

## Curdridge Parish Council

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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2021  
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM  
CURDRIDGE**

### **Present:**

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Rory Kemp

Cllr Lynne Newton

Cllr Steve Wallen

### **In attendance:**

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

### **Public Session**

A resident from St Peters Close advised Members that Mr Medway's hedge next to the new bus stop needs cutting back, as it is impairing vision for pedestrians using the bus stop and cross the road; she also raised the fact that HCC needs to remove the dirt and weeds growing over the pavement at the bus stop, as this is causing a trip hazard and limiting use of the pavement. Members requested the PCM to write to Mr Medway to request him to cut his field hedge and to HCC to request them to clear the pavement at the bus stop whilst carrying out the other road works on Botley Road. **ACTION: PCM.**

### **21.199 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Caister and Cllr Townsend, as well as from the County & District Councillors.

### **21.200 To receive Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

County Councillor Hugh Lumby provided a written report:

Return to school measures - the County Council is prioritising supporting pupils and students so they can safely return to face-to-face learning. The following guidance has been issued for parents and carers of school-age children: • Bubbles are no longer required: Students will no longer be required to form bubbles or limited groups. • When to wear a face covering has changed: Face coverings are no longer required for pupils and staff in school, which means a return to singing and playing brass instruments in school settings. However, face coverings are still recommended when using public transport to and from school. • Changes to who needs to self-isolate and when: Under 18s and fully vaccinated adults who are identified as close contacts do not need to self-isolate unless they have COVID-19 symptoms. Close contacts should instead take a PCR test. If positive, NHS Test and Trace will inform the individual what

to do next. • Regular asymptomatic testing at home should continue: Secondary school pupils and college students are encouraged to continue taking Lateral Flow Device tests twice each week. At the start of term, schools will carry out two rapid flow tests on the school premises for each person; after this, tests should continue at home. • Additional age groups can get vaccinated: Anyone aged 16 or 17 can now get vaccinated. Children aged 12-15 with underlying health conditions or who live with someone that is clinically vulnerable can also be vaccinated. • Children and young people should stay home if they are at all unwell and not use public transport. Even if they don't have COVID-19 symptoms or their COVID-19 test is negative, they may still have an illness which could be passed on to other people. Schools will get in touch directly with parents and carers if they have put any extra precautionary measures in place, such as staggering school start times.

County Deals – the Prime Minister announced in July new 'County Deals' as part of his vision for 'levelling up' across the UK with the aim of benefitting local communities. Hampshire County Council has registered a formal expression of interest to be one of the early pilots for a County Deal. These aim to bring decisions and powers closer to people and places. The County Council is not committed to anything at this stage but will now start discussions with government. The cities of Portsmouth and Southampton, the Isle of Wight and the district councils within Hampshire are all expected to join these discussions.

Afghan Refugee Support - Local authorities across the country are working with the Home Office and local partners to assist Afghan families moving to the UK to re-settle as part of the Government's Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy programme. As part of this, the County Council is working alongside district councils, NHS, support providers and local charities, to help re-settle a number of families into longer term accommodation in Hampshire, with associated service support. In addition, temporary accommodation is being procured prior to them being offered permanent resettlement into housing either in Hampshire or anywhere in the country. Many offers of support and donations have been received from across the county and these are very much appreciated, especially offers of practical support. If individuals or community organisations wish to make donations, they are encouraged to visit the website of registered local charity Community First who are co-ordinating collections across the county. In addition to signposting to donation points, Community First is also publishing a list of priority items that are needed first and foremost. It is requested that items are either nearly-new or in good second-hand condition. The Community First website can be found at <https://www.cfirfirst.org.uk/donating-to-helpafghan-evacuees/> and they can be emailed with offers of practical support at [support@cfirfirst.org.uk](mailto:support@cfirfirst.org.uk). For offers of accommodation, the County Council is working with district councils to establish a co-ordinations process.  
Cllr Hugh Lumby Hampshire County Councillor Meon Valley Division  
[hugh.lumby@hants.gov.uk](mailto:hugh.lumby@hants.gov.uk).

#### **21.202 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 5 August 2021**

***Resolved to approve the Minutes of 5 August 2021 for signing. ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.***

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

21.203.1 Rosewood Outlands Lane Curdridge SO30 2HD - Proposed 2 no. dormers to rear and conversion of existing loft to provide additional accommodation and rear infill extension to ground floor. Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 21/01975/HOU.

Cllr Bodger introduced this item and advised that this is a small extension that does not increase the footprint.

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

21.203.2 Foxwood Fairthorne Grange Farm Botley Road Curbridge Southampton Hampshire - Change of use from agricultural building to a flexible commercial use. Case Officer: Rose Lister. Case No: 21/02212/PNACOU.

Members were concerned about the proposed flexible use for this site.

**Resolved TO OBJECT on the grounds that the proposed flexible commercial use is extremely vague and could allow for any form of business; however Council would be happy to approve and support an application for Class E(g) Use which is more suited to this location, subject to a condition that no additional agricultural buildings may be built on this site in future to replace the loss of this agricultural building. ACTION: PCM.**

21.203.3 1 Summerlands Cottage Botley Road Curdridge SO32 2DS - Conversion of garage to form annexe to dwellinghouse. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 21/01783/HOU.

**This application had already been determined by WCC.**

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

21.204.1 North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire - Reserved matters application for public open space in the northern part of the overall site. Case Officer: Robert Green. Case No: 20/02859/REM. **PERMITTED. Noted.**

21.204.2 Meadow Cottage Barn Farm Botley Road Curbridge Southampton Hampshire SO30 2HB - Change of use to a temporary community building, shared office space, shared meeting room, shared facilities, erection of canopy porch, signage, creation of car parking, landscaping and other associated works. Case Officer: Robert Green. Case No: 21/01627/FUL.

**PERMITTED. Noted.**

21.204.3 Bottings Industrial Estate, Unit 5 Hillsons Road Curdridge SO30 2DY - side extension to the existing industrial unit. Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 21/01680/FUL. **PERMITTED. Noted.**

21.204.4 North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire - Removal of protected ash tree and installation of surface water drainage and foul drainage connections between development parcels 24 and 27. Case Officer: Robert Green. Case No: 21/01486/FUL. **PERMITTED. Noted.**

#### **21.205 Finance**

21.205.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 5 August 2021, cheque signing & payments.

**The PCM advised that this was only an interim Finance Report to enable urgent payments to be made due to the recess; the finalised Finance Report would be considered/approved by Full Council on 16 September. Cheque signing and payments were approved. ACTION: PCM.**

21.205.2 Grant Application from Curdridge Reading Rooms - £2,780.

Members are concerned that the Reading Room Charity does not appear to be making Grant Applications to WCC and other agencies for grant funding to improve and maintain the Reading Rooms in accordance with Council's recommendations and the available grant funding information provided to the charity by Council on a regular basis.

**Resolved that Curdridge Parish Council would make a grant donation of £2,780 to help maintain and support this well used community facility, subject to the Reading Room Charity providing written evidence that it is also seeking funding from WCC and alternative grant funding sources to carry out much needed maintenance and improvements Reading Rooms generally and the play area. ACTION: PCM.**

21.205.3 Grant Application from CAB Winchester - £300.

Members discussed this application.

**Resolved that Council will on this occasion make a grant donation of £300, due to the current extenuating circumstances caused by Covid, but will notify the CAB that this is one off increased grant donation and that future grant donations will be reduced in line with past donations and budget cuts constantly being imposed on Council. ACTION: PCM.**

#### **21.206 Highways**

21.206.1 To review verge cutting requirements within the parish and request WCC & HCC to update their cutting schedules

The PCM had circulated Kevan Bundell's schedule of verge cutting recommendations to Members for consideration.

Cllr Bodger updated that Kevan Bundell (as Executor of the Estate of the deceased owner of Windemere has offered to make a 50% contribution towards the hedge cutting of the boundary of Windemere along Outlands Lane, as the conifer trees on this property are very overgrown and the wide hedge alongside this property has been partly caused by the owner not cutting his hedge and HCC Highways not mowing the grass verges.

Cllr Bodger queried whether Members wished to make a 50% contribution or whether they wanted HCC to take responsibility. The PCM advised that she had already referred this matter to HCC Highways for them to rectify the situation, as is recommended by HCC. She felt Council should allow them to deal with this matter, as they have the powers to do so. She and Members were also concerned that this could set a bad precedent and Council could be expected to pay for other overgrown property hedges in the parish to be cut.

**Resolved that Council will write to HCC and WCC to request:**

- i) HCC Highways arrange for the hedge alongside Windemere in Outlands Road to be cut hard back to enable HCC's mowing of the grass verges alongside it and the turning head/pedestrian footpath at the bottom of Outlands Lane (leading onto Botley Road) to resume. NB: the turning head is included in HCC's verge cutting regime. However, the verge area between the turning head and Windemere's hedge, which was created in the making of the turning head has never been mown and the result is an overgrowth of brambles, elm saplings and Windemere's expanding hedges which have now grown out over the road leaving no verge able to be mown. Consequently, the hedge requires cutting back very hard before verge cutting can resume preferably at least twice annually.**
- ii) A3051 Verge – the verge adjacent to Windemere's garden and on to Kings Corner is given a number of one meter cuts. However, this leaves the remainder of the verge and the adjacent hedge blocking the view of traffic for pedestrians and the frequent cyclists exiting from Outlands Lane on to the A3051. Use of this footpath is likely to increase once the pedestrian/cycle path from North Whiteley is installed opposite. The full width of the verge and the hedge need cutting regularly to maintain the sight lines (especially as someone has already been killed crossing the A3051 from Outlands Lane). NB: Windemere's garden hedge on the A3051 actually belongs to HCC who purchased it and a stretch of Windemere's garden about 25 years ago, but HCC has never tended this land.**
- iii) Verges along Outlands Lane – the grass verges along the main length of Outlands Lane do not affect visibility and most are already cut or planted up by homeowners. Therefore this verge cutting could be reduced to once annually, with just the turning head and junctions with A3051 Botley Road and A334 Wickham Road being cut more regularly to ensure good visibility for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.**
- iv) Railway Bridge – the immediate approaches to and the verges on the bridge itself (which appear to be excluded from the cutting regime) need cutting for safety/sight-lines on a regular basis. NB: HCC Highways needs to also ensure that the property hedges on the approaches to the railway bridge are also cut regularly to ensure good visibility at this very dangerous crossing point.**
- v) Footpath 501 (from A334 Wickham Road to Outlands Lane) – the highways verges and property hedges alongside the footpath onto the A334 Wickham Road and Outlands Lane need to be cut regularly to ensure the safety of pedestrians who regularly use this public footpath.**
- vi) Reading Room Lane (onto A334 Wickham Road and B3035 Botley Road) – can HCC please ensure the verges at these junctions are kept cut regularly and**

- ensure that property hedges are cut back, as these junctions are extremely dangerous and there have been several accidents.
- vii) Wangfield Lane. Church Lane, Calcot Lane and Plantation (onto B3035 Botley Road) – can HCC please ensure the verges are mown regularly and property hedges are kept cut back at these junctions, as they are also extremely dangerous.
  - viii) Curdridge Lane and Wangfield Lane – it has been reported to Council by numerous residents (and drivers) that some of the hedges in these roads have been allowed to grow over the roadside highways verges and are merely being cut by landowners back to the roadside edge of the verge. Both of these roads previously had grass verges alongside property hedges allowing good visibility for drivers and pedestrians and a safe place for pedestrians to retreat off of the road, as traffic tends to drive fast along this road. Can HCC please write to property owners along these roads to ensure hedges are cut back to enable roadside verges to be retained by HCC Highways. Council has received several complaints about the hedges of Joymount Farm and Woodmans Farm in Curdridge Lane overgrowing over highway verges and onto the public highway and Members are very concerned in view of the fact that a cyclist was killed on Curdridge Lane in recent years. **ACTION: PCM.**

21.206.2 (Calcot Lane/Botley Road junction sight lines) – to consider request from member of the public to have the willow trees on the Botley Road boundary entirely removed for safety purposes.

Members discussed this request and felt that it would be wrong to remove the willow trees which offered pond wildlife and visitors to the pond some screening and protection from Botley Road traffic. Members felt that the willow trees should remain, as they can now be easily and cheaply maintained to ensure good visibility when exiting from Calcot Lane onto Botley Road. Members felt that the picket fencing installed to ensure the safety of pond wildlife had proven successful, as last year 10 dead moorhens had been removed from the road by Cllr Newton (the former Pond Warden) and this year there had only been 2 dead moorhens. PCM to update resident. **ACTION: PCM.**

#### **21.207 CPC Volunteer Litter Picking Group – to review Health & Safety Policy**

Members discussed the current Health & Safety Policy forwarded to Council by Joanne Furby, they were very concerned that roads within the parish are becoming more and more dangerous.

***Resolved that the current Policy would be retained and updated to ensure that litter pickers all wear high vis jackets and ensure that they work in pairs on high risk dangerous roads and the risk for walking on public highways should then be increased to High prior to control measures and Medium post control measures. ACTION: PCM.***

*Cllr Newton requested that the PCM order some more hi-vis jackets for the Litter Picking Volunteers.*

***Resolved that the PCM would order 2 small jackets; 6 medium jackets and 6 large jackets to be put in the parish shed for the Litter Picking Volunteers to use. Cllr Newton is in the process of ordering some hi-vis jackets for the Speedwatch Volunteers and will reclaim her expenses. ACTION: PCM.***

#### **21.208 CPC Facilities – to consider request from member of the public to fly a drone over parish open spaces**

Members discussed this request and having looked at the regulations felt certain that the regulations relating to not flying above 120 metres, within 50 metres of people or over crowds and more than 150 metres away from residential, recreational and industrial properties could not be adhered to on Council land.

**Resolved that Council will not allow members of the public to fly drones on parish owned land. ACTION: PCM.**

### **21.209 Correspondence**

21.209.1 Winchester City Council – notification of Community & Wellbeing Strategy - Online Survey. The survey is open until Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021. **Noted.**

21.209.2 Hampshire County Council - Operation Resilience - SD-W21047 Curdridge Lane, Waltham Chase - Carriageway Surface Treatment - Works Notification. The works are currently programmed to start on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and are expected to take up to 4 days. During this time, the road will be closed to through traffic from approximately 09:00hrs on the 13<sup>th</sup> September through to 06:00hrs on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021. For more information - <https://one.network>. **Noted.**

21.209.3 Hampshire County Council - New Consultation – Hampshire County Permit Scheme (for Road Works and Street Works). Text Amendments August 2021. Please email any comments to [streetworks@hants.gov.uk](mailto:streetworks@hants.gov.uk). When responding it would be helpful if representatives of any groups could give brief details of organisations they represent. Your views are very important to us and will be summarised and assessed before making any formal changes. The closing date for this consultation is midnight on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. **Noted.**

21.209.4 Winchester City Council - Next Generation Winchester Project update. **Noted.**

21.209.5 Winchester City Council - Landscape Character Assessment Presentation Slides. **Noted.**

21.209.6 CPRE – CPRE Hampshire are running a free half day workshop on 5<sup>th</sup> October at Littleton Village Hall, (full details in the attached flyer), aimed at assisting our members & volunteers, partnership groups, and other organisations in responding to emerging local plans. **Noted.**

21.209.7 River Hamble Harbour Authority – notifying that they will be holding their next meeting of the Hamble Estuary Partnership on Wed 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10:00. **Noted.**

21.209.8 Winchester Climate Action Network (WeCAN) project update. **Noted.**

21.209.9 Botley and Curdridge Welfare Trust – regarding parish council representative. Notifying that Joanne Furby is currently still representing Council, but Council could also have a Councillor representative on the panel. **There were no Members currently able to become a representative on this panel due to personal commitments, so it was agreed that Joanne Furby could continue as the parish council's representative (so long as she is happy to do so) until Council's position changes. ACTION: PCM.**

21.209.10 Curdridge Allotment Association – response regarding memorial for Stuart Raey and further information.

Members discussed this request.

**Resolved that Council would write to the Allotment Association to advise that it would prefer to purchase two oak trees to be planted in Allotment Recreation, as they are a native species with good longevity and tie in with the oak trees already planted in the Allotment Recreation. Members agreed that the Allotment Association could consider planting a Walnut Tree within the Allotment enclosure, as long as it will not interfere with any allotment plots or the use or maintenance of Allotment Recreation surrounding the Allotments when it becomes mature. ACTION: PCM.**

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

The PCM had forwarded the update responses from the Marine Management Agency and the Environment Agency where both felt that a Marine Management Licence was not necessary, but the MMO could not confirm this definitively without carrying out a survey at cost to the parish council and therefore had recommended the parish council uses its own discretion on this matter.

**Resolved that Council will apply for an Environment Agency Licence, but will not apply for a MMO Licence, as the MMO's online survey confirms that a MMO Licence is not required and the Environment Agency also believes a MMO Licence should not be**

**required. The PCM will try to get the Licence Application submitted ASAP, to enable the removal of the jetty ASAP. ACTION: PCM.**

**21.211 To receive reports from Parish Councillors**

Botley Road (crossing from Botley Train Station to the Public Footpath, the pub and Woodview Caravan Park) – Cllr Burden enquired whether it would be possible to install a pedestrian refuge at this location, as it was very dangerous to cross the road. The Chair advised that HCC Highways had rejected Council’s request to install a crossing/refuge at this point, as it would not allow enough width in the road for very large vehicles to pass. HCC felt that once the Botley By-Pass is installed this problem should be reduced.

Glebe Field (Hay Making and Mobile Small Animal Farm Event on 18 September 2021) – Councillor Newton confirmed that the hay had been cut and baled and there had been a good harvest this year, with all the hay having already been sold and the invoice paid. She advised that the organisers of the Mobile Small Animal Farm Event (to be held in Glebe Field in return for their hay making service), had enquired whether they could run a hedge laying demonstration and if so, whether Council would allow one of its hedges to be laid professionally. They would also like notice of the event to be placed on the parish website. Members agreed that the top hedge (next of Rob Medway’s land) could be laid professionally and that the PCM could place a notice of this community event on the website. **ACTION: PCM.**

**21.212 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

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

Members discussed properties being lived in, but not on the list provided by WCC and an update on an open case.

The meeting closed at .....