

## Curdridge Parish Council

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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2018  
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM  
CURDRIDGE**

### Present:

Cllr Kevan Bundell (Chairman)  
Cllr Eric Bodger (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr Rory Kemp  
Cllr Lynne Newton  
Cllr Sian Townsend  
Cllr Steve Wallin

### In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Clerk)  
Cllr Roger Huxstep (District/County Councillor)

### Public Session

There were no matters arising.

### 18.40 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Achwal and Bentote.

### 18.41 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bundell declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 18.44.

### 18.42 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 15 March 2018

***Resolved to approve the Minutes of 15 March, as drafted, for signing. ACTION: CHAIR.***

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

Cllr Huxstep provided this report:

**Potholes & Pothole Busters** - The potholes' crisis will get worse without more Whitehall cash. Since the 'Beast from the East' hit Surrey and Hampshire in March, the focus has turned to the damage it caused to roads, specifically to the potholes it has created. According to the website 'Fill That Hole', more potholes have been reported in Surrey than anywhere else in the country – 8,374, with 7,160 of them still to be fixed. Hampshire has the second largest number in Great Britain at 4,490, only 869 of which have been fixed, and the problem has been exacerbated by the recent cold weather. Hampshire Highways' have deployed extra teams of Pothole Busters across the county tackling the worst of the damage caused to the roads by the recent severe cold snaps. Councillor Roy Perry, Leader of Hampshire County, explained: "Safety comes first – which is why we have extra gangs out on the ground, as soon as possible after the snow and cold weather, to start tackling potholes on our roads." The gangs are using pothole busters with pre-prepared material which doesn't need any mixing on site and is specially designed to work in cold and damp conditions. This means the gangs can fix more potholes each day than by conventional methods. However, these won't all be long term repairs. For many years in Hampshire, we have been investing an extra £10 million annually into our planned maintenance Operation Resilience programme. This approach is more effective than reactive

repairs and is designed to make the roads more resilient to the impact of heavy traffic and severe weather. While it is successful in managing the condition of the roads, the money only goes so far, and the recent cold weather has certainly added to the damage and deterioration of the roads; causing £10 million worth! The Government has provided £3 million towards repair costs. We are supporting the Local Government Association in its calls to the Government to increase funding for local roads maintenance, so we can provide the standard of service Hampshire residents expect and deserve. Hampshire Highways looks after over 5,500 miles of road. Motorways and major trunk roads are the responsibility of Highways England. Hampshire residents are encouraged to report potholes and road defects direct to the County Council at: [www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems](http://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems)

**Council backs bottle deposit scheme.** Hampshire County Council has publicly backed a deposit return scheme to boost recycling of drinks bottles and cans. Government ministers have announced that all drinks containers in England – whether plastic, glass or metal – will be covered by the scheme. Around 40 countries already have versions of the system, which typically charge a deposit that is refunded when consumers return the drinks container for recycling. Costs range from around 6p in Australia’s scheme to 22p in Germany, where recycling rates are more than 90 per cent. The council would welcome any initiative that could potentially increase recycling and reduce waste – particularly single use plastics.

**Electric Vehicle Charging Sites.** Hampshire County Council is creating 40 electric vehicle charging sites across the region for public sector bodies. It will benefit council operated transport, as the authority looks to bring in more electric vehicles into its fleet.

**LEADER funding available to support rural enterprise** - Rural businesses are encouraged to apply for grant funding from the Fieldfare LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) to support projects that will create jobs and boost the local economy. Farmers, foresters, growers, rural businesses and rural communities have until the end of August 2018 to bid for a share of a £1.6million fund across the East Hampshire, Eastleigh & Winchester areas. LEADER is the method of delivering rural development programme funding to beneficiaries through Local Action Groups, ensuring that individuals with local knowledge are involved in key decisions about how funds are spent. The funding exists to support the regeneration of rural communities. The six priority areas for investment are: Farming productivity, micro and small businesses (including farm diversification), tourism, forestry productivity, rural services and culture and heritage; successful projects will create jobs, increase farm or forestry productivity / efficiency, develop new markets, increase visitor spend in the area or provide an essential rural service. The Fieldfare LEADER programme is delivered in partnership with Winchester City Council, Eastleigh Borough Council, East Hampshire District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority.

**Winchester Criterium and CycleFest 2018 sponsor announced** - Winchester Criterium and CycleFest is back for its sixth year, bigger and even better for 2018. Winchester Criterium sponsors are Hargroves Cycles. The Criterium race, which will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June, is widely regarded by riders and fans as the best of its kind. Taking place in the heart of the historic city centre, competitors and spectators can enjoy the race and everything Winchester has to offer from spectacular heritage, wonderful shops and fabulous places to eat and drink.

**Winchester City Council continues its zero-tolerance approach to fly-tipping in the District** - Winchester City Council is not letting up on its zero-tolerance approach to fly-tipping in the District following the successful prosecution of two men who ignored the law. In one of the prosecutions, 1400kg of asbestos cement roofing was dumped in a car park at Beacon Hill Nature Reserve in Warnford on or before 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2017. Beacon Hill is located within the South Downs National Park and is a Site of Specific Scientific Interest (SSSI). The waste had come from a property which was being developed by the defendant, Jeffrey Wickens at Station Road, West Meon. Wickens pleaded guilty at Portsmouth Magistrates Court to two offences which were contrary to Section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. He admitted breaching his duty of care in relation to the waste, which had been within his control and which was later found at the above location by failing to ensure that the waste had been transferred

to an authorised person for disposal and by failing to provide a written description of the waste. District Judge Callaway, sentencing Wickens of High Street, Droxford, found that his actions had been reckless and ordered him to pay a fine of £4000 in addition to prosecution costs of £1863 and £170 Victim Surcharge. In another case, which was also heard at Portsmouth Magistrates Court, Winchester City Council successfully prosecuted Anthony Cross of The Acorns, Bursledon who pleaded guilty to a fly-tipping offence which was contrary to Section 33 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. The court heard how a quantity of paint cans, wood, metal, plastic sheeting, packaging and gardening waste had been deposited at Wheely Down Lane, Warnford in the South Downs National Park on or before 18 July 2016. The waste entirely blocked the lane, preventing access by traffic. Cross pleaded guilty to the offence on the basis that he allowed his vehicle to be used to deposit the waste. Cross was sentenced by District Judge Callaway to a 12-month Community Order and was ordered to pay £300 towards prosecution costs and an £85 Victim Surcharge. ***Winchester City Council means business when it comes to tackling those who have no regard for the environment and choose to fly-tip. Wherever it is appropriate the council will prosecute those who it has evidence against.***

#### **18.44 Fairthorne Grange – Wessex Planning presentation of draft plans in relation to proposed planning application**

The owner's Planning Consultant, Louise Cutts of Wessex Planning, came along to introduce herself to the parish council and to update. She advised that no plans had been prepared, as this property has just been added to WCC's Call for Sites list. Having consulted with WCC they felt that a pre-planning consultation with them and the preparation of plans may be premature. Therefore the owner is divided on how to proceed. He could proceed with applying for outline Planning Permission at this stage (which can take up to a year) or could wait until WCC's Local Plan Review in 2021, but this is unlikely. Wessex Planning would like to involve Curdridge Parish Council in the process from the outset and if draft plans are prepared would like to present these to CPC for support. The Chair advised that CPC would only offer observations and would not support an application at the draft stage, as it has concerns about pre-determination. However, Council could confirm that there is a demand for Affordable Housing (although the parish is currently investigating an Affordable Housing site within the parish) and elderly accommodation, due to residents wishing to down-size and remain in the parish. The PCM advised that the Affordable Housing Drop-In Event also highlighted that there are several younger residents within the village who are seeking smaller, low cost houses within the locality to enable them to remain close to family. Louise Cutts thanked Council.

#### **18.45 Planning Applications received from Winchester City Council, Hampshire County Council or the River Hamble Harbour Authority for decision/response**

18.45.1 Barons Court Curdridge Lane Curdridge Southampton Hampshire SO32 2BJ - New dwelling on garden to rear of Barons Court with access off private road. Case Officer: Liz Marsden. Case No: 18/00693/FUL.

The applicant's planning consultant introduced himself and advised that the proposed development is considered to be discreet with regard to its positioning and height (only 5m overall). He said he appreciates that the owner of the right of way is not keen to give the proposed new property rights of way over the access and has therefore taken legal advice, which indicates that this would not be a problem as the easement allows Barons Court owners to pass to gain access to their land or any part of it.

The owner of the access-way spoke to advise Council that she objects to this application and does not wish to permit further access to another property (on an already dangerous access-way). She has never received any contributions in relation to the maintenance of the access-

way and is concerned this property would cause additional wear and tear. The easement is for access over, not under this access-way, i.e. for services to be installed etc. She advised that there are also existing flooding and drainage problems on site which will be worsened and that her and her neighbour's refuse is currently being collected from the Cricketers Pub (by agreement between the parties) due to the dangerous` nature of the site access. She also feels that the local infrastructure does not support another property in this location, given that there have been many accidents and fatalities on this junction in the past and that this application is an intensification of use.

The owner of Myrtle Cottage advised that he would like to object on the grounds raised previously. The owner of Friars Orchard requested the planning consultant to provide him with a computer image of the view of the proposed property from his property, which was agreed.

Members discussed this application and were divided. Cllr Newton highlighted how dangerous this junction is, given the number of accidents that had occurred and all Members were likewise concerned, given that fatalities had also occurred. Cllr Bodger pointed out that improvements had been proposed to the access-way within this scheme, but Members felt that the proposals were not sufficient to support an additional property.

***Resolved to OBJECT on the grounds that the access to this site is extremely dangerous. Members are not satisfied that the proposed improvements to the access-way entrance are sufficient to support additional traffic, given that many accidents and fatalities had previously occurred on this junction and this road is now being used by many more heavy duty lorries gaining access to local businesses in Curdridge Lane. ACTION: PCM.***

18.45.2 Home Farm Reading Room Lane Curdridge SO32 2HE - Construction of a replacement dwelling and garage. Case Officer: Liz Marsden. Case No: 18/00656/FUL. Members discussed this application and it was understood that the foot print had not significantly increased.

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

#### **18.46 Finance**

18.46.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 15 March 2018, Quarterly Finance Report and cheque signing & payments.

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

18.46.2 Speed Limit Reminder Contract – to review and consider options for future SLR contract.

The Clerk had spoken to the outgoing grounds contractor who advised that he has had to change the batteries to the SLR on a weekly basis from the outset. However, the current contract was for relocating the SLR on a fortnightly basis and did not include the weekly changeover of batteries.

Members discussed the costs associated with this contract (and the battery changeover) and felt that they would like to see if they could reduce these.

***Resolved that the PCM would liaise with Swanmore Parish Council who use an outside company to carry out their contract and would obtain a quote for CPC on the basis of the cameras being moved fortnightly, either with the use of CPC's current SLR (and***

**required changeover of battery) or the purchase of a new SLR machine or Lease of equipment, whichever was more cost effective. ACTION: PCM.**

18.46.3 Former BT Phone Box – to discuss maintenance works required, set up of book exchange and budget proposed.

Members were concerned that the phone box was in a bad state of repair. It needed repairs to windows, re-painting and the set-up of the book exchange.

**Resolved that the PCM would obtain quotes to make good the phone box and replace the broken windows with acrylic, sand and paint the phone box and build shelving to go inside the phone box (similar to the shelving in the photo of a phone box book exchange provided by Cllr Newton). ACTION: PCM.**

**18.47 CPC Village Gates Signage Wangfield Lane – to ratify proposed sign dimensions**

The Clerk advised Members that although the gate would allow for signage up to 2 feet by 4 feet, there were planning regulations (kindly obtained by Cllr Bodger previously) that specified that planning had to be sought for any signs over 0.3 metres squared.

**Resolved to have a sign of approximately 20 inches by 24 inches, but to consult sign companies for the best dimensions (under 0.3 metres squared) to allow “Please Slow Down” to be as large as possible and, if possible, all on one line under the logo.**

**ACTION: PCM.**

**18.48 Correspondence**

18.48.1 HCC – emails regarding the Grass Cutting Schedule for Curdridge Parish. **The Chair advised that his site meeting with HCC highlighted that the Grass Cutting Schedule supplied is very out of date. The Chair is pursuing this matter and will keep Council updated.**

18.48.2 George Hollingbery MP – letter updating Council on the outcome of his investigations relating to highways matters raised by Council at meeting with him. **The Chair would like to investigate this matter further. Consequently Members requested to defer this item to the next Planning & Highways Meeting. ACTION: PCM.**

18.48.3 South Western Railways – outcome of public consultation. **Noted.**

18.48.4 HCC and WCC response to Councillor Bentote’s letter raising highways problems on behalf of Curdridge Parish Council. **The Chair would like to investigate this matter further. Consequently Members requested to defer this item to the next Planning & Highways Meeting. ACTION: PCM.**

18.48.5 Hampshire ALC – formal advice on Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.30 the power to fund traffic calming measures (as requested by Council). **In view of this advice Members requested the PCM to add an item to the next Planning & Highways Agenda “To prioritise the funding of traffic calming measures under the Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.30. ACTION: PCM.**

19.48.6 Hampshire ALC – Membership Document. **Noted.**

**18.49 Cricketers Pond – to discuss complaints raised regarding roadside flooding**

The Chair reported that when the kerb stones had been done around the pond a water gully had wrongly been inserted diverting road surface water into the pond. Due to the environmental impact on the pond this could not be allowed and therefore Cllr Newton was placing sand bags in the water gully, which then cause road flooding. Members discussed this matter and agreed that road water should not be diverted into the pond.

**Resolved that the sand bags should remain in place and that the PCM should write to HCC advising them of this situation and requesting that they please rectify the road flooding, which is causing danger. ACTION: PCM.**

**18.50 To review the Annual Parish Meeting held on 5 April 2018**

Members felt that the meeting had generally gone well, but that it was apparent that residents may have felt the meeting was too long. Cllr Achwal had advised Cllr Newton that her parish council and several others do not have a formal meeting and just invite the public and agency representatives along to have an informal get together at which the public can raise questions with reps.

**Members resolved that Cllr Newton would speak to Cllr Achwal further about the procedure at Whiteley meetings and would next year do a mix of the two procedures, i.e. have a very short meeting giving reports only, followed by an information session with refreshments. When setting the schedule of meetings for 2019 Members would also consider having the APM on its own. ACTION: ALL.**

#### **18.51 To note Parish Council Manager's Update Report (previously circulated to Members) - noted.**

Bus Route Curdridge – Marianne Small had passed Council the newspaper article from when the original bus route was set up. This route had been identified as the most effective route to serve the village. Members noted these papers; the Chair took them to read and the PCM would copy them and pass originals back.

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

Allotment Recreation Car Park – Cllr Newton advised that 11 cars were parked today and only one person was in the Allotments/Allotment Rec. This left no spaces for anyone using the Allotments/Allotment Rec. Members asked for this item to be added to the May Full Council Meeting Agenda. **ACTION: PCM.**

Silverlake – Cllr Wallin had received complaints about the large lorries travelling to Silverlake. He had said he would report this to Council, even though Council had no powers to take any action.

Wickham Road (Circus Tents) – PCM to check tents set up temporarily for airing. **ACTION: PCM.**

GDPR Training (Data Protection) – Cllr Bodger and the PCM had attended this training where it was strongly recommended that all Parish Councillors have a separate email address for their parish council business. Members agreed that from now on all Curdridge Parish Councillors would set up email addresses in the following format [cldr.surname.cpc@gmail.com](mailto:cldr.surname.cpc@gmail.com). It was also recommended that Minutes do not contain the names or personal details of members of the public speaking (unless they specifically request this).

**ACTION: ALL.**

Whiteley Development (street lighting) – Cllr Bundell had liaised with Botley Parish Council who had now agreed to support Curdridge Parish Council's request for an alternative to the currently proposed 5 metre lamp posts.

Community Against Noise & Speed – Cllr Bundell had been approached to request that Council make a resolution to support this action group. Members asked for this to be placed on the next Planning Agenda. **ACTION: PCM.**

Reading Rooms Renewable Energy Feasibility Study – Cllr Bundell had supplied Elaine Flowers with this information and she had requested Council to make a resolution to confirm that it would support them making an application. Cllr Bundell will circulate the relevant information to Members, so that this item could be on the next Planning Agenda. **ACTION: CLLR BUNDELL/PCM.**

#### **18.53 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

18.53.1 To receive an update on open Enforcement cases and decide upon any action required. A new enforcement case was discussed.

18.53.2 Staffing Matters – Members asked the PCM to obtain further information; this item was deferred to the May Full Council Meeting. **ACTION: PCM.**

**The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.**