

## Curdridge Parish Council

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### MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 8.00 PM ON THURSDAY 19 JANUARY 2023 IN THE MAIN HALL AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM CURDRIDGE

#### Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Jonathan Carkeet (arrived item 23.17.1)

Cllr Philip Hedger

Cllr Lynne Newton

#### In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

Cllr Anne Small (District Councillor)

30 members of the public

#### Public Session

Marianne Small queried whether Members were aware that Dorothy Finney had passed away, as she was well known and well respected within the parish. The Chair confirmed Members were aware of this, but he intended to formally report this in his report.

#### 23.13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Paul Haskins; Cllr Sian Townsend, County Councillor Hugh Lumby and District Councillor Vivian Achwal.

#### 23.14 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 23.15 To receive reports from the County Councillor, District Councillors and Hampshire Constabulary Representative, if applicable (usually given at the end of each month)

District Councillor, Anne Small had provided a written report:

“Report to Curdridge Parish Council – Thu 19th Jan 2023 from Winchester City Councillors Vivian Achwal, Jonathan Fern and Anne Small

**WCC meetings for January/February 2023** - Full Council 18th Jan 7pm; Audit & Governance 30th Jan 7.30pm; Licensing & Regulation 31st Jan – cancelled; Scrutiny Committee 7th Feb 6.30pm; North Whiteley Development Forum 16th Feb 6pm; Licensing and Regulation 21st Feb 6.30pm; Full Council 23rd Feb 7pm. All the above committee meetings along with their agendas can be found on the WCC website ([www.Winchester.gov.uk](http://www.Winchester.gov.uk)), members of the public can attend/listen to the meetings, if you wish to speak you need to register 3 working days before the meeting takes place. All meetings are audio streamed live and the link is on the WCC website, after the meeting is held they are uploaded onto BBC iPlayer.

**WCC Update Affordable Housing** Last month, Leader of the Council Cllr Tod and Deputy Leader Cllr Ferguson joined new affordable housing tenant James Redman to cut the ribbon on 12 new homes in North Whiteley. The houses are part of the council’s plan to support access to good quality affordable homes in the district that are highly energy efficient.

**Botley Bypass Eastern Section Works** In December, Councillors Achwal and Small met with the Hampshire Highways team in charge of the Botley bypass works which will run from the Pinkmead Junction to Winchester Road. Although the final plans are still being finalised, the

start date for construction is late summer 2023. The construction should take around 2 years in total to complete, however the bulk of this construction will be away from the current roads and should have minimum impact on traffic. The main area of impact for the local people will be the construction of the roundabout at the Pinkmead junction, however highways have ensured that this will not result in road closures although traffic light controls are to be expected for some of this time. The councillors also used the opportunity to request that the bus stop positioning is confirmed for the new route due to start operating on the 9th January 2023, which will provide service from North Whiteley to Botley Station. They also requested consideration of a safe place to cross from the caravan park/Railway Pub be made along with a possible reduction in speed prior to the railway bridge when travelling southwest towards Botley. The representatives from Highways have also been invited to the next North Whiteley forum to give an update to all members.

**North Whiteley Development Forum** We are pleased to announce that we have had authorisation to hold the next North Whiteley Forum in person, at Cornerstones School, Whiteley. We hope to see an increase in attendance. This meeting will also be available online. **Whiteley Bus Service** With the new bus route having started on the 9th January, the temporary bus stops are in place and ready to use. This bus service has been long been requested by town, city and county councillors at the North Whiteley Forum and we are pleased that this is now up and running! There are discussions ongoing regarding a possible extra stop in Curdrige, however it should be noted that the current timetable would only see a service at around 07:45, 16:45 & 19:20

**Jobs fair** Winchester are holding a Jobs & Opportunities Fair on Friday 24 February 2023 between 10am and 1pm at the Winchester Sport & Leisure Park. This is a great opportunity for people to promote an organisation, vacancies or opportunities. People can book a stall at the fair by emailing their interest to [ereason@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:ereason@winchester.gov.uk)

**King's Coronation Plans** With the Coronation of His Majesty The King taking place on Saturday 6th May next year, WCC are now inviting residents to submit applications for street party road closures. They are expecting a lot of applications so it advised that residents by 3rd February to ensure it's processed in time! For more information, and to find out how to apply, visit: [www.winchester.gov.uk/organising-an-event-in-winchester/special-event-road-closures](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/organising-an-event-in-winchester/special-event-road-closures)

**Money Saving Advice** Winchester are building a page full of tips and resources to help people save money on their energy bills this winter. Advice can be found at [www.winchester.gov.uk/energy-efficiency](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/energy-efficiency)."

**23.16 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 5 January 2023**  
***Resolved to approve the Minutes dated 5 January 2023. ACTION: PCM/CHAIR.***

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

**23.17.1** Land Opposite Lockhams Hill Lockhams Road Curdrige Hampshire - Erection of 4 detached dwellings (2 x 3 bedroom and 2 x 4 bedroom) with private amenity space, off-road parking, soft landscaping and associated works. Case Officer: Rose Chapman. Case No: 22/02618/FUL. **NB: deferred from meeting 5.1.23 – where 30 residents were in attendance 25 objected; 5 supported.**

The Chair updated that the Applicant has been liaising with Winchester City Council, who have advised him that further community consultation is required (having regard to the community support nature of this planning application), and the out of date Tree Report also needs to be updated before the application can proceed. Therefore, Council will need to defer the application until the planning application paperwork is finalised.

Thirty residents from Gordon Road (who objected to this application) were in attendance and felt that as Winchester City Council has not officially withdrawn the current planning application and it is on this Agenda that Council must consider it tonight, as it could possibly proceed in its current format. Marianne Small also argued that Council had not given the public three days' notice of the proposed deferral. The PCM felt this was not necessary. Members queried

whether Winchester City Council's Planning Officer had explicitly authorised this planning application being deferred; the PCM advised she had not. The Chair queried how this situation could be dealt with; the PCM advised her recommendation would be to advise Winchester City Council that it was not possible for Council to consider this application as the supporting evidence and documentation is either incomplete or out of date.

Residents were unhappy with this and felt that such a proposal would not address any of the concerns raised by them in their objections raised at the last Full Council Meeting on 5 January 2023 and sent to Winchester City Council. Residents were extremely unhappy that Winchester City Council has advised that only one objection or letter of support per household will be taken into consideration. Cllr Anne Small, a District Councillor was in attendance and very kindly offered to liaise with the Planning Officer at Winchester City Council to advise her of residents' concerns; she will report back to Council, so that Cllr Burden can update all residents via their residents' WhatsApp group (as all residents present confirmed they are in this WhatsApp group). The Chair asked the PCM to add this item to a future Agenda to update on WCC's response and discuss action required (if applicable). **ACTION: PCM.**

Members discussed the application and residents' concerns.

**Resolved that Council cannot support this application on the basis of the state of the application as it currently stands, with the lack of adequate community consultation and the lack of community support, as well as the out of date (Tree) Report(s). ACTION: PCM.**

**UPDATE: This Planning Application has since been withdrawn by the Applicant.**

**23.17.2** Buckswood Cottage Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire SO30 2HB – Proposed Erection of 2 x 5 Bedroom Detached Houses and a Detached Garage. Case Officer: Rose Chapman. Case No: 22/01940/FUL.

Members discussed this application and the environmental aspects associated with it.

**Resolved DO NOT OBJECT, subject to suitable mitigation measures being put in place for the points raised in the Landscape Officer's Report and a bat protection report and flood prevention report being produced and acceptable to the Planning Officer.**

**ACTION: PCM.**

**23.17.3** Rose Cottage Outlands Lane Curbridge Hampshire SO30 2HD - Erection of single storey rear extension and roof alterations including rear dormer window and associated works. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 22/02758/HOU.

Members discussed this application and believed it had no adverse impact on the street scene.

**Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.**

**23.17.4** North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire - Proposed temporary community building and temporary skills academy compound along with associated roads, car parking and infrastructure. Case Officer: Simon Avery. Case No: 22/02823/FUL.

**Resolved to MAKE NO COMMENT.**

## **23.18 Planning Decisions and Appeals notified by Winchester City Council/HCC - to be noted**

23.18.1 Oak Tree Cottage 5 Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire SO32 2DS - Proposed two storey side extension. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 22/02532/HOU.

**PERMITTED. Noted.**

## **23.19 Finance**

23.19.1 To approve Finance Report dated 19 January 2023, Quarterly Report and cheque signing & payments.

**Resolved to approve the Finance Report and Quarterly Report and cheque sign and payments. ACTION: PCM.**

23.19.2 Parish Council Communication & Forward Planning Strategy – to receive an update from working party and consider/approve Council Communication Strategy & Forward Planning Policy Document (previously circulated), together with an initial budget to be incorporated into the Schedule of Ear-Marked Funds.

Members discussed the documents previously circulated by Cllr Carkeet and the recommendation to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

**Resolved to approve the Communication and Forward Planning Strategy and agreed Members would discuss the amount of funds to be ear-marked for each element and whether to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan at the next Full Council Meeting. ACTION: PCM.**

23.19.3 To consider HCC Tree Planting Initiative and whether Council wishes to set aside funding to plant more trees on parish land.

Members discussed this and raised concerns about the number of trees planted by HCC in the area that have subsequently died due to the lack of watering.

**Resolved that Members will notify the PCM if they can think of any locations suitable for tree planting, where the permission of the landowner has been obtained and a suitable watering and tree maintenance plan can be put in place to ensure that the trees will survive. ACTION: ALL.**

23.19.4 Schedule of Ear-Marked Funds – to discuss and approve the revised Schedule of Ear-Marked Funds.

**Resolved to defer this item until the next Full Council Meeting on 2 February 2023. ACTION: PCM.**

**23.20 Reading Room Management – to receive an update and to discuss and approve a Council working party to assist with ascertaining relevant finance and grant funding availability and source information.**

The PCM has invited Jo White the Chair of Trustees to attend the next Full Council Meeting on 2 February 2023 to discuss this matter. Cllr Burden believed that Jo White had also been hoping to attend this meeting; he updated Members that a Trustees Meeting had taken place at which it had been decided not to do Curdridge Show this year, as the overheads are far too high (with marquees alone costing at least £6000 to hire) and there are no longer enough volunteers to manage the event safely. It has been decided to set up an Events Committee and do several smaller fund raising events throughout the year, with a Summer Fete and other events taking the place at the usual show. The Trustees have not yet been able to obtain legal advice with regard to the feasibility of transferring the Reading Room and/or Skinners Field to Council and have not yet obtained an up-to-date Full Structural Survey and provided Income & Expenditure figures to enable Council to consider this matter further. PCM to add this item to the next Agenda for update and to discuss setting up a Reading Room Management Working Party. **ACTION: PCM.**

### **23.21 Correspondence**

23.21.1 Letter from Mr George – regarding flooding from Cricketers Pond/Botley Road.

Members discussed Mr George letter to HCC and HCC response and did not believe the pond water levels (which are lower than Botley Road and Mr George's property) could cause flooding to his property. It had also been noted when inspecting the pond that Mr George is still pumping water onto the highway, which appears to be causing roadside puddles, which are icing over and could cause an accident.

**Resolved that the PCM will write to:**

- i) Mr George to advise that Council does not believe his property flooding is being caused by the parish council pond (which is at a lower level). ACTION: PCM.**
- ii) HCC Highways to advise that Mr George is still pumping water out of his property onto the highway which is causing large puddles at the side of the road, which are icing over and could cause a road accident. ACTION: PCM.**

23.21.2 HCC Newsletter. **Noted.**

23.21.3 WeCAN Newsletter. **Noted.**

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

The PCM advised Members that she had two or three actions still outstanding from the last Full Council Meeting (writing to Steve Tilbury, St Peters Church and WCC re Silverlake).

St Peters Church (burial plots) – Cllr Carkeet had managed to speak to the Vicar briefly.

Members discussed this item; it was agreed that the PCM would write to the church representatives requesting a site meeting between them and parish councillors prior to them attending a future Full Council Meeting to formally discuss this matter. **ACTION: PCM.**

Steve Tilbury (Local Plan advice) – it was agreed that Cllr Carkeet would telephone Steve Tilbury to discuss this item and would also seek advice regarding preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. **ACTION: CLLR CARKEET.**

Cricketers Pond (water testing and management) – Cllr Carkeet had identified two companies (South East Water Scientific Services and ALS Environmental) who are happy to send out self water testing kits. It was agreed he would obtain quotes from them to vastly reduce the cost.

**ACTION: CLLR CARKEET.**

### **23.23 To receive reports from Parish Councillors**

Dorothy Finney – Cllr Bodger formally reported that Dorothy Finney had sadly passed away.

Members were saddened by her passing and recognised the vast amount of community work Dorothy carried out. Members requested the PCM to write to her family to send condolences.

**ACTION: PCM.**

### **23.24 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

**23.25 To receive WCC's update reports on Enforcement cases (if applicable) and decide upon any action required.**

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.24 PM.**