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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 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)

Cllr Roger Huxstep (County Councillor)

Public Session

A Nova Planning Representative gave Members an update with regard to Mr Prebble's Planning Application for Bridge House. The previous application (approved by the parish) had been withdrawn due to CIL legislation, which has now been revised. Therefore an identical application will be submitted in due course. Members noted this.

Diane Clarke, a resident from Lockhams Road attended the meeting to advise that the SLR camera light is causing her great stress when she looks out of her front windows. Cllr Townsend advised Members that she had visited Diane Clarke today and had come up with a solution to turn the SLR camera around, so that it is not intrusive. Diane Clarke asked if the camera would remain permanently. Members confirmed it will eventually be on a ten-week rota in 5 locations (so will only be here 2 weeks in every 10) to obtain speed statistics in an endeavour to get a speed reduction on Lockhams Road (due to the very high public demand for road safety improvements along this road). Mrs Clarke asked if it could go in an alternative location; Members advised that HCC's Officer had surveyed and advised that this was the only suitable location, due to legislation, visibility requirements and safety; she thanked Members for their cooperation in re-directing the SLR.

Henrietta Taylor thanked Council for trying so hard to get the Plantation post box reinstated, even though our efforts had been unsuccessful. She also thanked Council for changing the meeting structure, so that Minutes are approved and displayed on the website fortnightly, unless any meeting is cancelled.

She queried why Wangfield Lane is having broadband improvements before Calcot Lane, when Calcot Lane only has a 1mb capacity, whereas Wangfield Lane has 4mb. She advised that Calcot Lane residents had also paid HCC in January for their broadband upgrade, but HCC still has not confirmed a supply date. County Cllr Huxstep said that he would investigate this matter on behalf of Henrietta.

19.131 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Debbie Caister and the District Councillors.

19.132 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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

Cllr Huxstep reported:

Balancing the budget begins this autumn - This month sees the start of the County Council's budget planning timetable – with Hampshire residents' responses to this summer's Balancing the Budget Consultation at the heart of proposals being considered by individual Cabinet members over the coming weeks.

Recommendations will then go to the Cabinet as a whole, in October, before a final decision in November by the full County Council. Further to ratification by Cabinet and Full Council, some proposals may then be subject to further, more detailed consultation.

These proposals will set out a range of options for how the County Council could meet the significant funding gap of £80 million it faces by April 2021 – which are the direct result of further reductions in our funding from Government, rising costs and inflation, and growing demand for council services such as social care - from an ageing population and higher numbers of vulnerable children needing care. After more than a decade of cost reductions which have delivered savings of almost £0.5 billion to date, understandably it's becoming more and more difficult to find opportunities for making deeper savings and deciding what the County Council can and cannot do in the future. Analysis of the consultation responses has shown that residents continue to support our financial strategy which includes targeting resources to support the most vulnerable children and adults in our communities and using reserves carefully to help address funding gaps to meet one-off demand pressures in areas such as social care. However, the feedback collected has also confirmed that a number of different approaches are likely to still be needed to meet the scale of the challenge ahead. Consequently, over the coming weeks, Executive Members will be asked to consider a range of savings options that seek to maximise income generation opportunities and minimise reductions and changes to local services in line with the consultation feedback. The scale of the challenge inevitably means that there will be an impact on services in order to achieve the £80 million savings that are needed.

Hampshire County Council maps out the way forward for improving its recycling -

As part of the County Council's budget planning, referred to above, a report into how savings could be made, while improving recycling, will be considered by the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment at his Decision Day on 17th September. The start of a radical overhaul of how waste is managed in Hampshire will be examined by the County Council in the coming weeks. Proposals to help meet the savings target are being examined with a strong focus on changes to waste and recycling in Hampshire.

With approximately 100,000 bin loads being delivered to our facilities for disposal every weekday, it is essential we make every pound we spend on waste and recycling count. Recent Government announcements on changes in the national waste system and the challenge of improving poor recycling performance in Hampshire, means we must reassess the way we deal with waste. Read the full report at:

<http://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=5477>

The District Councillors gave a written report:

Lots of work has been happening in North Whiteley and this has had a knock-on effect to traffic on the A3051. We are contacting officers to try to get improvements to the road and pedestrian access but no news yet of anything significant.

Roadside glass collection should be starting next month, residents will receive more details about possible changes to collection days.

A planned outage of electricity supply will affect some Curdridge residents on October 2nd. We will be available to assist if needed.

19.134 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting dated 5 September 2019
Resolved to approve the Minutes, as drafted, subject to 1999 being changed to 2010 on page 2. ACTION: PCM.

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

19.135.1 Bury Farm Botley Road Curbridge Southampton Hampshire SO30 2HB - 2 Totem Pole Sign and 6 Flag Poles Signs for the construction site. Case Officer: Simon Avery. Case No: 19/01657/AVC.

Members discussed this application and although they felt all the signage was not necessary, there were no planning objections.

Resolved to make NO COMMENT.

19.135.2 Beech Tree Calcot Lane Curdridge SO32 2BN - Use of a building for residential purposes (C3). Case Officer: Legal. Case No: 19/01817/LDC.

A resident (who wished to remain anonymous at this stage) advised Members that she believes the applicants are not using this property as a dwelling house; they arrive early every morning and leave the site every afternoon/evening. Cllr Newton has also been monitoring this property (when she regularly walks this route) and confirmed that until earlier this year there had always been a padlock on the outside of the stable overnight, meaning that no one could have been staying overnight (as they would have been locked in); there have also never been any household waste bins put out or collected from this property. Members felt that the plans demonstrated that the stables had not been adapted on the visible elevations outside, which indicates deliberate concealment.

Resolved TO OBJECT, as Council feels that evidence indicates the applicants have not been using these stables as a dwelling house over the past four years (due to the property being padlocked overnight until earlier this year and no household waste collections having taken place). Members feel that even though revisions have been made to the property, these have not been made visible, indicating deliberate concealment and intentional unauthorised development, especially as the applicant states that the revisions were intended, but did not make a Planning Application or notify the relevant authorities of the change of use. ACTION: PCM.

19.136 Planning Appeals and Decisions notified by Winchester City Council/HCC - to be noted

No new planning decisions have been notified. **Noted.**

19.137 Finance

19.137.1 To approve Council entering into a new 3 year contract for its general insurance, in order to achieve discount and a fixed term price. ***Resolved to approved this decision.***

19.137.2 To approve the Finance Report dated 19 September 2019 and cheque signing & payments.

Resolved to approve the Finance Report dated 19 September and cheque signing and payments. ACTION: PCM.

19.137.3 Lloyds Bank Account – update and decision regarding Financial Services Compensation Scheme limit of £85,000 for combined eligible deposits – alternative bank accounts.

The PCM had sought advice from Lloyds Bank. The Manager informed her he could not give formal advice, as staff were not allowed to, but he did however say that the risk is extremely minimal and that a large number of businesses regularly invest over £85,000.00, as they presumably (likewise) assume the risk to be very minimal. Members had requested the PCM to investigate opening a second account with the Nationwide or Natwest at Hedge End; Nationwide had confirmed they do not do business accounts, but they should do business accounts very soon. Natwest advised that CPC could only have an instant access deposit account if it also had a current account with them. They could do a current account for Club and Societies, but were not terribly helpful and merely gave a contact telephone number.

Resolved that:

- i) Council would not open a second account at this time due to the minimal risk and the fact that the Lloyds Bank Account currently holds less than £10,000 over the £85,000 limit;**
- ii) Council will wait for Nationwide to provide business accounts and will then investigate what their accounts offer to businesses, as they generally give very good service;**
- iii) Council will review this decision if at any time the Lloyds Bank Account goes significantly over £85,000 on a long term basis. ACTION: PCM.**

19.137.4 To consider quotations to purchase “slow down” stickers for random properties/bins on the main through roads in the parish.

The PCM advised Members that most companies were expensive. Amazon and Ebay seemed to be two of the cheapest, providing 12 stickers for £15.99. However, MyWheelieBin.com offer larger batches of stickers, which brings the price down minimally to £59.99 for 50 stickers.

Resolved that Council will order one batch of 50 stickers from MyWheelieBin.com at £59.99, but these stickers will only be distributed to selected households where their driveways are bigger and where bins (and stickers) will be very visible to drivers. ACTION: PCM/MEMBERS.

19.137.5 New SLR Camera (mounting post at the Pound) – to receive an update from Cllr Burden regarding obtaining longer 4-4.5 metre post for safety purposes and to make a decision on further action (if required)

Cllr Burden advised that he had been unable to obtain a post from his suppliers. The PCM advised that the current supplier was out of stock and only did 4 or 5 metre posts.

Resolved that the PCM would purchase a 5 metre post (as 4 metres would be too short); if the current supplier does not get new stock in soon the PCM will order from an alternative supplier. ACTION: PCM

19.138 Correspondence

19.138.1 WCC – notification of Confirmed Footpath Diversion Order – part of Footpath 9 Curdridge. **Noted.**

19.138.2 Hampshire ALC – notice that Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) is leading a joint consultation with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) on extending 5G mobile provision in rural areas. (Consultation details circulated to Members). **Noted.**

19.138.3 WCC – invite to coach tour of the District for Planning Committee Members. The coach will leave the Guildhall steps **promptly at 9.30am on Friday 4 October 2019** and return to Winchester Guildhall at around 4.00pm. A buffet lunch will be provided. **Noted.**

19.138.4 Postal Review Panels – advising that following two further appeals by Council for the Plantation post box to be re-instated or relocated that they have reconsidered this and uphold their decision not to reinstate/relocate. **Members felt that Council had exhausted every avenue and had no alternative but to accept this decision.**

19.138.5 HCC Highways (re Curbridge Bridge request for temporary traffic lights while North Whiteley Development is taking place) – advising of support of specialist officers views that Botley Road is operating satisfactorily for an A-class route and will continue to do so even with the anticipated changed traffic flows resulting from the North Whiteley development and that the route continues to be monitored to ensure that the safety of highway users is maintained. **Members noted HCC’s response and felt Council was unlikely to be able to achieve a different result, as Police statistics do not currently support the need for safety measures. PCM to update Mr and Mrs Holt. ACTION: PCM.**

19.139 To note Parish Council Manager’s Update Report (previously circulated to Members) – Noted.

19.140 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Allotment Recreation Car Park (signage) – Cllr Newton advised that she had renewed the signage in the car park.

Cemetery (Yew trees) – Cllr Newton advised that she will order some bare root plants and has already bought some Root Zone to help these grow.

SSE Power Cut (due on 2 October) – Cllr Burden advised that the Reading Rooms will keep a room open for any parishioners needing it; they have advised SSE accordingly.

Lockhams Road/Curbridge Lane – Cllr Burden advised that it is notable that there are far more heavy commercial lorries travelling along these road in recent months.

Height Barrier (signage) – the PCM advised that she had taken action and would keep Members updated. **ACTION: PCM.**

19.141 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

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

Members received an update on an open case.

The meeting closed at 8.53 pm.