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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2021
AS AN ONLINE ZOOM MEETING DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS
LOCKDOWN**

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Steve Wallin (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Rory Kemp

Cllr Lynne Newton

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

Cllr Jonathan Fern (District Councillor)

Public Session

21.41 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Debbie Caister and Cllr Sian Townsend. County and District Councillors Achwal, Bentote and Huxstep had also sent apologies, as they were attending another online meeting.

21.42 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

21.43 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 sent in many update reports regarding Covid-19, which were available on Hampshire County Council's website.

Cllr Fern was in attendance and briefly updated on Cllr Bentote's report:

Local Plan - although delayed by government proposing new planning laws, then doing a U turn WCC's Local Plan is out for discussion. Planning is always a divisive issue but here is a chance for everyone in the area to influence the way forward. Consultation opened on the plan on February 15th and runs until April 12th. Full details can be found on Winchester City Council's website. You can also register to attend one of four virtual information events. If you are unable to access the internet, please call 01962 848508 and copies of the proposals and a feedback form will be sent to you.

Sports and Leisure Centre in Winchester - is nearing completion and the Meadowside Centre in Whiteley is undergoing repair and improvement. Hopefully, they may be ready for the release from lockdown or very soon after.

WCC Garden Waste Service - all councillors are receiving calls or emails re the new garden waste collection service. It is still possible to buy a new bin and green bags of those who have paid but are yet to receive a bin will be collected.

Five Oaks Farm in Shedfield - the proposed removal of sand and infilling with waste at Five Oaks Farm in Shedfield is back in our sights as the developers have responded to further questions put to them by HCC following the initial consultation period. Another 90 pages to read and digest but if you have expert knowledge that might help the fight please respond to HCC or contact Shedfield Parish Council.

**21.44 To approve the Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 4 February 2021
*Resolved to approve the Minutes of 4 February for signing. ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.***

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

21.45.1 Grooms Cottage Outlands Lane Curdridge SO30 2HD - Rear single storey extension to create additional living accommodation. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 20/02873/HOU.

Members discussed this application.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT, subject to WCC verifying that the large increase in the size of the footprint is appropriate and acceptable. ACTION: PCM.

21.45.2 Home Farm Reading Room Lane Curdridge SO32 2HE - Construction of one dwelling, relocation of grooms flat within the barn and use of the original grooms flat for ancillary equestrian purposes. Case Officer: Rose Lister. Case No: 21/00042/FUL.

Members discussed this application.

Resolved TO OBJECT on the grounds that this application is for a further dwelling house to be built at Home Farm which will diminish the agricultural land available on site unacceptably. It should be noted that the proposed development is within the open landscape in Curdridge and will be highly visible from two main roads. Having regard to the relocation of the grooms flat, Council resolved DO NOT OBJECT, subject to WCC ensuring that the current groom's flat is no longer used as living accommodation and that business ties remain in place for the new groom's flat. ACTION: PCM

21.45.3 North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire – Reserved matters application for public open space in the northern part of the overall site. Case Officer: Simon Avery. Case No: 20/02859/REM.

Members discussed this application.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT; Council is extremely pleased about the creation of open space but is concerned about the lack of parking provision associated with this open space. ACTION: PCM.

21.45.4 North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire – Reserved matters submission for electricity substation. Case Officer: Simon Avery. Case No: 21/00288/REM.

Members discussed this application.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

21.45.5 The winning and working of up to 230,000 tonnes of soft sand with phased working and restoration through backfilling with up to 435,000 tonnes of clean inert waste/materials, associated internal access routes, plant and infrastructure at Five Oaks Farm, Winchester Road, Shedfield, SO32 2HS (Application No. 20/10483/HCS)(Ref. PLAN/AD/WR242) - - Following the submission of a planning 7 July 2020 to which an EIA applies, notice is hereby given that the further information has been provided to Hampshire County Council in respect of; air quality, noise and vibration, water environment, traffic and transport, archaeology, Ecology and Landscape and Visual.

The documents can be view on our web site on the link below and I also attach a copy.

<https://planning.hants.gov.uk/ApplicationDetails.aspx?RecNo=21282>

Please can we have your comments by 15 March 2021.

Members discussed this application.

Resolved TO OBJECT, on the grounds that Council has reviewed the updated application and cannot see any evidence to ameliorate previous concerns and objection:-

“TO OBJECT on the following grounds:

Council supports Cllr Bodger’s objection to HCC:

The application is described as “The winning and working of up to 230,000 tonnes of soft sand with phased working and restoration through backfilling with up to 435,000 tonnes of clean inert waste/materials, associated internal access routes, plant and infrastructure”. This makes it appear to be a mineral extraction application, whereas the details make it clear that this is actually an application for Landfill.

The plan is to remove 230,000 tonnes of soft sand, which has a density of between 1.555 (dry) and 1.905 (wet) according to https://www.engineeringtoolbox.com/dirt-mud-densities-d_1727.html If we choose the dry estimate to maximize volume, that would involve removing just under 150,000 cubic metres of sand (in reality, it will be wet, and could occupy as little as 121,000 cubic metres).

However, Section 1.0 of the Supporting Statement talks about “infilling of the extracted void with approximately 230,000m³” – more than 50% in excess of the volume extracted. This void is expected to take 435,000 tonnes, which would require a density of 2.9, much greater than the density of solid limestone! Even on their unrealistically high estimate of volume, the void could take 435,000 tonnes only if the density were 1.89 – much higher than the reference values of 1.25 for dirt and under 1.76 for clay.

It therefore appears that the amount of landfill proposed is far in excess of the volume of sand to be extracted, and this proposal needs to be evaluated as a landfill application rather than straight mineral extraction with restoration.

A further inaccuracy in the application is the assertion that the site is not close to highways. In fact, it interferes with Shedfield Footpaths 3 and 4.

It is clear from the maps that the workings are very close to several residences, and that the site discharges on to the Wickham-Winchester road close to the seriously compromised junction with the A334 Botley-Shedfield Road (eastbound queues already stretch back beyond Church Lane at peak times and can only get worse as North Whiteley’s 3500 homes are occupied). The route to the M27 passes through the constricted section of road just west of Wickham Square.

If the Council is minded to permit this application, please limit the volume of “backfill” to the actual volume extracted, with a condition that the restored land shall be no higher than the land height before extraction. GPS measurements can be used to enforce this condition, which should include a significant fee for any additional volume of material dumped on the site.”

further object on the following grounds:

Need

There is no clear need for a new unallocated soft sand quarry in Hampshire. The focus for Hampshire County Council should be the delivery of their preferred new quarry site at Purple Haze, nr Ringwood.

The proposal at Five Oaks Farm **does not accord with Policy 20** of the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan.

Noise

Analysis has shown that the applicant’s noise impact assessment is substantially flawed. The baseline data is not robust, it does not adequately assess all receptors, and the level of noise impact has been understated.

The development would cause an unacceptable noise impact which is **contrary to Policy 10** of the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan.

Dust

The applicant's air quality assessment is unreliable and the level of dust impact on residents and users of the public rights of way network from the extraction, screening, and transportation processes has been underestimated.

The development would cause an unacceptable impact on air quality which is **contrary to Policy 10** of the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan.

Curdrige parishioners make use of footpaths through and adjacent to the site. During high winds, Curdrige Parish is likely to be polluted by dust blown from the site.

Traffic

Curdrige Parish Council is not convinced that HGV traffic will adhere to any conditions stipulating travel routes to and from this site, as it has first-hand knowledge that HGV lorries do not always follow their specified routes. On local developments within and adjacent to the parish. HGV drivers have blatantly ignored specified routes when leaving development sites, and a lorry severely damaged a railway bridge on a route it was not supposed to be using – the railway bridge has now had to be removed.

Even if HGV drivers do follow specified routes, Members are confident that the additional traffic on Winchester road will further extend the queues for drivers travelling east on the A334.

These queues frequently extend beyond Church Lane and could back up into Curdrige. This junction constrains the main route for Curdrige parishioners travelling to Portsmouth and Fareham, and to the M27 eastbound.

The resultant additional journey times will have added to travellers' costs and increase pollution of properties beside the A334.

The poor visibility at the site entrance on a 50mph road means it is clearly unsafe and unsuitable for the large number of HGVs that would have to regularly enter and exit the site.

The development would have a significant effect on highways safety and is therefore **contrary to Policy 12** of the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan.

Ecology

The full ecological value of the site has not been properly assessed by the applicant. The site is populated by protected species such as bats and reptiles which would be impacted by the proposals.

The development would therefore have a significant effect on protected habitats and species and is **contrary to Policy 3** of the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan.

Contamination

The applicant has not fully assessed the *impact* of the proposed works on the water environment, including the potential for mobilising contaminants from the old landfill on the site into the local watercourses. These watercourses are part of the Hamble catchment, directly affecting Curdrige Parish.

The development would release emissions to water including the migration of contaminants.

This is **contrary to Policy 10** of the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan.

Contaminated water from this site entering the River Hamble could cause widespread pollution.

Public Footpaths

The proposals require diversions of rights of way, with impact on users of footpaths 3 and 4.

Walkers, including Curdrige parishioners, will be subjected to noise, dust and the potential to inhale contaminants. The application accepts that there may be contamination on the site.

Any degradation of the quality of public footpaths is contrary to Hampshire's Walking strategy 2016."

ACTION: PCM.

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

21.46.1 Appeal to the Secretary of State against the decision of Eastleigh Borough Council to refuse full application F/19/85178 - Land to the south of Maddoxford Lane and west of Westfield, Boorley Green. **Noted; Members requested that the PCM write to the Planning**

Inspectorate to confirm that Council's previous decision remains unchanged by the revisions.

ACTION: PCM.

21.46.2 Botley Bypass, Winchester Street, Botley, Hampshire SO30 2HA - Minor material amendment of the planning consents CS/17/81226 & 17/02023/HCS for the Botley Bypass scheme, to allow construction of an additional 1-metre-high acoustic fence between Holmesland Lane and Winchester Street, Botley. Case No: CX/21/89669. Permission granted. **Noted.**

21.47 Finance

21.47.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 18 February 2021, cheque signing & payments. **Resolved to approve the Finance Report, cheque signing and payments. ACTION: PCM.**

21.48 Correspondence

21.48.1 Winchester City Council – regarding working on climate change in your community? - If you are working in your community on climate change, you are invited to a zoom workshop to talk to other people and groups, share ideas, and have direct conversation with Winchester City Council about what you need them to do too. When? 7.30pm on Tuesday 23 February 2021 Where? Zoom online. Book by emailing events@winacc.org.uk with '23 February' in the subject. **Noted.**

21.48.2 Hampshire County Council and Isle of Wight Council - Connect4Communities Updated Briefing Pack. **Noted.**

21.48.3 Winchester City Council – requesting help to promote the Next Generation Winchester project which has been established to explore the challenges faced by younger people who may want to work and/or live in the Winchester District. The project will explore the options available for young people and families and provide an opportunity to influence housing policy, future house building and local housing options across the district.

They would like to engage with this group of younger people by inviting them to take part in a digital survey there will an opportunity to be entered into a draw to win £100 cash (T&C apply) the closing date for the survey is the 18 February 2021. **Noted.**

21.48.4 Winchester City Council – sending Local Plan Parish Briefing slides and advising that they would very much like to work with us to ensure our longer-term strategic plans for the district have been developed collaboratively with our community, businesses and organisations. We would really like your assistance with helping us to spread the word and we are therefore, writing to request your support and assistance in helping us to raise awareness about Winchester City Council's upcoming Local Plan consultation, which runs from 15 February to midnight on the 12 April 2021. Responding to the consultation and registration for events will be via the new Local Plan website www.localplan.winchester.gov.uk. **Noted; the Chair requested that the Local Plan Consultation item be placed on the next Agenda.**

ACTION: PCM.

21.48.5 Winchester City Council – notifying that the agenda for North Whiteley Development Forum, Thursday, 18th February 2021, 6.00 pm has just been published. Please be reminded: In order to manage the virtual meeting as efficiently as possible, for the majority of meetings, members and members of the public are required to give at least three clear working days prior notice of their wish to address the meeting. For example, if a meeting is held on a Wednesday at 6pm, the deadline for registering to speak would be 5pm on the Thursday the preceding week. Please note that for Full Council, Planning Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee hearings, different arrangements apply. The specific deadline date and time will be shown on the agenda front sheet for the meeting. Further information regarding speaking at the meeting is available on the following link: <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/councillors-committees/public-participation-at-meetings> To see the publicly available information, follow the link. Meeting venue: This meeting will be held virtually, and a live audio stream can be listened to via www.winchester.gov.uk. **Noted.**

21.48.6 Hamble Estuary Partnership – members update. **Noted.**

21.48.7 Curdridge Working Group – Affordable Housing Meeting Notes. **Noted; Cllr Bodger highlighted some points made in the notes.**

21.48.8 Southern Water – regarding preparing for Winter and notifying that they have information on their website at <https://www.southernwater.co.uk/help-advice/weather/prepare-for-winter>. They also post this information regularly on their social media. Customers can follow us on Twitter @SouthernWater and on Facebook.

In an emergency, customers can call us 24/7 on 0330 303 0368. Calls are charged at a local rate. **Noted.**

21.49 To note Parish Council Manager’s Update Report (previously circulated to Members) – Noted.

21.50 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Botley Road (flying tipping Hippo bag) – Cllr Newton advised Members of this fly tipping. PCM to arrange the removal of this fly tipping.

Highways matters – Cllr Kemp said the potholes had still not been repaired in Chapel Lane. The Chair recommended he report this again on HCC’s website. Cllr Kemp asked the PCM to email him a link, so that he can do this. **ACTION: PCM.**

21.51 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.

21.52 To receive an update on open Enforcement cases and decide upon any action required. There were no new matters arising.

The meeting closed at 8.07 pm.