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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 18 JULY 2019
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM
CURDRIDGE**

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)
Cllr Roger Huxstep (County Councillor)
Cllr Vivian Achwal (District Councillor)
Cllr Roger Bentote (District Councillor)
Cllr Jonathan Fern (District Councillor)
2 members of the public

Public Session

There were no matters arising.

19.87 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Debbie Caister and Cllr Sian Townsend. District Councillor Fern had also sent apologies.

19.88 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

19.89 To approve Minutes of Annual General Meeting on 27 June 2019

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 27 June 2019 for signing. ACTION: CHAIR.

19.90 To receive Planning Minutes – Meeting of 4 July 2019 cancelled. Noted.

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

Councillor Huxstep reported:

Climate Emergency - today, 18th July 2019, Hampshire County Council endorsed the decision by Cabinet on 17th June 2019 to Declare a 'Climate Emergency' in line with the action taken by many other councils and organisations in the UK and globally, and commits to develop an action plan to provide a meaningful and effective set of measures to ensure that Hampshire moves towards carbon neutrality and greater resilience to the effects of climate change.

In addition, the County Council calls upon the Cabinet, as part of its action planning process and reflecting the urgency of the need to address the Climate Emergency, to set an ambitious schedule of specific dates by which it will pledge to achieve carbon neutrality for the County

Council itself and work in partnership with others to seek carbon neutrality for the County as a whole.

Key Stage 2 SAT Results - provisional results show that Hampshire primary school children have again outperformed their peers nationally in their end of primary school assessments. Overall 68% of the children met the required standards for reading, writing and arithmetic compared with 65% nationally. Further details will be published in September by the Department of Education.

Hampshire Day - the first Hampshire Day was celebrated on Monday, 15th July, on the feast of St Swithun, the patron saint of Winchester cathedral and it didn't rain! It provides an annual opportunity for people across the county to share in celebrating Hampshire's rich history, its traditions and diverse culture. A special flag was commissioned for the occasion and it having been blessed by the Dean of Winchester Cathedral was hoisted in Castle Yard by the Lord-Lieutenant.

The District Councillors reported:

It is still early days for the new administration in Winchester and time is being used to thoroughly review projects and promote the climate emergency aims.

The Bar End Leisure Centre is going ahead but with some modifications to improve access, air quality etc. Central Winchester Regeneration and Station Approach are still under review.

The Winchester Movement Strategy and car parking are high on the agenda of both the above and other developments both within the city and in other towns.

The introduction of kerbside glass collection is set for this autumn. There may be some reduction in bottle banks.

North Whiteley is growing! Issues of noise and disturbance for Curbridge residents and those within Whiteley on Bluebell Way are being raised and hopefully rectified.

Rural councillors like us are urging more coordinated action by parishes on speeding and footpath maintenance. Surprise news that Reading Room Lane and Church Lane are to be resurfaced this month.

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

19.92.1 Bottings Industrial Estate Hillsons Road Curdridge SO30 2DY – Proposed side extension (including mezzanine) to existing commercial unit. Case Office: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 19/01340/FUL.

Members discussed this application.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

19.92.2 Little Heathers Outlands Lane Curdridge SO30 2HD – Proposed raising of roof to provide four new bedrooms. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 19/01214/HOU. Members discussed this application.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT, but Council would like to draw attention to the fact that concerns have been raised about the proximity of the proposed works to the neighbouring property/boundary. Members also have concerns that the velux windows will cause a loss of privacy to neighbouring properties. ACTION: PCM.

19.93 Finance

19.93.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 18 April 2019, quarterly report and cheque signing & payments.

The PCM advised Members that Lloyds Bank had confirmed the account variations had been completed.

Resolved to approve the Finance Report, quarterly report and cheque signing. ACTION: PCM.

19.94 To consider public request for Council to review decision to approve parking fees being imposed by the Horse & Jockey, subject to the brewery/landlord ensuring that all legal requirements are met; this is due to river users leaving cars, vans & trailers parked all day and parking not being available for pub patrons

Members discussed this matter.

Resolved that Council's decision would remain unchanged, as Council's land has an Exclusive Licence granted over it to the brewery and previous advice sought indicated that it is permissible for the brewery to introduce parking fees, as long as they follow the correct legal procedures. It was also agreed that Cllr Newton would chase Jason Scott to establish the outcome of the Harbour Board considering whether to take over ownership of the jetty to protect it for public use. ACTION: CLLR NEWTON.

19.95 Correspondence

19.95.1 Post Office (Postal Review Panel) – responding to Council's final stage elevated appeal (for the post box at the Plantation to be reinstated), advising that following additional review by managers that the decision remains the same and the post box will not be replaced, due to site being unsafe and at risk of future damage. Alternative Cricketers Pond verge site put forward by Council turned down due to lack of parking and footpaths.

Members discussed this response and were very disappointed; they requested the PCM to refer this complaint to the POSTRS (the Postal Redress Service), which is the final option open to Council. ACTION: PCM.

19.95.2 Reading Room Charity – confirming hire charge increases Billiard Room: First two hours £26.50 (up from £24) Billiard Room: Subsequent Hours £18 (up from £16) and sending new Hire Agreement for approving/signing. **Noted; approved and signed. ACTION: PCM.**

19.95.3 HCC - Operation Resilience will be undertaking Carriageway Resurfacing in Reading Room Lane, Curdridge. The works are programmed to start on 29th July 2019 and are expected to last for 1 day, during which time the road will be closed to vehicular traffic, between the hours of 07:00 – 18:00 hrs. **Noted.**

19.95.4 HCC - Operation Resilience will be undertaking Carriageway Resurfacing in Church Lane, Curdridge. The works are programmed to start on 29th July 2019 and are expected to last for 1 day, during which time the road will be closed to vehicular traffic, between the hours of 07:00 – 18:00 hrs. **Noted.**

19.96 Schedule of Meeting Dates – to review Schedule of Meeting Dates with a view to making all meetings Full Council Meetings, but with the first Thursday of the month remaining mostly for planning and urgent business (and still only being held when required) and the third Thursday of the month remaining for finance and business

Members discussed their reasoning for this decision was to enable Council to approve Minutes more promptly, as Planning Minutes can sometimes wait two months to be approved, if a planning meeting is cancelled. This would enable planning to be included on all Full Council Agendas and the Minutes to be approved at the next Full Council Meeting. Members felt that as the Planning, Highways & Licensing Committee consisted of all Parish Councillors that it was a good idea for all meetings to become Full Council Meetings, but with some provisos.

Resolved that:

- i) all parish council meetings will become Full Council Meetings;**

- ii) *the first meeting in each month (usually the first Thursday) will be primarily for Planning business and very urgent business matters (when strictly required), to enable these meetings still to be cancelled if/when there is insufficient planning business;*
- iii) *the second meeting in the month (usually the third Thursday) will remain mainly for general council business and financial matters, to ensure the current systems remain in place;*
- iv) *the Planning, Highways & Licensing Committee will remain in place to consider any planning matters that fall outside of Full Council Meetings;*
- v) *the PCM will revise the Planning, Highways & Licensing Committee Terms of Reference to accord with this decision and refer them back to the next Full Council Meeting for approval;*
- vi) *the PCM will alter the Schedule of Meetings (including the website) to clarify this position.*

ACTION: PCM.

19.97 Review of Planning Committee Terms of Reference

Cllr Bodger had attended a planning meeting at WCC; he had queried why parishes were not invited to review pre-planning applications; WCC advised that it was because of the confidential nature of parts of these discussions. He discussed Council regularly being consulted to give input into pre-planning applications by applicants and Members' concerns; WCC suggested including a clause in the Terms of Reference to enable Members to give pre-planning application input, without being committed to support the final planning application.

Resolved that:

- i) *item 19.96 revisions above will be incorporated into the Terms of Reference;*
- ii) *An additional clause will be added stating "The parish council is willing to discuss development proposals pre-application, but this does not negate the parish council's right to make negative comments when an application is received". ACTION: PCM.*

19.98 To note Parish Council Manager's Update Report (previously circulated to Members) - Noted.

19.99 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Highways (verge cutting in Curdridge) – Members and the public had noted that inappropriate machinery was being used to mow verges within the parish; mowers were being used to mow high verges meaning they leaning up on to the verge and only cutting half of it. This is also very dangerous. Members requested the PCM to write to HCC Highways to raise this complaint. **ACTION: PCM.**

Curdridge Rambling Group – Cllr Kemp advised he would like to set up a local rambling group (with input from Cllr Newton). Members felt this might be a good idea, but for safety purposes walks should be restricted to footpaths. Cllr Kemp would keep Council posted.

Poplars (informal footpath) – Cllr Newton advised that she had now been approached by over 30 people about the path closure and would be liaising with HCC Rights of Way.

North Whiteley Forum – Cllr Bodger advised members that Cllr Achwal had now become the Chair of this committee and had been very proactive in dealing with complaints regarding working hours on the sites. The forum had requested WCC to review the parking arrangements on these sites (before it was too late), as most houses had parking away from their housing, meaning that electric cars could not be charged. The forum had also reported that WCC had established that bat boxes weren't necessary on site.

WCC Enforcement Policy Focus Group – Cllr Bodger had attended this meeting where it had been agreed that the length of this policy should be reduced and decided that flow charts throughout would achieve this. There were also going to be clear guidelines included about the rate of urgency for various cases.

Botley Station (litter/water fountain) – the PCM has voluntarily been litter picking when displaying Agendas but the litter has become so bad that the task is now proving too much. Members briefly discussed Cllr Achwal’s suggestion that WCC might assist with the water fountain being reinstated, but they felt this was not achievable, as the water supply had been completely removed many years ago.

Affordable Housing – Cllr Bodger had visited the Wonston scheme, which was extremely good.

19.100 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

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

There were no new enforcement cases. Members requested the PCM to chase WCC for an Enforcement Cases Update Report, as they have not sent one for a long time. **ACTION: PCM.**