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

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Kevan Bundell

Cllr Rory Kemp

Cllr Lynne Newton

Cllr Sian Townsend

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager)

Cllr Vivian Achwal (District Councillor)

Cllr Roger Bentote (District Councillor)

Cllr Roger Huxstep (District/County Councillor)

Public Session

18.96 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Caister and Wallin.

18.97 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Kemp declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 18.102.3; as the applicant is his neighbour.

18.98 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting of 28 June 2018

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 28 June, as drafted, for signing. ACTION: CHAIR.

18.99 To receive Planning Minutes 5 July 2018 – MEETING CANCELLED

18.100 Land at the top of Gordon Road – to receive a brief presentation of the revised draft plans for the proposed development of the site

Max Easton (the land owner) and his Architect attended the meeting to provide Members with the revised draft plans. He advised that the revised scheme reduced the application from 8 properties to 6 properties with larger gardens and more than adequate off-road parking for each property, to avoid congestion at the top of Gordon Road (especially when it snows). Members enquired whether there could be restrictions placed on road parking for proposed property owners, to ensure that roadside parking remained available for residents down the hill when it snows. Max Easton advised that he would liaise with WCC about this. They were also keen to know how this scheme fits in with the proposed Local Plan Review. Max Easton advised that they are going to liaise with WCC about this. Members thanked Max Easton for revising his plans to address the majority of their concerns.

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

Councillor Huxstep reported:

Passenger Transport Forum and Public Consultation - Just as a reminder the consultation I reported last month closes at midnight on 5th August 2018.

Hampshire 2050 - Hampshire County Council has initiated a commission to explore what action is needed to ensure that Hampshire maintains or improves economic prosperity, quality of life and a diverse, rich and attractive environment. Key questions include: what might

happen, how it will affect/impact on what we do and what does Hampshire therefore need to do? There will be an open call for evidence and a web site will operate:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthe-council/haveyour-say/visionforhampshire2050>

Digging around - You could travel along the A32 at Exton a hundred times and still have no idea that you'd passed through the centre of an archaeological treasure but, thanks to the Meon Valley Archaeological Heritage Group, we now know a lot more about life there 2,000 years ago. The remains of a hall found on one side of the road in 1980 now sit in the British Museum and were first thought to be from a farm building. However, following the discovery of Roman coins by detectorists in the field on the other side of the road, a geophysical survey in 2015 revealed a much bigger complex and a curious hexagonal building. Thanks to the discovery of a Dea Nutrix figurine goddess during a dig between 2016 and 2017 we now know that this building was a Roman temple. The dig also revealed that the first building found was in fact 30m long, as well as a bath house with the remains of a plaster stucco – students from Winchester University are now trying to put the scene back together. A £1,754 grant from the South Downs National Park's Sustainable Communities Fund supported the costs of the professional surveys and getting a report written up. Find out more at www.saxonsinthemeonvalley.org.uk There is an open day on Saturday, 21st July with guided tours of the site at 1100, 1200, 1400 and 1500.

Boorley Green Countryside Gaps - WCC are currently looking at the Eastleigh Local Plan with a view to forming a response, which will be published via a portfolio holder decision notice shortly. Strategic Gaps are usually designated in areas where there is significant development pressure and there is a danger that two or more settlements might coalesce. The gap referred to in the Eastleigh Local Plan is specifically designated to resist the coalescence of Hedge End and Botley, which is why it does not extend towards the Winchester boundary. Durley and Curdridge are currently identified as being within the Market Towns and Rural Area of the Winchester District, where levels of development are covered by Policy MTRA3. Neither Durley and Curdridge has a housing target to meet, consequently it is not envisaged that there would be any significant pressure for new development within or adjoining the two villages. In any event the surrounding countryside is already protected by robust countryside policies in the adopted local plans. Like the countryside in the Winchester District the remainder of the undeveloped land in Eastleigh would also be protected as countryside, wherein there is a presumption against new development and this is set out in draft Policy S7 of Eastleigh's Local Plan. The Council considers that the countryside policies in adopted local plans provides a robust position to protect the countryside from development. It is not the intention to request of Eastleigh that the extent of the countryside gap is extended, however, Curdridge parish council could respond along these lines to Eastleigh, in their response to the local plan consultation.

South Western Rail Franchise re Timetabling - The franchise has been preparing for a major timetable change in December 2018 to provide customers with access to additional services and extra capacity throughout the day. It is therefore disappointed that it will not be implementing any changes to the December 2018 timetable and instead rolling over the May 2018 timetable. The Franchise is mindful of the disruption to customers that happened with other major timetable changes elsewhere in May 2018 and despite SWR's desire to deliver the increased capacity and extra services as soon as possible to customers, it has been decided at a national level that a period of timetable stability is needed. SWR will continue to work with Network Rail, the Department for Transport and insight from customers and stakeholders to implement the changes to its future timetables and ensure maximum benefit with minimal disruption to our customers.

Cllrs Achwal and Bentote reported:

“Residents of St Peters Close will be pleased to hear that Winchester in consultation with Hampshire has prepared plans for a further 30 parking places in the close. This will also improve access for deliveries and emergency vehicles.

No major progress on the broadband issues and I feel particularly let down by Ofcom who after an initial useful response has failed to COMMunicate with me any further. I have asked George Hollingbery to take up matters with Ofcom.

I am still finalising my paper to HCC Highways on their responses to both mine and Kevan's attempts to get more done for Curdridge. We are both very pleased that Curdridge Parish Council is submitting a further letter and we fully support this action.

Vivian reported the many potholes in The Plantation and action has been taken. So, a speedy response on that compared with the Botley Road pavement.

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

18.102.1 Hillview Chapel Lane Curdridge SO32 2BB - Erection of two storey front and rear extensions, single storey side and rear extensions, new roof and remodel of elevations. Case Officer: Robert Green. Case No: 18/01455/HOU.

The PCM advised Members that a resident had objected to this application.

Members discussed the application. Cllrs Kemp & Townsend visited the property and felt that the development did not appear to adversely affect immediate neighbouring properties and could not be considered over-development given the size of the plot.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

18.102.2 Beechcroft Vicarage Lane Curdridge SO32 2DP - Lean-to extension to existing garage to provide kit wash-down and storage area. Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 18/01439/FUL.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT and support application. ACTION: PCM.

18.102.3 Robins Wood Kitnocks Hill Curdridge SO32 2HJ - Replacement of boundary fence with close-boarded timber fence. Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 18/01516/HOU.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT, subject to the replacement fence being no higher than the remaining existing fence. ACTION: PCM.

18.102.4 Eastleigh Borough Council: Land to the north west of Boorley Green, Winchester Road, Boorley Green, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO32 2BX - Variation of Condition 12 of outline planning permission (O/15/75953) - to enable foul drainage to be carried out in accordance with either the approved Flood Risk Assessment (Dec 2014) or details set out in the Foul Sewerage Assessment (March 2018 ref M380-Doc 05) – **to receive an update and to decide whether Council should be represented at the EBC Local Area Committee on Monday 23 July at 19.00 at the Hedge End 2000 Centre, following Council's resolution to object to this application at Planning Meeting on 3 May 2018.**

Cllr Bodger had circulated a draft response to Members.

Resolved to approve Cllr Bodger's draft response being sent, subject to adding a sentence regarding Council's concerns about pollution to the increased risk of flooding and adequate contingencies being put in place to stop foul sewage, should the system break down at any time. ACTION: CLLR BODGER.

18.103 Finance

18.103.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 19 July 2018 and cheque signing & payments.

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

18.103.2 To receive quotations for Solar Powered Radar Speed Limit Reminder and decide action

The PCM read through the three quotations received to date. Members noted that the specifications appeared to be a little varied. They also discussed the current SLR machine being set up in Wangfield Lane.

Resolved:

- i) That a new Solar Powered Speed Limit Reminder sign would be purchased, as the current SLR machine is very old and no longer efficient;*
- ii) That the quote from Elancity was the most favourable, as this quote included two sets of mounting posts (whereas the other two did not); this company had supplied to Durley PC. Members requested the PCM to contact Elancity to verify:

 - a) the three packages available;*
 - b) how much the quote would be, if Council were to purchase five sets of mounting posts to allow the posts to remain at each location agreed (one site outside of Poplars Farm in Curdridge Lane (no longer use site opposite Cricketers Pub), one site on B3035 Botley Road at the Pound, two sites on A3051 Botley Rd and hopefully one new site in Lockhams Road; this will hopefully reduce the workload and cost associated with rotating the device;*
 - c) the size/diameter of the posts, to establish whether they would insert into the current ground sockets;*
 - d) can the signs be set up two directional.**
- iii) to liaise with Durley PC to establish which sign they had ordered and (once they had set up their system) whether they are happy with the sign and its functionality; although Members noted their sign would probably remain static;*
- iv) That the current SLR machine would now remain static and be used solely for Wangfield Lane, with Cllr Bodger overseeing its set up;*
- v) Wangfield Lane would then be removed from the schedule of locations to be serviced by the new SLR;*
- vi) Lockhams Road would be investigated as an alternative location to replace Wangfield Lane on the rotation schedule. Cllrs Newton & Townsend would investigate feasible locations, in order that the PCM can approach HCC for permission to include this location. ACTION: NEWTON/TOWNSEND/PCM.*

18.104 Cemetery – to consider removing internal fence to make maintenance easier and provide a few more burial plots

Members discussed the proposed removal of this fence and felt that it is a good idea.

Resolved that the fence would be removed in-house to save on costs. Cllrs Kemp & Newton offered to remove the fence and will take the posts to the recycling centre and will retain the wire fencing at the Allotments (if possible). Members thanked them and advised them to contact others if they need assistance. ACTION: CLLRS KEMP/NEWTON.

18.105 North Whiteley Development (A3051 Lighting) – to receive an update from Cllr Bundell and decide upon action (if applicable)

Cllr Bundell had circulated an update to Members advising that sadly his attempts to get HCC to reduce the lighting to low level lighting had not been successful. HCC are adamant that for them to adopt the lighting and future maintenance, their rules stipulate it must be 5m high lighting columns. Cllr Bundell proposed that he write to Cllr Rob Humby to seek clarification about an agreed 'adoptable lighting strategy' mentioned in the North Whiteley Planning Application, as this was not answered at the recent North Whiteley Forum. This was agreed. Members were not hopeful that there would now be any change to HCC's proposed lighting, but felt that the Council had done its best.

Having spoken to Steve Tilbury regarding the proposed Local Plan Review, he also requested Members to consider a future Agenda item "To discuss Council's proposed input into the forthcoming WCC Local Plan Review". Members agreed this item would be added to the next Planning Agenda. **ACTION: PCM.**

18.106 To review and adopt updated Code of Conduct Policy

The PCM advised that the policy remains almost the same as the current Code of Conduct Policy adopted, subject to some minor legislative revisions; she advised it is important for Members to read and adhere to this policy.

Resolved to approve and adopt the updated Code of Conduct Policy. ACTION: PCM.

18.107 To review and adopt Health & Safety Policy

Resolved to approve and adopt the Health & Safety Policy. ACTION: PCM.

18.108 Correspondence

18.108.1 WCC – notification that WCC is just about to start the process of preparing an updated Local Plan. **Noted.**

18.108.2 Citizens Advice Winchester District – thank you for grant donation. **Noted.**

18.109 To note Parish Council Manager's Update Report (previously circulated to Members)

Cricketers Pond (proposed new fencing) – Members were grateful to Cllr Kemp and Newton for offering to install this fencing to reduce the associated costs (in accordance with their quote obtained for the required materials). Members felt that they should proceed to install this fencing (while the weather is good), subject to ensuring that the materials cannot be obtained cheaper from Equestrian Fencing (who were most competitive for previous quotes). This item would be on the next Full Council Agenda to ratify. **ACTION: PCM.**

18.110 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Hopscotch Road Sign, Church Lane – Cllr Townsend reported that this sign has been knocked. PCM to notify HCC. **ACTION: PCM.**

Hole Lane (speed limit sign) – Cllr Townsend reported this sign is still missing. PCM to chase HCC. **ACTION: PCM.**

Allotment/Allotment Recreation Car Park – Cllr Bundell confirmed that three signs are required, reading "Parking this side is reserved for Allotment & Allotment Recreation users only". PCM to obtain quotes. **ACTION: PCM**

Pinkmead (Car Wash) – Cllr Bundell advised that a canvas cover now in place to reduce car wash noise following complaints from residents.

Pinkmead (Kingfest) – Cllr Bundell advised several residents had complained to him about the noise associated with Kingfest. Members recommended that in future residents either log their complaints with Winchester City Council or log noise violation details and provide these, together with their details to enable Council to report these to WCC.

Curdridge Show – Cllr Kemp reported that the show had gone very well and there were several current and past Parish Councillors in attendance supporting the event. Members requested the Clerk to email the organisers to thank them for all their hard work. **ACTION: PCM.**

Cemetery Plants – Cllr Newton requested everyone to try to pop into the cemetery when passing and water the new plants, as they are struggling in this hot weather. **ACTION: ALL.**

Vicarage Lane (grit bin) – Cllr Newton requested HCC to be notified that the grit bin has been damaged. **ACTION: PCM.**

Minibus (urgent repairs) – Cllr Newton reported that the minibus needed urgent repairs (and may need a new clutch). The minibus funding raised from donations is not sufficient to cover this work and therefore she requested Council to authorise this spend from the minibus budget. Members authorised Cllr Newton to arrange the urgent repairs and reclaim costs; PCM to add this to next Full Council Agenda to be ratified. **ACTION: PCM.**

Minibus (future) – Cllr Newton advised that the minibus is used very little now, as several of the clubs it supported have now finished. She advised that the Lions had in the past expressed an interest in purchasing the minibus, as it has extremely low mileage and is in good condition. They advised her that they would be prepared to continue doing the lunch club transport and other community events arising. Members requested the PCM to add this item to the next Full Council Agenda. **ACTION: PCM.**

Wangfield Lane (closure) – Cllr Newton reported that Wangfield Lane will be closed from 30th July for a few days to repair potholes.

18.111 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

18.111.1 To receive an update on open Enforcement cases and decide upon any action required. **Enforcement updates were discussed. ACTION: PCM.**

18.111.2 Staffing Matters. **Deferred.**

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.