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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 20 JANUARY 2022
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM
CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Paul Haskins

Cllr Rory Kemp

Cllr Lynne Newton

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

Cllr Hugh Lumby (County Councillor)

Public Session

The owner of the Penny Farthings (on the junction of Chapel Lane/Botley) was in attendance to request that Council please request HCC Highways to consider reducing the speed limit on Botley Road following the death of another person. She Said:

“We live at Penny Farthings, on the corner of Chapel Lane and Botley Road. We moved in about six months ago. In that time the biggest blight to our homelife is the constant traffic noise and the associated dangers of traffic speeding along the Botley Road. These dangers were very sadly made real last Friday when a young motorcyclist was killed less than 20 feet from our kitchen table.

As all the village residents will confirm, the traffic on the Botley road (B3035) speeds constantly whether it is the early morning commuters or taxis returning late from pubs at the weekend. Traffic routinely travels at motorways speeds and road safety for pedestrians is not helped by the lack of formal, marked crossings for residents to use as they move around the village.

Department for Transport Traffic Advisory Leaflet 01/04 (2004) suggests the minimum criteria for a village as:

20 houses or more (on one or both sides of the road)

A minimum length of 600 metres

The guidance directs that local authorities should also make allowance for other key buildings such as churches, shops or schools.

If a village meets these criteria the speed limit should be 30 mph in accordance with policy.

Between The junction of Curdridge Lane and the junction of Reading Room Lane is 1220 metres. Apart from St Peter's Church there are more than 40 residential properties immediately adjacent to the Botley Road.

It is clear that the B3035 through the village should be a 30 mph zone and, as a village resident, I would also like horizontal and vertical traffic calming measures to be considered to keep traffic under the limit, prevent further accidents and improve the quality of life of all residents.”

Members discussed this matter and requested that the PCM write to HCC Highways forwarding them the owner of Penny Farthings’ comments and requesting them to please consider reducing the speed limit on Botley Road following recent fatal accidents, especially as school children regularly cross this road and walk along it to get to school. **ACTION: PCM.**

Cllr Lumby reminded Members that HCC is currently carrying out a review of a blanket 20 mph speed limit along high risk village roads, so this might be helpful, as measures such as the Average Speed Limit Cameras being installed on the A32 and A272 will cost half a million pounds..

22.13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Steve Wallin and Cllr Sian Townsend. Cllrs Achwal and Bentote had also sent apologies.

22.14 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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

22.16 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 6 January 2022

Cllr Lumby advised that the Shedfield Equestrian case is progressing, so hopefully the various planning breaches on this property will be brought to an end soon.

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

22.17.1 Brackenfield Wangfield Lane Curdrige Southampton Hampshire SO32 2DA - Application to convert an agricultural building to residential C3 use. Case Officer: Rose Lister. Case No: 21/03180/PNACOU.

Members discussed this application.

Resolved that Council would respond to the Planning Officer to advise it was unable to comment, as WCC’s website did not have the application on display to confirm that this application meets the criteria for this type of development. ACTION: PCM.

22.17.2 North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire - Reserved Matters application for 76 dwellings in respect of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale including access roads, cycleways, footpaths, car parking, amenity open space, landscape planting, cycle and bin storage facilities and all associated ancillary development at North Whiteley Urban Extension, Botley Road, Curbridge, Hampshire. This application also seeks to discharge conditions 13, 14, 18 and 25 pursuant to the Outline Planning Permission (planning reference: 15/00485/OUT). Case Officer: Simon Avery. Case No: 22/00012/REM. Members discussed this application.

Resolved to MAKE NO COMMENT.

22.17.3 Fairthorne Grange Farm, Foxwood Botley Road Curbridge SO30 2HB - Construction of an equestrian "Sand School". Case Officer: Jordan Wiseman. Case No: 21/03028/FUL. Members discussed this application and felt that it was not visible from the road or intrusive.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

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

There were no new decisions for the parish notified by Winchester City Council.

22.19 Finance

22.19.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 20 January 2022, Quarterly Report and cheque signing & payments.

Resolved to approve the Finance Report, Quarterly Report and cheque signing.

ACTION: PCM.

22.19.2 Allotment Recreation – to consider/approve quotation for new pedestrian gate and bridge.

Members discussed the quotation provided by Botley Fencing and felt that it was extremely competitive given some recent quotations received.

Resolved to instruct Botley Fencing to carry out this contract. ACTION: PCM.

22.19.3 Cricketers Pond – to consider and approve quotation for emergency tree works quotation.

Members discussed the MJC Tree Surgeons Ltd quotation and felt that it was reasonable given the amount of tree works and the highways notification involved.

Resolved to instruct MJC Tree Surgeons Ltd to carry out this contract, subject to confirming the highways fees element is included in the quote or a minimal cost.

ACTION: PCM.

22.20 Correspondence

22.20.1 St Peters Church – thank you for kind grant donation. **Noted.**

22.20.2 Barrett Homes - North Whiteley Urban Extension- Phases 7 and 8 update.

Noted.

22.20.3 Winchester City Council – Winter Support Payment opportunity for businesses.

Noted.

22.20.4 Fareham Borough Council - Fareham Local Plan: Notification of Examination & Start of Hearing Sessions Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 Regulation 24. **Noted.**

22.20.5 HCC – monthly report. **Noted.**

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

The PCM advised that the only update to her report was that the Environment Agency had phoned to request an additional clause in Council's permit application to remove the parish quay to confirm they would carry out a six monthly inspection for four years to ensure the removal of the Parish Quay causes no additional erosion. They believe this to be a very low risk, but necessary clauses. Members advised the PCM to add the required clause to the application. **ACTION: PCM.**

22.22 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

BT Phone Box, St Peters Close (book removal) – Cllr Burden confirmed that Chris from the Reading Rooms had kindly removed all of the books from the phone box, as they had all become wet and mouldy and were heavily contaminated with Silver Fish. Council would review reinstating the library in Spring, with a shelf/book case to lift the books off of the ground and a notice to request that no further books are left by anyone once the book case is full.

ACTION: PCM.

Highways (waste bins being left on the highway) – Cllr Burden enquired what action could be taken to stop residents leaving their bins on the public highway, as he had received complaints about this being dangerous. The Chair advised him that residents should report this to WCC directly.

Southern Parishes (recommendation for parishes to review SHELAA submissions) – Cllr Bodger advised Members that the Southern Parishes Group had strongly recommended that parishes review the land submissions in their areas and submit comments to WCC if any are not suitable taking in to account planning constraints. Members requested the PCM to place

this on the end of February meeting Agenda to allow them to look at WCC's online SHELAA submissions, so they could discuss any concerns. **ACTION: PCM.**

Speed Limit Reminder Signs (new SLR sign and solar panel for new Botley Road socket) – Members requested the PCM to place this item on the next Agenda, so that they can discuss requirements to obtain quotations. **ACTION: PCM.**

22.23 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

22.24 To receive WCC's update reports on Enforcement cases and decide upon any action required. **Noted.**

The meeting closed at 8.01 pm.