not supported by the Reading Room Committee.

Cllr Humby confirmed that the main road crossing had also been considered as part of the road safety survey carried out with the Curdridge and Curbridge Residents Road Safety

Association and they had come up with the same obstacles. However, they had identified that increased signage might be considered if/when funding became available.

Sally then discuss the school's grant application and said that against all the odds, i.e. having a netball pitch that is far too small and which has a large tree in the middle of it, the school has an extremely successful netball team, which had taken part in the Omega Netball Club Tournament for the past two years and had won trophies. She advised that the team requires a uniform and hoped that the parish council would support them by providing grant funding. Council thanked Sally and Anne for their time.

It was resolved to give Curdridge Primary School grant funding in the sum of £350.00.

ACTION: CLERK.

16.31 Planning Applications received from Winchester City Council for decision/response

16.31.1 Harfield Farm Botley Road Curdridge Hampshire SO32 2DU – Proposal to use the existing access for accessing the whole of the property (currently it is mainly used for field access and fuel deliveries). Once confirmed we intend to slightly widen the access and trim the hedging to improve the visibility and ensure the lays exceed those in the original planning consent. (CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS LISTED BUILDING GRADE: II).

Cllr Weaver introduced this application and advised that it was Harfield Barn, not Harfield Farm, as listed in the planning application. The recommendation was to support this application.

Resolved TO SUPPORT this application. ACTION: CLERK.

16.31.2 Willowpool Lockhams Road Curdridge Southampton Hampshire SO32 2BD - (HOUSEHOLDER) Bay window and balcony. (THIS APPLICATION MAY AFFECT THE SETTING OF A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY). Case Officer: Planning Team. Case No: 16/00401/FUL.

Cllr Bundell introduced this application; part of the application was retrospective and part was not. Both he and Cllr Bodger could not identify any planning objections in relation to this application. Members discussed this application.

Resolved to RAISE NO OBJECTION, subject to WCC enforcing a continuation of the previous planning condition that the garage will not be allowed to be made into a separate dwelling and also that WCC investigates the fact that the Biodiversity Statement appears to be inaccurate, prior to making their decision, having regard to the mature trees in existence. ACTION: CLERK.

16.32 To consider planning application made to Eastleigh Borough Council

16.32.1 Botley Mill Botley Southampton – Alterations to existing parking and access arrangements including works to an existing lightwell to provide additional parking spaces (west of River Hamble), and change use of land to the east of the river to provide 36 no. additional parking spaces and amenity area, including provision of a new bridge over the river to provide access.

Members discussed the various matters raised by residents. Curdridge Parish Council had not been consulted regarding this planning application and therefore it was felt that Council needed to approach EBC to obtain copies and the plans and to establish whether an extension could be allowed for Council to consider this application on 7 April next. Members also requested the Clerk to establish from EBC the general rules with regard to planning and development in Conservation Areas. Members requested that WCC Planning be copied in on this email to EBC. ***ACTION: CLERK.***

16.33 Finance

16.33.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 17 March 2016, cheque signing & payments.

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

It was also agreed that the Clerk would ear-mark additional funds for copying/paper, due to the additional copying for the notice boards and meetings. **ACTION: CLERK.**

16.34 Affordable Housing

This item was deferred until the Planning, Highways and Licensing Committee Meeting on 7 April next. **ACTION: CLERK.**

16.35 Correspondence

16.35.1 Email Dominic Lawson Bespoke Planning Ltd – regarding land at the junction of Maddoxford Lane and Crows Nest Lane, Boorley Green update re plans to submit a significantly reduced planning application. **Noted; Clerk to request EBC to notify Council when this Planning Application is submitted. CLERK.**

16.35.2 Email from Roger Duckworth regarding X9 bus service - Maria West of Admin and Customer Service at Xelabus has confirmed to him that Xelabus do not intend to revert to the old route, as they consider Chapel Lane and Lockhams Road to be unsuitable for their buses, as they have suffered unacceptable levels of damage. **Noted; it was felt that the safety of pedestrians travelling to the Curdridge Lane bus stop would be improved by the proposed Curdridge Lane/Lockhams Road safety project.**

16.35.3 Email from Julian Higgins, Hampshire County Council regarding the conditions relating to applications to them for works involving Provision or Removal of Illuminated Street Furniture. **Noted.**

16.53.4 Email from Hampshire ALC to request any comments parish councils have in relation to devolution by 19 March next (with apologies for the delay in requesting this). **Noted; Clerk to advise Hampshire ALC that Council feels unable to comment, as there appears as yet to be no clear proposal. ACTION: CLERK.**

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

Allotment Recreation Fence Repair – Members were approached by allotment tenants who felt that the main gate post did not match the other gate post as it was not a substantial thickness. Members had inspected the fence and agreed. Council requested the Clerk to contact John Clements to advise of the concerns raised and to request a copy of Equestrian Fencing's invoice, as it was felt that Equestrian Fencing had not supplied the correct materials in accordance with the requirements. **ACTION: CLERK.**

Village Gates – Cllr Newton advised that she is still finalising the locations and will provide this information to the Clerk ASAP.

Toad signs – Cllr Furby advised the signs have not yet been reinstated. Members requested the Clerk to chase Darren Lewis once again. **ACTION: CLERK.**

16.37 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Parish Quay – Cllr Kemp advised that he is obtaining quotations for the suggested works, for consideration by Council and other funding bodies.

Blanket Tree Preservation Orders – Cllr Kemp had approached WCC to request that they put TPOs on all individual trees, rather than blanket TPOs on properties within Curdridge that have a large number of trees. WCC advised that this was not be possible, due to their limited staffing. Cllr Kemp had offered to meet with WCC to discuss this matter further to see whether he could help them with this.

Cllr Weaver requested the Clerk to write to HCC Highways again to request them to clean the dirty road sign outside of her property and to request them to also check the other signs around Curdridge. **ACTION: CLERK.**

Cllr Newton advised that a large bench had been stolen from a property near the Cricketers Pond during the daytime and advised people to be vigilant.

Cllr Furby advised that the litter pickers had carried out a large scale litter pick for the Clean for the Queen campaign. Council requested her to thank all of the litter pickers for their hard work, which was appreciated. **ACTION: CLLR FURBY.**

Cllr Bundell reported that the parish council website link to report highways faults was incorrect. The Clerk would liaise with Duncan to correct this ASAP. **ACTION: CLERK.**

Cllr Bundell had attended Hampshire ALC's Conference, which he felt had been a little repetitive. He had however felt the Hugo Fox offer of free website provision was worth investigating and the Clerk was consequently attending the free training session to establish the facts.

Cllr Bundell advised that Chief Inspector Taylor and Sgt Gilmore would be attending the Southern Parishes Meeting on 9 May 2016. If Members have any item they wish him to raise, please let him know.

Mirrors on public highways – Members requested the Clerk to write to Darren Lewis to establish what the legislation is with regard to people placing mirrors on the highway to assist them to exit from their drives, as Council had received complaints about the number of brightly coloured large mirrors appearing on the public highways/verges around Curdridge. **ACTION: CLERK.**

Members felt that CPC room bookings should be made earlier each year, to avoid the requirement to relocate meetings. The Clerk recommended that this could be done at the AGM (as is usual for parish councils). Members agreed. **ACTION: CLERK.**

16.38 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.

16.39 Planning Enforcement

Planning Enforcement was discussed.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.