

## Curdridge Parish Council

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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER 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  
Cllr Sian Townsend

### In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)  
3 members of the public

### Public Session

There were no matters arising.

### 19.208 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Debbie Caister.

### 19.209 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wallin declared an interest in item 19.212.2, as applicants are his next door neighbours.  
Cllr Burden declared an interest in item 19.212.2, as he is friends with both parties.

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

There were no further updates.

### 19.211 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting dated 4 December 2019

**Resolved to approve the Minutes of 4 December for signing. ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.**

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

19.212.1 Land Adjacent To South Winds Wickham Road Curdridge Hampshire - Application Reference Number: 18/01775/FUL Date of Decision: 19/12/2018

Variation of Condition 2: Substitution of drawing PETE001 with 19/18/03A.

Removal of Conditions 3, 4, 5 and 11: Additional Information Provided. Case Officer: Robert Green. Case No: 19/02590/FUL.

Members discussed this application.

**Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. However, Council wishes WCC to be aware that it still has reservations about the proposed access onto such a fast and busy road. ACTION: PCM.**

19.212.2 Land To Rear Of 5 Hillside Kitnocks Hill Curdridge Hampshire - Use of land as residential garden. Case Officer: Liz Marsden. Case No: 19/02468/FUL.

The applicant's planning consultant (Robert Tutton) introduced this item, in accordance with the Planning Application submitted to WCC.

Mr and Mrs Wallin (of 6 Hillside) objected to this Planning Application. They have instructed a Planning Consultant to submit their objection to WCC and feel the application is not accurate (application land is behind 6 Hillside; application should be part retrospective; inconsistencies in size of land/350% larger than LDC application; no reference to existing facilities and lighting already on site and the Right of Way is excluded from the plan). Their objection is on the basis they believe this application does not comply with planning policies MRTA4, DM17 & DM23.

They presented some photographs showing that the land is directly behind their property and the high level of lighting already being used on the land and requested Council to support their objection to WCC. They said WCC's Planning Officer should visit to see what is already in place on site and the location/dimensions. Robert Tutton confirmed that the Planning Officer has visited the site and regarding the lighting said it is not unusual for conditions to be imposed regarding lighting permitted.

Members discussed this application and were concerned that should this application be permitted it would set a bad precedent within the parish.

***Resolved that Council would DECLINE SUPPORTING THIS APPLICATION, as it is felt that if it were permitted it would set a bad precedent within the parish. If WCC is minded to permit this application Council requested that a condition be imposed limiting any lighting on the site to avoid visual intrusion onto neighbouring properties. Councillors Burden and Wallin abstained in conjunction with their declarations of interest. ACTION: PCM.***

19.212.3 Wangfield House Wangfield Lane Curdridge SO32 2DA - Annexe extension. Case Officer: Curtis Badley. Case No: 19/02472/HOU.

Members discussed this application.

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

19.212.4 Broadlands Chapel Lane Curdridge SO32 2BB - Timber-clad barn/store at bottom of rear garden (part-retrospective). Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 19/02287/HOU.

Members discussed this application.

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

19.212.5 Pinkmead Riding School Botley Road Curbridge SO30 2HA - RETROSPECTIVE Erection of flue and lean-to building (for use in conjunction with the installation of a bio-mass boiler). Case Officer: Rose Lister. Case No: 19/02538/FUL.

Members discussed this application.

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

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

19.213.1 Harfields Farm House Botley Road Curdridge SO32 2DU - Convert listed external barn serving as garage and workshop to house into accommodation ancillary to main house, new out buildings and carports. Demolish existing garden room. Case Officer: Liz Marsden. Case No: 19/02095/HOU & 19/020956/LIS. ***APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN. Noted.***

## 19.214 Finance

19.214.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 19 December 2019 and cheque signing & payments.

**Resolved to approve the Finance Report, cheque signing and payments. ACTION: PCM.**

19.214.2 To note Curdridge Parish Council's Taxbase Figure for 2020-2021. **It was noted that the current Curdridge Parish Taxbase Figure is 662.48.**

19.214.3 To consider and approve the draft Finance Budget 2020-2021.

Members discussed the draft budget (previously circulated).

**Resolved to:**

- i) approve the draft budget, subject to the following revisions:**
  - **400010 Grants – budget to be reduced to £2,000, as no longer giving large donation to Lunch Club;**
  - **400015 Minibus Costs – budget to be reduced to £1,000, as Council is selling the minibus (due to it being unused) and release current ear-marked funds for other parish projects.**
- ii) ear-mark the following under-spends annually:**
  - **200010 Admins Salaries – under spends to be ear-marked for contingencies (staff sickness/leave);**
  - **200140 Legal & Professional - under spends to be ear-marked for contingencies;**
  - **200210 Newsletter – under-spends to be ear-marked for asset improvements when an annual newsletter is not necessary;**
  - **200270 Noticeboards and Benches – under-spends to be earmarked for replacement plastic benches/noticeboards (when required);**
  - **300425 Pound/Pond – under-spends to be ear-marked for future maintenance/improvements.**
- iii) notify Winchester City Council of Curdridge Parish Council's Precept Requirement for 2020-2021 of £53,969.00.**
- iv) ear-mark £2,500 from reserves for replacements Speedwatch equipment (as it is getting old) and/or replacement SLR sign in future. ACTION: PCM.**

19.214.4 To receive updated Tree Works quotes and decide action.

Members discussed this matter. The PCM had established that the trees alongside the Cemetery Car Park (and next to the road) were the responsibility of Council under terms of the Lease.

**Resolved that:**

- i) due to the urgency of some of the tree works identified by the Annual Tree Safety Inspection and Report that Council would not go out to tender on this occasion, but would instruct MJC Trees to carry out the works (in accordance with their quotes provided), as they are a local company well known to be very reliable and competitive.**
- ii) the PCM would write to Diocesan Board to request a goodwill contribution towards the tree works required in the Cemetery Car Park, as the church is still benefitting from the use of the car park.**
- iii) the PCM will write to Mr Medway (who owns the neighbouring property) to recommend that he has the Oak tree and Pine tree (on his land) inspected for necessary tree works. ACTION: PCM.**

19.214.5 Grant Application – Curdridge Reading Room £2,500.

Members discussed this application and noted that the cost of the maintenance/improvement works required to keep this community facility open and safe for users far exceeds the £2,500 requested. Therefore Members felt that this support was justified, as the facility is well used by residents. Members also noted that such costs would be ongoing for some time.

**Resolved to give a grant donation of £2,500. ACTION: PCM.**

19.214.6 Grant Application – Victim Support £50.

Members discussed this application.

**Resolved to give a grant donation of £50. ACTION: PCM.**

### **19.215 Correspondence**

19.215.1 WCC – notifying that the Precept Requirement Request Form is to be returned by 10 January 2019. **Noted; form will be completed in accordance with approved budget.**

19.215.2 Hampshire ALC – notifying that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has announced that the appropriate sum for the purpose of Section 137 (4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for parish and town councils in England for 2020-21 is £8.32 per elector. **Noted.**

19.215.3 Winchester Live at Home Scheme – update newsletter. **Noted.**

### **19.216 To note Parish Council Manager's Update Report (previously circulated to Members)**

New SLR Sign (Botley Road) – the PCM advised that HCC had received a complaint that the sign limits visibility at the Curdridge Lane junction. Members requested the PCM to write to HCC and explain a taller sign post had been installed and the SLR sign has been re-positioned much higher. PCM to also liaise with Elancity about smaller signs. **ACTION: PCM.**

New SLR Sign (Grant Application) – the PCM advised that Councils HCC Grant Application had been successful, with a donation of £580 being received.

### **19.217 To consider and approve new draft Grievance and Disciplinary Policies**

**Resolved to approve and adopt the Grievance & Disciplinary Policies. ACTION: PCM.**

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

Broken drain covers in village – Cllr Wallin advised Members that several drain covers had been broken on Wickham Road. Some had been repaired, but had broken yet again.

Wickham Road Sign (at end of Lockhams Rd) – WCC had come and taken broken sign away, but have not yet replaced it. Members requested PCM to chase again. **ACTION: PCM.**

A334 Wickham Road (damaged pavement) – Cllr Townsend advised that the stretch of pavement from Wangfield Lane to Botley Train Station is in a very poor condition. Members requested the PCM to report this to HCC for inspection/repair. **ACTION: PCM.**

Cricketers Pond (Calcot Lane flooding/pollution) – Cllr Newton advised that the flooding in Calcot Lane is surging into the Cricketers Pond when cars go through it fast. HCC's Highways representatives recommended that Council writes to the Environment Agency to get this water piped away, as this polluted water could harm the fish, newts and other wildlife in the pond.

**ACTION: PCM.**

Cricketers Pond – Cllr Newton advised that when the pond floods (as it has now) the ducks are jumping on to bench platform and going out into the road, which is very dangerous. She requested Council to install picket fencing around the lower half of bench fencing. Members requested the PCM to get Botley Fencing to install picket fencing ASAP, so that this does not cause an accident. **ACTION: PCM.**

Mayors Award – Cllr Newton advised that she would like to nominate two representatives from the Lunch Club; Members approved. Cllr Newton will provide the PCM with the relevant details to nominate them in January. **ACTION: CLLR NEWTON/PCM.**

### **19.219 To arrange Members' Annual Health & Safety Site Inspections**

As the meeting was running late it was agreed that the PCM would email Members and they would provide her with their availability to arrange an inspection with as many Members as possible. **ACTION: PCM/ALL.**

### **19.220 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

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

There were no new cases arising.

**The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.**