

## Curdridge Parish Council

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**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD ON THE RISING OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
ON THURSDAY, 21 APRIL 2016  
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM**

### **Present:**

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

### **In attendance:**

Jenny Whittle (Parish Clerk)  
There were no members of the public.

### **Public Session**

No matters arising.

### **16.40 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Kemp, Cllr Humby and Cllr Ruffell.

### **16.41 To receive Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **16.42 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting of 17 March 2016**

***Resolved to approve the Minutes as drafted for signing. ACTION: CHAIR/CLERK.***

### **16.43 To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillor**

The County and District Councillors had sent apologies; a written report had however been given for the Annual Parish Meeting prior to this meeting.

### **16.44 Planning Matters Arising**

#### **16.44.1 Applications received from Winchester City Council for decision/response**

16.44.1.1 Rose Folly Outlands Lane Curdridge Hampshire SO30 2HD - Proposed Oak building over existing swimming pool. Case Officer: Russell Stock. Case No: 16/00639/FUL. Cllr Bodger introduced this application; the main concern was light pollution to neighbouring properties, which the owner said would be overcome by having automatic blinds to close when it gets dark.

***Resolved TO SUPPORT this application, subject to a condition to be attached to any permission that automatic blinds must be installed, which close automatically when it gets dark. ACTION: CLERK.***

16.44.1.2 Harfield Farm Botley Road Curdridge Hampshire SO32 2DU - New gates in existing boundary fence. Case Officer: Liz Marsden. Case No: 16/00631/FUL.

Members discussed this application.

***Resolved TO SUPPORT this application.***

#### **16.44.2 Email notification from Winchester City Council that it is suspending its free planning enquiry service to the public (including parish councils)**

Members raised concerns about parish councils not being able to seek planning advice free of charge for community facilities.

***Resolved that Council would write to Julie Pinnock at WCC (copying in Cllrs Humby and Ruffell) to advise that Council deplores the idea of suspending the free planning enquiry service, as it will result in fewer planning applications being approved on first application, which will increase WCC workloads, which in turn will have cost implications and will slow down development required in the area. It was also felt that this goes against the ethos of Winchester City Council (as reported by Cllrs Humby and Ruffell in their annual report to Council), i.e. "What matters to the customer" and the statement "there are no reductions to frontline services planned for 2016/17". It was also felt that parish council should be able to access free planning information relating to community facilities to enable them to carry out their role. ACTION: CLERK.***

The Clerk also reported that in an endeavour to cut costs, WCC are no longer sending out paper plans to parish council. However, in view of CPC's request to still receive paper plans for site visits, they will send reduced A3 versions of paper plans. Members noted this.

#### **16.44.3 To review CPC Planning Committee Terms of Reference (particular having regard to Site Visits)**

This item was deferred until the next Full Council Meeting on 19 May 2016.

#### **16.45 Finance**

16.45.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 21 April 2016, quarterly report for the end of year, cheque signing & payments.

***Resolved to approve the Finance Report dated 21 April 2016, cheque signing and payments and to note the quarterly report for the end of year, subject to minor amendments being made (if required) when auditing. ACTION: CLERK.***

#### **16.46 Frogmill Public Footpath Sign – to receive update and decide on action required**

Cllr Newton wished to have a sign produced to read "PUBLIC FOOTPATH – PEDESTRIANS HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY AT ALL TIMES". Members were concerned about the ownership of the footpath and the legal rights of pedestrians associated with this footpath.

***Resolved that Council would write to HCC Rights of Way to request them to establish whether the proposed sign is legally viable, having regard to the ownership of the footpath and vehicular usage of the roadway/footpath by property owners and businesses/clients. ACTION: CLERK.***

#### **16.47 Correspondence**

16.47.1 Bishops Waltham Parish Council – enclosing complimentary copy of the Bishop's Waltham Design Statement. **Noted.**

16.47.2 Winchester City Council – notification of Public Dinner in Honour of the Retiring Mayor on Friday, 13 May 2016; tickets can be purchased in advance for £42.50 each. **Noted.**

16.47.3 Natalie Hands, HCC – introducing herself as the new Community Engagement Ranger. **Noted and it was agreed that Cllrs Cross and Newton would jointly respond to Natalie's brief consultation. ACTION: CLLRS CROSS/NEWTON.**

#### **16.48 To note Parish Clerk's Update Report (previously circulated to Members)**

The report was noted; Members requested the Clerk to go back to Network Rail regarding the barbed wire on Footpath 7 to explain that Council believes the barbed wire is not on land owned by Network Rail. However, Network Rail's contractors fitted the barbed wire when they carried out the works relating to the culvert, pipes and ditches. Therefore Network Rail

must ensure that the barbed wire is relocated to the inside of the fence, as it is unlawful to have barbed wire adjacent to a public footpath. **ACTION: CLERK.**

#### **16.49 To receive reports from Parish Councillors**

Reading Room Committee AGM - Cllr Furby reported that three Members had attended the AGM, where it was reported that the committee is now working towards plans to demolish the current Reading Rooms (due to maintenance issues) and develop the car park and Reading Room site (only) with 3 larger houses and 4 smaller houses and to build a replacement village hall on Skinners Field. Quotes are being obtained from developers and an architect has been employed; Members had cautioned the Reading Room Committee to carry out a public consultation of all residents regarding the revised plans during the early stages.

Hole Lane (tree cutting) – Cllr Newton queried whether TPOs could be placed on these trees. The Chair advised that this matter had been reported to WCC who would decide on this.

Caution Horses Road Signs at Calcot/Botley Road junction – Cllr Newton queried whether three caution horses signs could be installed on the same posts as the duck signs. Members raised concerns that this would increase signage in the area too much and may take these signage posts over the limit to avoid the requirement for planning permission. It was agreed that only two of the three ducks signs would be installed and instead one caution horses sign would be purchased by Council and installed on Botley Road on the privately owned land identified. **ACTION: CLERK.**

**The meeting closed at 9.51 pm.**