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**FULL COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2020
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM
CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr Steve Wallin (acting as Chair)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Rory Kemp

Cllr Lynne Newton

Cllr Sian Townsend

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

Public Session

There were no matters arising.

20.40 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Eric Bodger and Cllr Debbie Caister, as well as the County and District Councillors.

20.41 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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

Cllr Huxstep had sent a written report:

Council Tax - County Council approved £2.1 billion budget for 2020/21 last Thursday, 13th February - at the meeting of the full County Council, budget plans for the upcoming financial year were agreed, which will see funding prioritised for vulnerable children and adults, alongside key investments in Hampshire's roads and infrastructure, and further commitment to tackling climate change.

Maintaining Hampshire's strong and prosperous economy has also been reflected in the budget plans – through a capital programme worth £386.5 million over the next three years to boost jobs and the quality of the environment. This provision for Hampshire's infrastructure brings the County Council's four-year total investment in the fabric of Hampshire, to £733 million – one of the largest capital programmes in the country."

Schemes include:

- £94.8 million for new and extended school buildings in Hampshire to ensure there is a school place for every child in Hampshire – and giving a total of 19,100 new school places by September 2023
- £115.8 million for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges in Hampshire
- £45.8 million for integrated transport schemes including over £10 million specifically focused on walking and cycling improvements
- £107.7 million for major improvement of school and other County Council buildings.

The County Council, like many other Councils, is therefore experiencing huge fiscal pressures and the Leader has made representations to the Prime Minister, corresponded with Treasury ministers and had face to face meetings with the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) including the Secretary of State.

Coronavirus: signposting Hampshire residents to the most up-to-date information and advice

Hampshire County Council and health partners continue to keep a close watch on the development of the Coronavirus outbreak – with processes in place to respond if, and when required. Although a relatively small number of cases have been recorded in the UK, there have been no confirmed cases in Hampshire. The Government’s Chief Medical Officer continues to advise that the risk to the public is moderate, with risks to individuals remaining low.

Hampshire residents can stay up to date with the latest information and guidance on the Government’s webpages, at gov.uk/coronavirus.

One of the best ways to minimise the spread of any virus is to adopt good [respiratory](#) and [hand hygiene](#).

20.43 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting dated 6 February 2020

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 6 February 2020. ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.

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

20.44.1 Harfields Farm House Botley Road Curdridge SO32 2DU - Add first floor to listed barn serving as garage and workshop, in order to provide bedrooms and games room/gym ancillary to the main house. Relocate existing pool and garden room/plant room. New car port. Case Officer: Liz Marsden. Case No: 20/00115/HOU & 20/00116/LIS.

Members discussed this application.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT, subject to WCC ensuring that a condition is attached to any permission granted to ensure that this garage cannot be converted into a separate domestic dwelling/living accommodation in future. ACTION: PCM.

20.44.2 Bridge House Botley Road Curbridge SO30 2HB - Single Storey Extension (Retrospective). Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 20/00175/HOU and 20/00174/HOU.

Members discussed this application and were concerned that so many properties in the parish were being over-developed, but felt there were no planning objections.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

20.44.3 Home Farm Reading Room Lane Curdridge SO32 2HE – construction of two houses following the demolition of equestrian barn and removal of sand school and horse walker. Case Officer: Rose Lister. Case No: 20.00185/FUL.

Members discussed this application and felt that new properties on agricultural land within the parish should only be permitted when provision for affordable housing is required.

Resolved TO OBJECT on the grounds that this development does not comply with planning condition MTRA4 and there is no demand for these additional properties that warrants the conversion from agricultural land. Members were very concerned that if permitted this would set a bad precedent within the parish; it does not comply with the Village Plan. ACTION: PCM.

20.44.4 Lower Lockhams kitnocks Hill Curdridge SO32 2HJ – changing the flanking walls to the main gate. Case Officer: Curtis Badley. Case No: 20/00195/HOU.

Members discussed this application.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

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

There were no new planning decisions for the parish during this period. **Noted.**

20.46 Finance

20.46.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 20 February 2019 and cheque signing & payments.

Resolved to approve the Finance Report, cheque signings and payments. ACTION: PCM.

20.46.2 Minibus – to receive an update and decide upon further action (if required)

The PCM advised that the minibus had finally been sold. Members had requested the proceeds from the sale be ear-marked for public transport initiatives within the parish. The PCM advised that HCC had confirmed the new bus stop on Curdridge Lane (outside of the Cricketers Pub and proposed for public safety) had been approved, but probably wouldn't be done until the 2021 finance year, due to the lack of funding. The PCM asked whether CPC should consider using some of these funds to make a contribution towards this bus stop, which would help to ensure that HCC support the continuation of this bus route in future.

Resolved that the PCM will write to HCC to chase up the cost estimate for this work, in order that Council can consider making a contribution. ACTION: PCM.

20.47 Correspondence

20.47.1 HCC – advising that Greene King have given permission for a 1.5 metre deep bus stop at the Cricketers Pub for safety purposes. HCC have advised this may have to wait until 2020-2021, as they do not have funds available for this.

The PCM advised that Council could consider making a contribution towards the installation of this bus stop (using some of the funds from the sale of the minibus that have been ear-marked for public transport) to enable the installation ASAP and to endeavour to keep this bus route for parishioners in the long term. Members agreed and requested the PCM to write to HCC to request costings and advise that Council would like to consider making a contribution. Once these costings are received this item will be referred to Council for further consideration.

ACTION: PCM.

20.47.2 HCC Highways – advising that Botley Road has been logged for re-surfacing, but this work will not take place until 2021 due to restricted budgets, but HCC will keep the current pavement as safe as possible in the meantime. **Noted.**

20.47.3 HCC Highways – advising SLR site on Botley Road is legally acceptable and that when the SLR camera is rotated from this site HCC will come and repair the ground socket (which is loose). **Noted; see item 20.49 below.**

20.47.4 Bovis Homes – Whiteley Meadows Community Update Newsletter. **Noted.**

20.47.5 Hampshire ALC – advising that bookings are now being taken for the HALC Annual Conference will be on Wednesday 18 March 2020. **Noted.**

20.47.6 Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust – confirming that they offer annual group membership at £54 per annum which equates to £4.50 a month. **Noted;** Members requested the PCM to apply for an annual membership. **Action: PCM.**

20.47.7 Victim Support – thanking Council for grant donation. **Noted.**

20.47.8 Curdridge Reading Room and Recreation Ground – thanking Council for grant donation. **Noted.**

20.48 To receive Annual Health & Safety Inspection Report of parish facilities and to decide upon action required (if applicable).

Members discussed the Health & Safety Report previously circulated and noted that Leylandii and Lawns will re-stain the benches in the Allotment Recreation and the Harbour Board is going to replace the missing decking board at the Parish Quay to ensure this remains safe for users.

Resolved to approve the following for action:

- i) Allotment Recreation – to obtain a quote from Botley Fencing to replace the pedestrian access gate post into the Allotment Recreation. ACTION: PCM.
- ii) Allotment Recreation (Wickham Rd access) – to obtain a quote from Botley Fencing to replace all internal gates posts and fencing up to the hedge line and to remove the fencing on the verge outside of the Allotment Recreation. PCM to request HCC Rights of Way to put a footpath way marker on the roadside verge to make this footpath access more visible to drivers using the Wickham Road. ACTION: PCM.
- iii) Notice Board (Botley Station) – to install cork board in the notice board to enable items to be more easily displayed. ACTION: CLLR BODGER/PCM.
- iv) Fountain (Botley Station) - to put an annual clearance and maintenance into the groundsman’s contract, using funds saved by reducing the number of grass cuts at the Cricketers Pond and to take advice and instruct the groundsman to re-plant the trough with small evergreen plants to be planted to keep this trough tidy. ACTION: PCM.
- v) Cemetery - to instruct the groundsman to stain the gateway and arch in Spring and request them to advise Cllr Newton when they will be doing this, so that she can arrange to protect the plants. Council will also advise Leylandii and Lawns not to stain the roadside fence, as removing the ivy etc will weaken the fence, which Council hopes to keep and remove once the Yew trees grow big enough. ACTION: PCM.
- vi) Cemetery (path renovation/additional burial plots) – PCM to email WCC’s Tree Officer for advice on how WCC and other parishes deal with burials under mature trees, so that Council can decide where to provide additional burial plots, as there are only a few of the current burial plots left. ACTION: PCM.
- vii) Cemetery (fallen tree) - that Council forms a working party to build a fire and burns tree branches in March/April. ACTION: ALL.

20.49 Speed Limit Reminder Sign – to receive an update and decide upon action

HCC had advised that the sign on Botley Road was legally acceptable, as it is higher than 2 metres above ground level. However, the ground socket is dangerous and so HCC would like to come and repair it. The PCM advised HCC that once the SLR sign has been relocated to another site she would contact them, so that they can repair the socket. Members advised that they would relocate the sign to the Lockhams Road site ASAP (making sure to face the sign towards Chapel Lane and put it in spy mode at night). ACTION: ALL.

20.50 To note Parish Council Manager’s Update Report (previously circulated to Members)

Noted.

Lockhams Rd/Chapel Ln (road safety mirror) - Cllr Townsend recommended that the lorry mirror to be purchased should be larger than dimensions quoted in the previous Minutes; Members felt that the size quoted would be sufficient. ACTION: PCM.

20.51 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Silverlake Garage – Cllr Kemp advised that several residents had approached him regarding the noise and dust from this site. Members advised that the PCM would report this on this occasion, but the residents needed to log cases of this and report it to Environmental Health at WCC themselves in future. ACTION: PCM.

North Whiteley Development – Cllr Burden had attended the Bovis Homes meeting, where they had shown aerial drone footage of the site. He was shocked at how vast the development is and how much woodland has been destroyed.

WCC Planning Committee Meeting – Cllr Wallin had attending this meeting, where planning for the extended garden at Kitnocks had been rejected and planning for a four-storey car park at Whiteley had been approved.

20.52 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

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

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.20 PM.