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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 20 JULY 2017
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM
CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr K Bundell (Chairman)

Cllr E Bodger (Vice Chairman)

Cllr K Bull

Cllr J Furby

Cllr R Kemp (arrived at item 17.281.1)

Cllr L Newton

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - **PCM**)

Cllr Roger Bentote (District Councillor)

Public Session

17.277 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Kemp had advised he would arrive late from work. Cllr Bentote advised that Cllr Achwal had sent her apologies.

17.278 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

17.279 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 22 June 2017

Resolved to approve the Minutes (as drafted) subject to the addition of attendees "present" being added. ACTION: PCM.

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

Cllr Bentote reported:

St Peters Close parking issues – nothing can be done immediately; however WCC to arrange a site meeting with him to investigate this issue in the near future. Cllr Bentote will keep the residents and CPC updated.

WCC capital projects – District Councillors have advised WCC that they would like to see projects within the District being more wide-spread (particularly within the more rural areas).

Traveller Consultation – ongoing.

Speedwatch – Cllr Bentote had now attended two sessions with Cllr Newton. Cllrs thanked him for him very much for his efforts (especially as he did not live within the village). It was also noted once again what a good job all Speedwatch Volunteers do within the parish.

17.281 Planning Applications received from Winchester City Council, Hampshire County Council or the River Hamble Harbour Authority for decision/response

17.281.1 6 Oakham Cottages Outlands Lane Curdridge SO30 2HD – Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Case Officer: Curtis Badley. Case No: 17/01378/HOU.

Cllr Bundell advised Members that this extension related to the historical mock-tudor property near the end of Outlands Lane (one third of the whole building). He had spoken to the owners/applicants who had advised him that they are keen to ensure the extension is in

keeping and as such they intend to use tiles from the side and rear of the current property on the front extended section and to use imperial bricks to tie in.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT, subject to the owners ensuring that the old tiles from sides/rear are used on the front extension and imperial bricks are used, to retain the character of this building (as advised to Cllr Bundell, but not detailed in the plans), as this building is of historical interest and was originally built as servants quarters for Fairthorne Manor in the early 20th Century. ACTION: PCM.

17.281.2 The Barn Harmsworth Farm Botley Road Curbridge Southampton Hampshire – Relocation of manege within the site and change of use of existing manege land to residential garden. Case Officer: Russell Stock. Case No: 17/01446/FUL.

Cllr Bundell advised that this application is to move the manege from one corner of the site to another and revert the land becoming redundant back to residential land.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT, subject to planning officers ensuring that there will be no run-off from the new manege into the river (due to its close proximity to the river) and to Ivan Gurdler approving the proposed application (tree protection works) and the National Trust being consulted about this application (as the owner of the trees).

ACTION: PCM. Members also requested the PCM to notify Catherine Hadler at the National Trust of this Planning Application. **ACTION: PCM.**

17.281.3 High Trees Botley Road Curbridge SO32 2DS – Timber spaced fencing with brick pillars, with additional plantation of shrubs and plants (part retrospective). Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 17/01413/HOU.

Cllr Bundell advised Members that several residents and Councillors had complained about this proposed fence when the large/tall pillars had been installed. Consequently the Applicant was required to make a part retrospective planning application.

Resolved TO OBJECT on the grounds that the large/tall pillars and proposed fence will adversely affect vision from the Plantation junction and Capers End onto Botley Road, making this an extremely dangerous junction and the proposed fence will also adversely affect the character of the area, due to its proposed height and visual impact. Members wished WCC to note that should the applicant agree to reduce the height of the brick pillars and proposed fence to a maximum of 1.5 metres and remove and re-position the corner brick pillar(s) (nearest the junction) more inwards onto their land, to aid visibility from the junction and reduce impact Council would find this acceptable. Members wished WCC to note that Curbridge Parish Council had received a substantial number of complaints from parishioners and Councillors regarding the drastic removal of the former mature natural hedgerow and the installation of the brick pillars of excessive height and regarding visibility being affected from the junction. ACTION: PCM.

17.282 Finance

17.282.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 20 July 2017, Quarterly Report and cheque signing & payments

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

ACTION: PCM.

17.282.2 Grant Application – St Peter's Church - £250 towards the production of the Parish Newsletter.

Resolved to make a grant donation of £250 under the LGA s.142. ACTION: PCM.

17.283 Cricketers Pond Improvements (replacement base, bench and safety railings) – to receive final quote(s) and decide upon action

Council had obtained two previous quotes and were awaiting one further quote to meet finance requirements. In the meantime, Cllr Bull kindly offered (through business contacts) to get the broken centre post of the safety hand rail (that has become a H&S hazard) fixed, to ensure the safety of visitors to the pond is assured.

Cllr Furby also raised concerns about the cost of regularly topping up the pond water levels and the environmental impact this has, as she understands it is not recommended to use too much tap water in natural ponds.

Resolved to approve Cllr Bull arranging for the centre post of the hand rail to be fixed to make this site safe. PCM to refer this item back to Full Council on 19 October for further consideration, to decide the way forward. ACTION: PCM.

17.284 Cemetery – to discuss and decide plans for the future use of the cemetery

Cllr Bundell advised Members that there were very few burial spaces left within the Curdrige Parish Council Cemetery and reminded Members that Council needs to consider the future of the Cemetery, not only with regard to burial plots, but also with regard to the possible provision of plots for the interment of cremated remains, to assist with the lack of burial plots. Members were divided about what action should be taken.

Resolved that:

- i) Curdrige Parish Council would not allow any further reservations of burial plots, due to the shortage of burial plots within its cemetery. ACTION: PCM;**
- ii) PCM will refer this item back to Council when there are only 3-4 vacant burial plots remaining (approximately one year's supply), in order that Council can then consider action required. ACTION: PCM;**
- iii) Cllr Bundell will speak to St Peters Church to establish how many vacant plots remain for the interment of cremated remains within the churchyard and whether there is any potential for any new burial plots within the churchyard, in order that Council may consider the demand for the provision of future burial and cremation interment plots (together with the possibility of installing a Memorial Wall). Cllr Bundell will then report back to Council. ACTION: CLLR BUNDELL.**

17.285 To consider changing the Parish Clerk's Job Title to Executive Officer or Parish Council Manager in accordance with HALC Conference topic discussion (to avoid the role being confused with an admin clerking role)

Members discussed this item and agreed that there is confusion about the Parish Clerk's role, as well as the Parish Clerk regularly being mistakenly linked to the church.

Resolved to change the Parish Clerk's title to Parish Council Manager forthwith, with the Parish Council's email address remaining unchanged for the time being. ACTION: PCM.

17.286 Correspondence

17.286.1 Winchester City Council - Public Consultation on draft Traveller Development Plan Document. All comments must be received no later than 5.00pm on 4 September 2017. Council to consider whether it wishes to make any further comments. **Noted; Council to add no further comments.**

17.286.2 Hamble River Valley Forum Annual Report 2016/2017 and draft AGM Minutes. **Noted.**

17.286.3 Fisheries Technical Specialist (Solent Fisheries, Biodiversity & Geomorphology Team) - Seaview Project draft Mitigation Measures- seeking feedback. **To be re-circulated to Members to allow individuals to respond. ACTION: PCM.**

17.287 To note Parish Council Manager's Update Report (previously circulated to Members) – the PCM advised Members she had chased Fullers Brewery again regarding Exclusive 20 Year Licence. PCM to provide Cllr Kemp with Fullers contact email regarding the Parish Quay, once the Exclusive Licence issue is finalised. ACTION: PCM.

17.288 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Coach House – Cllr Furby advised that a new Planning Application is being submitted for an extension. She may not be present to consider this application and therefore requested

Members to be minded of the bat breeding season in relation to the timings of any development.

Affordable Housing – Members requested Cllr Bundell to put an item in his next newsletter article regarding Council requiring evidence for local demand for affordable housing. **ACTION: CLLR BUNDELL.**

HALC Transparency and Budgeting Training – Councillor Bodger had attended this training which he said was extremely good. Having checked CPC's website afterwards he felt reassured that CPC is meeting its transparency requirements. The PCM advised that she is currently making regular improvements to the website. Cllr Bodger said that it would be nice to add a plan showing all the land owned by CPC. Members requested the PCM to contact WCC to establish whether they had or could produce such a plan for CPC. **ACTION: PCM.**

Proposed Uplands Development (near Hilliers Nursery) – Cllr Bodger confirmed that he will be attending this meeting on behalf of Council.

Warwick House (fallen tree branch) – Cllr Newton enquired whether this item had been reported; the PCM confirmed that it had.

Footpath from Horse and Jockey to the multi user path proposed at the North Whiteley development (Curdrige) exit – the Hamble River Valley Forum had been trying to arrange a site meeting between Cllr Newton, Ian Underdown (from Hamble PC) and the Land Agent for the National Trust, but had not been successful. Cllr Newton requested Council to write to the National Trust asking them to contact Cllr Newton to arrange this site meeting. Members agreed. **ACTION: PCM.**

Bus Route – Cllr Newton had received no response to her further email to HCC and asked Council to write to Cllr Huxstep, requesting him to chase this matter further. Members agreed. **ACTION: PCM.**

Blind Lane (dead/dangerous mature trees near Calcot Lane junction end) – Cllr Newton requested Council to report the dead/dangerous trees in Blind Lane to HCC. Members agreed. **ACTION: PCM.**

Fly Tipping – Cllr Bundell had reported three instances of fly tipping within the last week and felt that this problem was continuing. He urged all Councillors to likewise report instances of fly tipping, so that HCC had an accurate record identifying that this problem has increased.

Village Gates – Cllr Bundell had realised that the proposed village gates on the Wickham Road (at the Curdrige sign) were marginally within the Shedfield Parish. He requested Council to write to Shedfield Parish Council as a matter of courtesy. Members agreed. **ACTION: PCM.**

16.289 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

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

There were no matters arising.

The meeting closed at 9.18 pm.