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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER 2017
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM
CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr Kevan Bundell (Chairman)

Cllr Rory Kemp

Cllr Lynne Newton

Cllr Steve Wallin

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Vivian Achwal (District Councillor)

Public Session

There were no matters arising.

17.340 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Eric Bodger, Joanne Furby and Sian Townsend.

Apologies had also been received from District/County Councillors Roger Bentote and Roger Huxstep.

17.341 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

17.342 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 16 November 2017

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 16 November 2017, as drafted, for signing. ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.

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

Councillors Achwal and Bentote reported:

Speedwatch – as Speedwatch volunteers they had become familiar with speeding hotspots within the parish and had joined the volunteers in seeking to get Speedwatch locations on 40 mph routes (where there were safe sites).

Road maintenance – several roads had been improved in the last year. They have joined Curdridge Parish Council to petition HCC to clear the pavement along the B3035 (particularly from the church to Botley Railway Station), as overgrowth onto the pavement was now very bad. It was noted the HCC had previously advised they would be budgeting to re-surface this pavement, as several parishioners had also reported tripping on the uneven surface. PCM to chase HCC again. **ACTION: PCM.**

Rural Leisure Facilities – they are pressing WCC to consider more rural leisure facilities to support the growing population.

Councillor Huxstep reported:

Disabled Facilities Grants – disabled facilities grants were available to assist with adaptations to keep residents safe and enable them to continue to live independently in their own home. A disabled facilities grant could help you with stair lifts and through-floor lifts to improve access around the home; ramping to enable safe access; level access showers and bathroom adaptations to enable safe use of bathroom facilities. Should you wish to discuss the disabled facilities grant service please contact the private sector housing team on: 01962 848 455 or email: disabledfacilitiesgrant@winchester.gov.uk. The PCM confirmed she had circulated posters to the parish notice boards some time ago.

Lower rents for council tenants - Council tenants in Winchester will see their rents reduced by 1% from April next year. Despite inflation being currently over 3%, Councillors have supported Government demands on social landlords to reduce rents, which will help keep Council housing affordable for thousands of residents in the Winchester district.

Planning Matters - Hampshire County Council's Leader is calling on the Government to spend cash on Planning infrastructure and green spaces. Cllr Roy Perry is submitting the County Council's response to a consultation from the Department for Communities & Local Government (DCLG) on *Planning for the Right Homes in the Right Places*. Cllr Perry said: "Proper investment in strategic infrastructure is essential to help Hampshire, and its neighbours, reach their full economic potential and to enable us to make the most of the advantages we have here."

Highways Improvements - local residents and businesses were invited to a public exhibition to see for themselves how Hampshire County Council, working with Highways England, plans to improve Junction 9 of the M27. HCC will be undertaking a £20 million improvement scheme to widen Junction 9 of the M27 as well as Parkway South roundabout (the first roundabout as you approach Whiteley).

Rural Transport - Rural people are being asked to write to their MPs and call for a review of non-emergency patient transport services. It follows warnings by Age UK that older people are facing huge difficulties getting to routine hospital appointments. The charity has called for a review of non-emergency patient transport services – and wants people to write to their MPs in support of the campaign.

All the District and County Councillors wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

17.344.1 1 Tebourba Way Outlands Lane Curdridge SO30 2HD - Construction of 2-bed annexe to side of 1 Tebourba Way (amended proposal). Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 17/02540/HOU.

Cllr Bundell introduced this item and advised that this property had previously been a pre-fab, which had later been bricked up. The annex was independent of the main property, but was intended to be an annex for family members.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT and to support this application, subject to WCC ensuring that a condition is attached to any permission granted to ensure that this annex always remains an annex to 1 Tebourba Way and cannot become a separate property in future years. ACTION: PCM.

17.345 Finance

17.345.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 21 December 2017 and cheque signing & payments

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

17.345.2 To note Winchester City Council's notification of Taxbase figure for 2018-2019

17.345.3 To finalise and approve the draft Budget 2018-2019

Resolved:

- i) to note Curdridge Parish Council's taxbase figure for 2018-2019 of 642.80;**
- ii) Code 200210 Newsletter – £300 per year to allow Council to prepare an annual 4 page leaflet to circulate to all parishioners highlighting the work of Council and also providing details of legislation in relation to things such as hedge cutting, external lighting, ditch clearance etc.**
- iii) Code 200270 Notice Boards/Benches to remain at £400, but PCM to arrange removal of Kitnocks House bench from reserves (if less than £100), to reduce future maintenance costs and avoid Health & Safety issues arising. Members also requested PCM to write to groundsman advising that it had been noted by them that the Kitnocks Hill bench clearance & litter picking had not been carried out for some time.**
- iv) Code 300115 Reading Room Maintenance (including grant) – increase to £1200 to allow parish to give charity/community more support.**
- v) Code 300210 Cemetery Maintenance increase to £1345, to allow £180 for an annual inspection of the trees by a tree specialist, in accordance with insurance requirements and a bi-annual stain of the archway/fence (NB code 300320 Allotment Maintenance to be increased by £180 with both these codes absorbing the overall costs) and £65 for wild flower plugs for the lower half and shrubs alongside the archway and future annual improvements. PCM to arrange annual tree inspection.**
- vi) Code 300225 Cemetery Car Park Maintenance - increase to £1,500 per year to allow for under-spends to be ear-marked for replacement surfacing (as required), as the car park is heavily used and is in a bad state of repair. Members requested the PCM to place this item on January Full Council Agenda, in order to discuss it in detail and consider applying for a County Councillor Grant contribution towards necessary re-surfacing works. Members would also consider the PCM writing to Hopscotch Nursery to see if they would be prepared to make a contribution to future re-surfacing costs, as at least 10-15 of their employees use the car park every week day.**
- vii) Code 300320 Allotment Maintenance increase to £2380; additional £180 to allow for an annual inspection of the trees by a tree specialist, in accordance with insurance requirements and a bi-annual stain of new fence (when installed). (NB code 300210 Cemetery Maintenance to be increased by £180 with both codes absorbing the overall costs). PCM to arrange annual tree inspection.**
- viii) Code 300410 Bus Shelters & BT Phonebox – budget to remain at £340. Set up costs for the book exchange to come from reserves.**
- ix) Code 300425 Pound/Pond - increase to £2900 to allow £50 for minimal planting of shrubs and future improvements of the Pound.**
- x) Code 300429 Highways/Footpaths (inc. Village Gates) – increase to £2,000 to allow additional minimal highways/footpath improvements and new signage (if applicable) within the parish, although it was noted that HCC were responsible for the overall maintenance of highways. PCM to place "Highways Projects/Priorities" item on next Planning Meeting Agenda to allow Council to discuss this in more detail.**
- xi) Code 400015 Minibus – increase to £4000 to allow under-spends to be ear-marked for replacement minibus when required.**

- xii) **that subject to the above budget revisions, Curdridge Parish Council's Budget for 2018-2019 be approved, with the Grant element, once finalised by WCC, and precept to cover the overall amount required of £46277.00 (14.15% increase). PCM to provide Council with a breakdown of the Grant/Precept figures at January Full Council.**

17.345.4 To consider quotation for the replacement of the damaged Allotment Recreation fence (which will require to come from reserves)

Resolved to obtain a revised quotation from John Clements to put concrete base posts at the bottom of each wooden fence post and then brace/bracket wooden fence posts to these, to give the new fence a far longer life expectancy. Members would consider revised quote at January Full Council. ACTION: PCM.

17.346 Correspondence

17.346.1 WCC – Parish and Town Precept 2018-2019 Briefing Notes and Questionnaire relating to Council Tax Support (formally Council Tax Benefit).

Resolved that Curdridge Parish Council would respond to WCC in accordance with the draft prepared by the PCM. ACTION: PCM.

17.346.2 WCC - Winchester District Sport & Physical Activity Framework – Consultation.

Resolved that Cllrs Bundell and Bodger would liaise and respond to this consultation, as previously discussed. ACTION: CLLR BUNDELL/BODGER.

17.346.3 George Hollingbery MP – letter regarding noisy motorbikes. **Noted.**

17.346.4 Letter from WCC to Eastleigh Borough Council regarding their lack of consultation on their proposed Local Plan. **Noted and strongly supported.**

17.346.5 Esso – regarding Southampton to London Pipeline Project. **Noted, although this does not affect the Curdridge Parish.**

17.347 To consider the Curdridge and Curbridge Allotment Association's requests:

i) to erect a storage shed measuring 8 feet by 6 feet

Resolved to approve the Allotment Association constructing a storage shed 8 feet by 6 feet, subject to the Allotment Association ensuring that they obtain the relevant approval from Winchester City Council and ensuring that adequate insurance is put in place to cover the shed and its contents. ACTION: PCM.

ii) for Council to consider whether it wishes to retain the policy to accept only parish residents as allotments tenants and if so, to consider advertising the 2-3 vacant allotment plots available within the parish magazine

Resolved that Council wishes to ensure that the condition that only Curdridge parish residents are eligible for Curdridge allotments is retained. It was agreed that Cllr Bundell would put an article in the next Parish Magazine notifying residents of the vacant plots available and to contact the Allotment Association. ACTION: CLLR BUNDELL/PCM.

17.348 To consider suitable Agenda items for Council's meeting with George Hollingbery MP on 19 January 2018 at 1.15 pm

Members were very happy with the proposed Agenda drafted by Cllr Bodger and Bundell.

Resolved that Agenda be finalised at January Full Council, in case any further agenda items arise in the meantime. PCM would advise George Hollingbery's PA of proposed agenda items to date. ACTION: PCM.

17.349 To note Parish Council Manager's Update Report (previously circulated to Members) – Noted.

17.350 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Pound – Cllr Newton advised that her loppers had been broken whilst carrying out the recent improvement works to the Pound. Members approved Councillor Newton replacing these at a cost of £30-40. Members were grateful to Cllr Kemp and Cllr Newton, as their hard work had saved the parish council a significant amount of money.

Reading Room Car Park tree – Cllr Bundell advised Members that a site meeting had taken place with WCC's Tree Officer and the Reading Room's Tree Specialist at which agreement had provisionally been reached to enable the tree to be retained with vastly reduced tree works that would satisfy all parties (and insurers).

Affordable Housing – Cllr Bundell had attended a meeting with WCC and the landowner at which agreement had been reached that only a very small number of affordable houses (maximum 10) would be considered for this site. The project has now been handed back to Mags Wylie to progress.

16.351 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

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

Enforcement matters were discussed.

16.352.3 Staffing Matters – deferred.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.