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MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 21 JANUARY 2016
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM

Present:

Cllr K Bundell (Chairman)
Cllr E Bodger (Vice Chairman)
Cllr C Cross
Cllr J Furby
Cllr R Kemp
Cllr L Newton

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Clerk)
1 member of the public

Public Session

There were no matters arising.

16.1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Weaver, Cllr Humby and Cllr Ruffell

16.2 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bodger declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 16.5.2.

16.3 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting of 17 December 2015

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 17 December 2015, as drafted, for signing. ACTION: CHAIR.

16.4 To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillor

This item was deferred, as the County and District Councillors had sent apologies.

16.5 Planning Applications received from Winchester City Council for decision/response

16.5.1 St Michaels The Plantation Curdridge Southampton Hampshire SO32 2DT – (HOUSEHOLDER) Conversion of loft space to 3 bedrooms, with 3 dormers, 1 velux, porch roof. New ground floor rear window and internal room layout changes. Case Officer: Simon Avery. Case No: 15/02939/FUL.

Members discussed the planning history of this property and although it was noted that each planning application has to be considered on its own merits, it was felt that the decision of the Planning Inspectorate in relation to the original permission could not be ignored in this instance.

Resolved TO OBJECT, on the grounds that the original permission for this property (given at appeal) was given on the basis that this property was to be a small property to replace an existing annex in the adjacent house (which was to be surrendered); the Planning Inspectorate in giving permission also expressly stipulated that the permitted property was to have no upstairs and consequently Members felt that this condition should strenuously be adhered to. Members requested that the Clerk copy Cllrs Humby and Ruffell in on this planning response. UPDATE: Members also requested the Clerk to notify Winchester City Council that the two windows applied for within this application have already been installed (but are not listed as retrospective).

ACTION: CLERK.

16.5.2 Parklands Wangfield Lane Curdridge Hampshire SO32 2DA – Single storey rear extension. Case Officer: Lewis Oliver. Case No: 16/00064/FUL.

Members had not had an opportunity to visit this property, as there had been difficulties in relation to the new electronic consultation system (being piloted for this application) and therefore it was decided to defer this application until the Planning Committee Meeting on 4 February 2015. **ACTION: CLERK.**

Members then discussed the new consultation scheme being piloted by Winchester City Council and it was felt that more work was needed in relation to this process, as the link supplied for this pilot application went only to the search page, when what is required is a specific link to the application itself. In this particular case, the issue was made worse by an error elsewhere that listed an entirely different site among the properties. Members also felt that having paper copies of plans gave clarity when visiting properties to consider applications and when liaising with applicants, architects and the public both on site and at meetings. It was felt that if changes to the footprints of properties required a planning application to be made it was important to have access to paper plans. **ACTION: CLERK.**

Members felt they would also like to liaise with Cllr Humby at a future meeting to discuss alternative options, if this pilot scheme was a cost cutting measure, e.g. requesting applicants/architects to send a copy of the plans direct to parish councils. **ACTION: MEMBERS.**

16.6 Finance

16.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 21 January 2016 and quarterly report, cheque signing and payments.

Resolved to note the Quarterly Report and to approve the finance report and cheque signing and payments. ACTION: MEMBERS/CLERK.

16.7 Village Gates update and decision (if applicable)

Cllr Newton updated Members on the current position as follows:

Botley Road – currently it was felt that only one gate could be installed.

Resolved to notify HCC Highways Traffic Team and once approved, instruct John Clements to proceed with the installation of this set of gates. ACTION: CLERK.

Burrige – Curbridge – it was felt that the installation of gates entering Curbridge from Curdridge would have to be deferred until the proposed development at Whiteley was complete and the associated road improvements had been carried out.

UPDATE: Cllr Bundell had undertaken an inspection of the site, together with taking photographs to establish where gates might be put entering Curbridge from Burrige and instructed the Clerk to proceed with applying to HCC Highways Traffic Team to install gate from Burrige to Curbridge, but leave the other side, as agreed.

Curdridge Lane – a gate could only be put on one side where intended, as a gate on the side of the road near Poplars House would block vision for cars exiting this property.

Resolved to write to HCC Highways Traffic Team to enquire whether it would be possible to install a gate on one side of the road (Cricketers Pub side) and to paint the 40 speed limit post near Poplars House to tie in with gate. If HCC Highways approve this, John Clements can be instructed to proceed with this. ACTION: CLERK.

Wangfield Lane – it was felt that these gates could easily be installed without encroaching onto private boundaries or blocking vision.

Resolved to notify HCC Highways Traffic Team and once approved, instruct John Clements to proceed with the installation of this set of gates. ACTION: CLERK.

Wickham Road – it was felt that it may be too dangerous to install a gate on the Silverlake Garage side of the road, as it would encroach onto the pavement and block vision; Members also had concerns about a gate on the other side of the road blocking vision.

Resolved that Cllr Cross would liaise with her husband (who regularly visits property at this location) to establish feasibility and report back to Council. ACTION: CLLR CROSS.

UPDATE: Cllr Bundell inspected the site approved by HCC Highways, took photographs and advised that there was no problem placing a gate on the opposite side of the road to Silverlake Garage, as the verge and hedge trimming stop at this point; Cllr Bundell also spoke to Mr

Prebble and he was happy for a gate to be placed on the verge outside of his property. ***If HCC Highways Traffic Team approves this, John Clements can be instructed to proceed with installation. ACTION: CLERK.***

16.8 Vicarage Lane parking issues

The Chair advised Members that he had visited Vicarage Lane, following which he had emailed Members and Rob Humby with some suggestions of what action could possibly be taken (as many people were now parking here to go to the train station):

- The ditch on the opposite side to Beechcroft, alongside Jane Porter's hedge - where the cars are parked - could be dug out again / reinstated, as this may deter cars parking there).
- If possible, Police No Parking cones could be placed along the verge for a period.
- General No Parking signs (if HCC Highways would allow).

Members discussed this matter.

Resolved that the Clerk would write to Darren Lewis, HCC Highways to advise of the severe problems being caused by car parking on one side of the road, causing cars and lorries passing to destroy the road on the opposite side (which is crumbling away) and the verge. Members suggested the following resolutions:

- ***The ditch on the opposite side to Beechcroft, alongside Jane Porter's hedge - where the cars are parking - could be dug out again / reinstated, as this may deter cars parking there;***
- ***If possible, Police No Parking cones could be placed along the verge for a period;***
- ***General No Parking signs (if HCC Highways would allow);***
- ***Double yellow lines;***
- ***Kerb/edging stones could be installed. ACTION: CLERK (cc Cllr Humby/B Watson)***

Members requested the Clerk to also enquire why the 30 mph speed limit begins half way down Vicarage Lane by Titlarks Farmhouse, as it was felt that this should now be at the start of the road, due to the number of staff, visitors and pedestrians to the White House and pedestrians and horses using the road generally; Members were also concerned that this road is also due to be considered for "Quiet Lane" status (which is currently being investigated by Cllr Humby on behalf of the Botley to Bishop's Waltham Bridleway Project Working Group).

16.9 Correspondence

16.9.1 Winchester Action on Climate Change - letter inviting Council to consider inviting them to Annual Parish Meeting to give a presentation. ***Clerk to send invite to Annual Parish Meeting. ACTION: CLERK.***

16.9.2 Curdridge Show Committee - advising of postponement of Curdridge Show 60th Anniversary and notifying of committee meeting at 7.30 pm on 18 January 2016 at Reading Rooms to discuss this year's smaller event. ***Noted. A discussion was also had about a possible additional event for the Queen's 90th Birthday in June 2016.***

16.9.3 Hampshire Athletics - thanking Curdridge Parish Council for the use of the Cemetery Car Park. ***Noted.***

16.9.4 Julian Higgins, Hampshire County Council – notifying of changes to street lighting energy charges. ***Noted.***

16.9.5 WCC – Forward Plan (February 2016). ***Noted.***

16.9.6 Home Start Meon Valley thanking Curdridge Parish Council for their grant donation. ***Noted.***

16.10 To note Parish Clerk's Update Report (previously circulated to Members)

The Clerk Report was noted. Members once again thanked Cllr Newton and John Clements for their hard work in putting the safety signs up at the pond and Curdridge Lane. Members were disappointed that Highways did not support the sign for horse riders at the pond.

16.11 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Cllr Kemp raised concerns about the amount of blanket TPOs being implemented in Cudridge, which allow for confusion of specific trees covered by TPOs; Cllr Kemp to put together a case history to be referred to Winchester City Council. ***ACTION: CLLR KEMP.***

Cllr Newton advised Members that the safe access for pedestrians from St Peter's Close to the Reading Room had to be delayed until the Reading Room development issue was decided; she advised that residents would use the bridge to enter the recreation ground, but could not because there was no path. Members discussed the possibility of putting a temporary wood chip path in from the bridge to the car park. Cllr Bundell to raise this matter with the Reading Room Committee and report back to Council. **ACTION: CLLR BUNDELL.**

Cllr Kemp queried when the public consultation regarding the Reading Room development was going to take place. Cllr Bundell to also raise this with the Reading Room Committee to confirm and would report back to Council. **ACTION: CLLR BUNDELL.**

Cllrs Newton and Furby raised the matter of the danger to pedestrians using the new bus stops in Curdridge Lane, especially in the light of the two recent road traffic accidents on this bend; residents had also complained about concerns for their own safety when using these bus stops. Members all agreed that the pedestrian route from Lockhams Road to the bus stops was extremely dangerous, added to which there was no safe refuges for pedestrians to use whilst waiting for the bus. Puddles by these bus stops were causing additional problems.

Cllr Furby advised that she and her husband would be prepared to negotiate some sort of licence for HCC Highways to use their verge (particularly from Hole Lane to the bus stops) to install a pavement for pedestrian safety. Members to supply photographs, to enable the Clerk to write to HCC Highways and WCC Transport to enquire whether, should Cllr Furby grant a licence, they would be prepared to change Curdridge Parish Council's original road safety proposal for the Plantation (where Curdridge Parish Council are to make a contribution) to this project with a pavement being placed from Hole Lane to at least the bus stops and a refuge being placed on either side of the road for bus stops. This item would be added to a future Agenda for ratifying once HCC Highways & Transport had responded. **ACTION: CLERK (cc. Cllrs Humby and Ruffell).**

Cllr Bundell reminded Members to speak to residents in areas where there was fly tipping of garden waste to advise that landowners had made complaints to Council. **ACTION: ALL.**

Cllr Bundell had reported the road traffic accident outside Fairthorne Manor to HCC Highways; as an aside HCC had agreed to jet the drains and unblock the ditch further up the road.

Cllr Bundell also advised of the road traffic accident at Kitnocks Hill and that the owner of Spring Cottage has some photographs to go on Council's new RTA file.

Cllr Bundell advised that Mr Gamblin had confirmed that the possible Lake Road to Gordon Road permissive footpath could not go across their land. Cllr Bundell has contact details and plans relating to the owner of the neighbouring field and will provide these to the Clerk, in order that Council can approach this owner to establish whether they would consider a permissive footpath across their land. **ACTION: CLLR BUNDELL.**

16.12 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.

16.13 Planning Enforcement

Enforcement matters were discussed.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.