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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER 2018
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM
CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)
Cllr Kevan Bundell
Cllr Debbie Caister (from item 18.146.5 onwards)
Cllr Rory Kemp
Cllr Lynne Newton
Cllr Sian Townsend

In attendance:

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

Public Session

There were no matters arising.

18.139 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Wallin. Cllr Caister was late due to another meeting.

18.140 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

18.141 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting of 13 September 2018

The Minutes of 13 September were approved, as drafted, for signing. **ACTION: CHAIR.**

18.142 To receive Planning Minutes 4 October 2018 – Noted.

18.143 To receive reports from the County Councillor, District Councillors and Hampshire Constabulary Representative (if applicable)

Cllrs Achwal and Bentote reported:

Parking problems at St Peters Close – residents had highlighted difficulties with parking in the close. It has taken over a year, but persistence has paid and parking access and manoeuvrability should be much easier when work is completed by early 2019.

Speeding - our frustrations with speed limits, lorries and junctions within Curdridge village were not assuaged by the meeting with HCC and we believe we must fight for a fair share of county finance and CIL money to be spent on projects supported by us and the parish council.

Broadband - equally frustrating is the absence of any information or progress in helping residents of Outlands Lane (and a few other nearby houses) achieve access to a decent broadband speed.

Cllr Huxstep reported:

Footpaths & Dogs. A ‘canny’ reminder, the worrying of livestock by dogs is a criminal offence contrary to the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953. Keep full control of your dog when out and about in the countryside – or you could face prosecution. “The worrying of livestock by dogs is a criminal offence. Owners of dogs need to be aware of the importance of being in full control when in the countryside and around livestock and wild animals. If an animal is injured or dies because of a dog attack, the animal’s owner has the right to seek compensation.

Infrastructure gets a £1m boost - Winchester City Council’s Cabinet has approved plans to make it easier for local groups to access Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding for schemes in their areas. CIL is a tool used by local authorities to help deliver infrastructure to support local areas. It is a planning charge that local authorities can impose on developments that create net additional floor space where the gross internal area of a new build is 100 square metres or more. At its meeting on 19th September, the Cabinet agreed to earmark £1m of CIL funding between 2019 and 2022. District councillors, parish councillors and other local groups will be able to apply for funding of between £10,000 and £200,000 for suitable projects that meet the spending guidelines set out in the Cabinet report.

Loan Sharks - Winchester City Council takes zero tolerance approach to loan sharks. Winchester City Council has pledged to help foster a zero-tolerance attitude to illegal money lending by signing up to an anti-loan shark charter.

Age Concern Hampshire, The Good Neighbours Network and Timebanking UK are set to receive £225,000 between them in adult social care grants to support people to live more independently in their communities

Let’s help Older Drivers to carry on Driving Safely for Longer. If you know an older driver, have contact with them regularly in your job, or are perhaps just concerned for a friend or relative who is still driving, then the Older Drivers Forum may be able to help. Hampshire is shown as having the highest number of older drivers outside London. The not-for-profit group is made up of experts in road safety from across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight – from representatives from the emergency services, to charities, local authorities and businesses specialising in keeping older people on the road. [Visit their website](https://olderdriversforum.com/) (https://olderdriversforum.com/) for more information.

Rubbish Monster Thing joins fight against waste - The Rubbish Monster Thing is the main character in a new book written and illustrated by Simon Chadwick, of Southampton. The picture book is aimed at infant school children to encourage them to think twice about waste. With the cost of dealing with all of the county’s waste now regularly topping the £100 million a year mark, [Hampshire County Council invited local communities and organisations to tell us about their ideas for helping people waste less](#), with grants available to help kick start or expand their projects. There is so much going on at a local level and the County Council wants to encourage those initiatives and inspire more. Simon was among those awarded a grant, which he has used to develop a book for children to help educate them about waste.

Don’t put off the flu vaccination - Hampshire County Council is urging people at increased risk from flu or who care for someone vulnerable to book their free flu vaccine as early as September.

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

18.144.1 6 Kitnocks Farm Cottage Outlands Lane Curdridge SO30 2HD - Single Storey conservatory and Juliet balcony on rear elevation. Case Officer: Liz Marsden. Case No: 18/02025/FUL.

Cllr Bundell introduced this application. This property had already achieved Planning Permission, but this application related to additions, which appear to be acceptable.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

18.145 Finance

18.145.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 18 October 2018, Quarterly Finance Report and cheque signing & payments.

Resolved to approve the Finance Report dated 18th October 2018, Quarterly Finance Report, cheque signing and payments. ACTION: PCM.

18.145.2 Radar Speed Limit Reminder Sign – to receive update and decide upon fitting/securing of new posts (held by Cllr Bodger) and to approve a contractor to carry out the relocation of the sign in accordance with Council's schedule.

The PCM advised that the Radar SLR machine order had been put on hold, until all the posts were fitted and secured, as the guarantee runs from the date of delivery. The supplier had advised that metal jubilee clips would also be required to fix the SLR machine to posts, which would cost approximately £100. **Members requested the PCM to order these. ACTION: PCM.**

The PCM also confirmed that Leylandii and Lawns would like to take on the SLR Machine Contract, in accordance with the contract and budget set. **PCM to instruct Leylandii and Lawns and advise of current position. ACTION: PCM.**

18.145.3 Village Gates – to consider request to have signs on all other incoming village gates reminding drivers to "Slow Down".

Members were pleased with the sign on Wangfield Lane.

Resolved to order 3 more signs, one for Curdridge Lane, one for Kitnocks Hill and one for Botley Road. ACTION: PCM.

18.145.4 Cricketers Pond - to ratify Council's decision to instruct Botley Fencing (who had the most competitive quote) to carry out the emergency repairs and improvements to the Cricketers Pond bench, safety fences & posts in the sum of £1,370.

Members were extremely pleased with the current work that had taken place.

Resolved to ratify that Botley Fencing had been awarded this contract in the sum of £1,370. It was noted there may be a small additional fee for the wood stain for the safety fencing around the bench (which was not quoted for). ACTION: PCM.

18.146 Correspondence

18.146.1 Hampshire Highways – advising that highways licensing fees are increasing. – **Noted.**

18.146.2 HCC - Hampshire County Permit Scheme (HCPS) Consultation update report. **Noted.**

18.146.3 Police and Crime Commissioner Road Safety Report. **Noted.**

18.146.4 Winchester City Council – notification of Winchester District Gypsy DPD Modifications Consultation. Modifications are published for consultation for 6 weeks from 8 October **until noon on 23 November 2018. Noted.**

18.146.5 HCC – email update regarding Council's request for improvements to the bus stops on Curdridge Lane (due to this bus stop having to remain here) and request for Council's opinion on recommendations proposed.

Members discussed HCC's email (previously circulated).

Resolved that:

- i) ***The PCM would respond to HCC to advise that Council supports their proposal to improve the hard-standings on both sides of the road to make it safer for pedestrians. ACTION: PCM;***
- ii) ***Cllr Townsend will liaise with the pub landlord to establish whether they would be prepared to allow HCC to use half a metre of their land next to the road to enable a hard-standing bus stop to be created. ACTION: CLLR TOWNSEND.***

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

Botley Station Road Flooding – Members understood that drainage could not be put alongside the road past the pub, due to heavy underground plant and utility services, but were not convinced that HCC's new proposal to divert water into the field would be successful, as this would cause flooding in the field, which could come back into the road. Members requested the PCM to write to HCC and advise that their preference would be for HCC to interrupt the water flow before the bridge and direct it (using pipework) between Botley Roofing's property and the railway cutting and down to Winterbourne Stream. **ACTION: PCM.**

Cemetery Improvements – the PCM advised that she had not received any quotes as yet and so would invite Botley Fencing to quote for the wooden edging next to the Yew trees and enquire whether they would like to quote for the renovation of the gravel path/edging and the alternative of moving the path over slightly to provide additional burial plots. Members also asked the PCM to request them to quote for the car park entrance sign to be concreted into the ground and for the swollen/jamming cemetery gate have a replacement latch fitted. **ACTION: PCM.**

Village Gates the PCM had tried to obtain more pickets to be used with the posts left over (on the basis that there may have been a shortfall delivered, but supplier advised they had sent more than had been paid for. The PCM advised that some of the finials on the pickets had been blown off during high winds (as they had not been stuck in). Members agreed that it may be a future consideration to make some gates have all flat pickets and some to have the triangular finials. Members discussed the damage to the Botley Road gate post; Cllr Bundell has the spare posts and said he would inspect the gate to see if a repair can easily be made. **ACTION: CLLR BUNDELL.**

18.148 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Reading Room Lane Junctions – Cllr Bundell advised that Mark Oaten and HCC had raised with Members in the past that yellow bollards had been intended to be fitted at the junctions with Botley Road and Wickham Road to highlight these concealed junctions. Members requested the PCM to write to HCC to recommend these to be installed. **ACTION: PCM.**

Horse & Jockey (Parish Quay/Wooden Jetty) improvements – Cllr Newton had discussed this with the new pub landlord. He would like to own the parish quay/wooden jetty (as it is attached to their land). Members requested this item to be on the next Agenda and for the temporary ear-marked budget to be reviewed as part of the item. **ACTION: PCM.**

Lockhams Rd/Chapel Ln Junction – Cllr Townsend had spoken to the owner of the verge on the Lockhams Rd/Chapel Lane corner to establish whether they would be happy for Council to put a mirror on a wooden post immediately alongside their fence. They have approved this. Members requested the PCM to obtain quotes for a green roadside mirror to be considered at the next Full Council Meeting. **ACTION: PCM.**

HCC Wheelie Bin "Slow Down Think Road Safety" stickers – Cllr Newton had some of these left over from the last tranche. Members would like to hand these out again to all residents in Lockhams Road and Curdridge Lane and asked the PCM to write to HCC to request some more of these for that purpose. **ACTION: PCM.**

Parish Council (visit to parish facilities) – Members noted that the new meeting is to take place on Wednesday, 14 November from 12 noon to 3 pm. Cllr Newton would pick Members and the PCM up in the minibus at locations to be agreed. **ACTION: ALL.**

Affordable Housing – Cllr Bundell had circulated his comments on the updated draft scheme. Members agreed with these comments and requested the PCM to notify Hastoe of these.

ACTION: PCM.

Proposed Sherecroft Development – Cllr Bundell requested all Members to keep in mind the CIL funding that would become available if this project proceeds. He said it is important to ensure these funds are spent within the parish. Members noted this.

North Whiteley Development – Cllr Bundell advised that he could not go to the forum meeting on 13 November.

Station Hill Waste Bin Removal – Cllr Bundell had spoken to Joanne Furby to advise of the reasons for the removal of the bin. She would inform Cllr Bundell if any further action was required.

Planning Application Visits – Cllr Kemp asked for the process to be clarified. It was agreed that the PCM would circulate all new Planning Applications received from WCC to all Members. If any Members feels they would like to visit any property they will advise all other Members by email and ensure a second Members joins them to visit. It was reiterated that no site visits should be carried out by any Member on their own.

DBS check for Councillors – Cllr Newton felt, in the light of the recent press articles associated with Busledon Parish Council's former Chairman, that it would be good for Council to consider DBS checks for Councillors and the PCM. Cllr Achwal advised that some Councils already do this to reassure their residents. PCM to add this item to the next Agenda.

ACTION: PCM.

WCC Planning Training – Cllr Bodger, Newton and Kemp had attended this training event and felt that it was extremely worthwhile. WCC used it as a form of consultation to enhance things that they are currently doing well and hoped to improve areas where they are not doing so well in the future. They are thinking of introducing a system whereby parish councils reporting enforcement cases will advise WCC how urgent each case is, so that they may prioritise them, due to current staff shortages. They will keep parishes updated.

18.149 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

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

Two new enforcement cases were discussed. **ACTION: PCM.**

The meeting closed at 9.29 pm.