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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 19 JANUARY 2017
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM
CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr K Bundell (Chairman)
Cllr E Bodger (Vice Chairman)
Cllr C Cross
Cllr J Furby
Cllr R Kemp
Cllr L Newton
Cllr C Weaver

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Clerk)

Public Session

Roger Duckworth gave Council an update on the Broadlands Planning Application; he had spoken to the Planning Officer at WCC, who has advised it is referred to their Planning Committee with a recommendation to support, as there are no sufficient planning objections. However, Roger Duckworth believes he has sufficient planning objections and will raise these at WCC's Planning Committee Meeting; he will also send his objection notes to Curdridge Parish Council, so that Members may consider whether there are any significant planning objections to enable Council to also make a representation at WCC's Planning Committee Meeting. If so, the Clerk will then contact WCC to notify them a representative wishes to speak. **ACTION: MEMBERS/CLERK.**

Kevin Bull of Cricketers Pond spoke to confirm that he wished to apply for the current Parish Councillor vacancy. He advised Council that he has lived in the village for 3 years and is very keen to contribute to the community. He advised that he currently works full time running his own construction business, which requires him to also have management and employment skills. Although he is currently working full time, he is hoping to reduce his workload next year, which would enable him to contribute more time to this role in the future. Members thanked Kevin for his time and advised that a decision would be made under Exempt Business, following which Council would be in contact with him.

16.176 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Rob Humby, Cllr Vivian Achwal, Cllr Roger Bentote and Cllr Roger Huxstep.

16.177 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

16.178 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting of 21 December 2016

Resolved to approve the Minutes, as drafted, for signing. ACTION: CHAIR/CLERK.

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

The County and District Councillors were unable to be present, but had sent reports: Winchester City Council had welcomed a new Leader, Councillor Caroline Horrill and a new Chief Executive, Laura Taylor.

Annual Monitoring Report – the latest version published is available at www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/annual-monitoring-report.amr/.

Fly Tipping – WCC have made further prosecutions for fly tipping and have imposed significant fines on those prosecuted.

Winchester City Council's Strategy for 2017-2020 – a consultation has been opened, which they would like the public to take part in. Please take part in the consultation using link, www.winchester.citizenspace.com/policy/council-strategy/.

Halifax Quality of Life Survey – Winchester in Hampshire scooped the top spot, based on residents' health and life expectancy, employment and earnings and personal wellbeing.

Household Waste Recycling Centre Opening Hours – the introduction of the revised opening hours (to include Thursday closing) has now been put back to 1 October 2017, but charges have already been introduced. Details can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/waste-recycling/recyclingcentres.changes-waste-recycling-services.htm.

Mayor of Winchester's Charity Fundraising events – Saturday, 28 January – Quiz at Guildhall (teams of 8 £10 pp, to include nibbles); Wednesday, 22 February - Snowdrop Open Day at Down House, Itchen Abbas (£5 pp teas, soup, cakes); Friday, 24 March – Abbey House Wine Tasting; Saturday, 29 April – St Swithun's School the Winchester Cathedral Girls' Choir.

16.180 Horse & Jockey Public House/Parish Quay Parking Matters – to receive update and decide upon action (if applicable)

Members discussed the legal advice from Hampshire ALC's solicitor and WCC's Head of Legal (previously circulated by email), together with the advice received from the previous Clerk, Margaret Jones, who dealt with the transfer of land back to Curdridge Parish Council from the brewery.

Resolved that Councillor Kemp would speak to both Ian Small and the Landlord of the Horse & Jockey to confirm that following receipt of legal advice and Official Office Copy Entries, Council acknowledges that the current Licence (over the land owned by the Parish Council) was intended to be exclusive and therefore Council is unable to grant any further Licences. Council wished to continue this Licence in its current format as an exclusive Licence with an annual Licence (Easement) fee being paid to Council in the sum of 5 pence (which is kept minimal on the basis that the Horse & Jockey/brewery allow parking in their car park for members of the public gaining access to the Parish Quay and Curbridge Nature Reserve footpath). ACTION: COUNCILLOR KEMP/CLERK.

16.181 Planning Applications received from Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council for decision/response

16.181.1 Kitnocks House Wickham Road Curdridge SO32 2HG – Extension to existing residential care home. Case Officer: Liz Marsden. Case No: 16/03137/FUL.

Cllr Bundell advised that Kitnocks House currently housed 60 residents and the proposed extension would increase it to 85 residents. The extension would not be visible from the road, but may impact on traffic.

Resolved to SUPPORT this application, subject to WCC ensuring that increased traffic and highways safety are taken into account, with a view to placing a condition that the current entrance (which is on a blind bend and where a RTA occurred this week) is closed and the current exit (which is on a straighter part of the road) is revised to enable it to be used for both incoming and outgoing traffic. Council has also requested WCC (if minded to permit this application) to consider requesting HCC Highways to reduce the speed limit on this road, given the vast increase in residential population proposed. ACTION: CLERK.

16.181.2 Foster Yeoman Ltd, Station Hill, CURDRIDGE, SO30 2DN - Installation of a portable building at the entrance of the site. The building will be used to house the weighbridge office serving the rail fed asphalt depot. Case Officer: Judith Smallman. Case No: PLAN/JS/WR081. Councillor Bundell advised that this portable building was proposed to increase safety and help reduce queueing on site; it would not be visible from the road.

Resolved to SUPPORT this application. ACTION: CLERK.

16.182 River Hamble Harbour Authority notification of new Harbour Works Consent Application. Applicant - Fairport House, Lands End Road, Bursledon, SO31 8DN. Proposal - Proposed new berthing pontoon with elevated access jetty.

Members discussed this application.

Resolved TO OBJECT on the grounds that congestion of the river would be increased, which would adversely impact on visibility, public safety and the local wildlife. ACTION: CLERK.

16.183 Finance

16.183.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 19 January 2017, Quarterly Report and cheque signing & payments

Resolved to approve the Finance Report, Quarterly Report and cheque signing & payments. ACTION: MEMBERS/CLERK.

16.184 Cricketers Pond replacement base and bench – to receive update and decide upon action required

Members discussed options for the replacement of the Cricketers Pond concrete base (which is being compromised by water erosion) together with a replacement bench and the fence. The Clerk has obtained a rough estimate for a pile driven replacement concrete base of increased size, which Members felt might be too big.

Resolved that Cllrs Furby and Newton would have a site meeting with Kevin Bull to agree the size for the replacement base, following which the Clerk would obtain three quotations from qualified pile driving companies for steel pile driving and a steel base to enable wood or recycled plastic decking to be placed on top to create a surface (as it was felt this would look more rural than concrete). Quotes would also include providing 3 raised steel posts on the pond side to support a suitable safety barrier. If it is not possible to have just a steel frame, the Clerk will obtain quotes for the revised size concrete base, so that Members may then consider whether to incur the additional cost of covering this with decking or not. ACTION: CLLRS FURBY/NEWTON/CLERK.

16.185 Curdridge Lane/Lockhams Road Junction pavement (proposed pedestrian pathway) – to receive an update and quotes for various options and decide upon action required

A site meeting had been held between the Clerk, Cllr Newton & John Clements to discuss options for the proposed gravel path along the new verge from Hole Lane to Curdridge Lane. It was identified that the kerb stones had not been extended far enough towards Hole Lane and needed to extend a further 7 metres to provide safety for pedestrians. The proposed path would be 32 metres long and 1200 mm-1500 mm wide (45 metres square). The initial estimate sought was circulated to Members.

Resolved that:

- i) The Clerk would email WCC/HCC to see whether they would consider extending the kerb stones the additional 7 metres up to the Public Footpath sign in Hole Lane, if Curdridge Parish Council will pay for the gravel path (in accordance with the above specification) to be installed;**
- ii) Once WCC/HCC approve the proposed gravel path (and if they agree to extend the kerb stones), the Clerk will obtain three quotes (preferably from companies**

licensed to do highways work) for the 32 metre path, to be approximately 1000mm thick (750 mm below ground level), to include wooden edging boards, a double layer of good quality weed membrane on the base and 50 mm of scalpings covered with 50 mm of a suitable path gravel (not pea shingle) that can be adequately compacted to create a permeable semi-hard surface. Once a quote was approved, it was agreed this would be paid for from ear-marked road safety funds.

- iii) If WCC/HCC approve the gravel path, but are not prepared to incur the cost for extending the kerb stones 7 metres, the Clerk will request them to quote for this work on behalf of Council or to recommend licensed highways contractors. Council will then also consider paying for this work from ear-marked road safety funds. ACTION: CLERK.*

16.186 British Telecom Consultation – to receive update and decide upon further action (if applicable)

The Clerk and Cllr Bodger had previously circulated email correspondence relating to this matter. Members felt that the St Peters Close Phone Box was in a reasonable state of repair, but the Outlands Lane Phone Box was questionable.

Resolved to adopt only the St Peters Close BT Phone Box for the sum of £1, on the basis that the telephone service will be disconnected/removed, but the lighting will continue to be provided by BT. Council will then only be required to maintain the phone box. Clerk to write to WCC and BT to confirm/request this adoption. Once adoption is completed Council will consult the public via the Parish Magazine, to seek suggestions for how the phone box could be used and would then set a budget within the 2017-2018 budget setting process. ACTION: CLERK.

16.187 Correspondence

16.187.1 Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire – response to Council's request for maximum speed limits for Speedwatch locations to be increased back up to 40 mph (to enable Lockhams Road to be monitored). ***Noted; ongoing.***

16.187.2 Hampshire Association of Local Councils – Guidance regarding religion and belief law. ***Noted.***

16.188 To note Parish Clerk's Update Report (previously circulated to Members) – Noted.

16.189 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

D-Day Map Room at Southwick House – Cllr Newton requested Members to support the Leader of HCC and Southwick & Widley Parish Council's request to Historic England to change Southwick House's Grade II listing status, so that the Map Room be retained and protected at Southwick House, as the Ministry of Defence proposes selling Southwick House shortly.

Reading Room – Cllr Newton attended a funeral of a local villager this week, where several residents raised the fact that they would like to see the current Reading Room remain.

B3035 – it had been reported to Cllr Newton that Longacres Farm had made several deliveries to Mr Medways land that had left large amounts of debris on the road, causing a cyclist to nearly be thrown from his bike. Members requested the Clerk to report this to HCC Highways. **ACTION: CLERK.**

Footpath 3 (Frogmill) Sign – Cllr Bundell has agreed the location for the footpath sign and will put this up ASAP with Cllr Newton.

Flooding – Cllr Kemp advised that he has been liaising with residents living near the river about flooding issues (as CPC’s flooding representative) and they are happy with the current level of provision in the case of flooding.

Salt/Grit Bin at Cricketers – Cllr Furby reported that the bin has been knocked by a car and is now leaning onto the gas outlet. Clerk to report to HCC Highways. **ACTION: CLERK.**

Ian Small has indicated that he would like to erect a “concealed entrance” sign outside of his property. Cllr Bundell will provide the Clerk with his address, so that she can seek HCC’s permission for this (as a gesture of goodwill, given the circumstances). **ACTION: CLLR BUNDELL/CLERK.**

Parish Partnership – Cllr Bundell requested that all future Agendas/Minutes be circulated to all Councillors for information, so that they can notify Bishops Waltham PC directly, should they wish to attend any meetings.

Cricketers Pub “Finger Post” Road Sign – the Clerk updated Members that HCC no longer have this style of finger post to replace the stolen/missing post for “Botley” and would need to remove this sign to renovate it with newer finger posts. Members asked the Clerk to email HCC to request that they please do not renovate or replace this finger post, as it one of just a few left in the area. **ACTION: CLERK.**

North Whiteley – Cllr Bundell had arranged a meeting with Steve Tilbury and other representatives regarding the proposed lighting on the A3051 and intended to make Council’s case for no street lighting (or very low level street lighting). Cllr Bundell is also arranging a meeting regarding the reduction of the Station Hill speed limit (and proposed pedestrian crossing), at which he will also raise Council’s speed reduction requests for Lockhams Road, Whiteley Way to Kings Corner and Kitnocks Hill.

16.190 Parish Councillor Vacancy Co-Option – to receive applications (if applicable) and invite questions, to enable a decision to be made regarding the vacancy under Exempt Business

Kevin Bull had made his presentation in the Public Session, but had remained at the meeting as a learning opportunity. He now left the meeting.

16.191 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

16.192 Parish Councillor Vacancy Co-Option – to discuss applications received (if applicable) and decide upon action required

Members discussed and agreed that Kevin Bull would be an ideal candidate for the current Parish Councillor vacancy, as he had skills that would fill skills gaps within the council. Clerk to write to Kevin Bull confirming his application has been successful. **ACTION: CLERK.**

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

There were no matters arising.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.