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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 21 JULY 2022
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Jonathan Carkeet

Cllr Paul Haskins

Cllr Philip Hedger

Cllr Lynne Newton

Cllr Sian Townsend

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

Cllr Hugh Lumby (County Councillor)

Cllr Mike Evans, Whiteley Town Council

Public Session

There were no matters arising.

22.173 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Vivian Achwal.

22.174 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

22.175 North Whiteley Development (Parish Boundary Review) – BECG Consultancy initial advice and Q&A session for Members

Miles Willshire of BECG was attending, as his colleague scheduled to attend was no longer able to do so. Miles felt that as he lives in the parish he would also like to be involved with this, even if it is on a personal basis. He is slightly concerned that if the Curdridge boundary remains unchanged land nearer to Curdridge will be developed, whereas if the North Whiteley Development is adopted the land on the edge of this area provides a buffer. Cllr Bodger explained that Curdridge Parish will already be taking approximately 100 new homes in the Sherecroft Development (if it proceeds) and believes that no further large scale developments should be required within the parish. He advised Miles that if Curdridge absorbs the North Whiteley Development it would increase the parish by over 3,000 homes and the current residents would become a minority of 14% or less.

Cllr Evans explained that Whiteley Town Council committed to take the North Whiteley Development in 2007, albeit that WCC's position appears to have changed. He advised that Whiteley Town Council has also offered land within the SHEELA to address possible future requirements from Winchester. Whiteley Town Council's area deficiencies were resolved within the North Whiteley Development on the understanding that North Whiteley would

become part of Whiteley Town Council and adopt these facilities. They have been advised that WCC could have revised the boundary at the outset without the need for a consultation but chose not to do so.

Members were extremely disappointed that several community members had raised concerns that they were not made aware of any consultation taking place. Residents who were aware of the consultation have raised the fact that the process is extremely flawed, as people are able to complete the consultation as many times as they like and do not have to provide a post code to prove that they live within the parishes affected by the final decision.

Miles advised Members that Council could take legal advice to ensure that WCC meets its legal requirements, but Members felt they would first like to try to work with WCC to resolve the matters raised if at all possible. Members thanked Miles for his time.

Resolved that:

i) the PCM would send an email to Martin Tod, Jackie Porter, Julie Pinnock, Laura Taylor and Karen Vincent (for information only) setting out the concerns raised and the necessary actions required to resolve matters:

1. The Advisory Group needs to meet sufficient times to make its recommendations to Winchester City Council and to the North Whiteley Development Forum. The request to allow alternatives to Teams (in item 6 of the terms of reference) to facilitate participation should be reported to the City and County Councils, as is required.
2. Residents of Whiteley and Curdridge (including the MDA) need to be notified of the Community Governance Review and the CitizenSpace Survey. In the interests of fairness, the relevant parish councils should be involved in advance if any recommendations are to be included in the notification.

The [proposal](#) approved by the Licensing and Regulation Committee on 10 March 2022 stated “Full consultation exercises, of which there are at least two, will be undertaken during the process”.

3. The Survey should be modified to avoid the risk of multiple responses from any individual, and to ensure that all respondents submit a post-code to validate their eligibility for the survey.
4. This modified Survey should be used to collect residents’ views for at least two weeks after they have been notified according to 2 above. **ACTION: PCM.**

ii) Cllr Bodger will liaise further with Steve Tilbury to ensure that due process is followed and no further matters are required to be raised. ACTION: CLLR BODGER.

iii) Miles Willshire will provide support (in a personal capacity should Council require it) to carry out a consultation of all parishioners advising them of the Community Boundary Review process being undertaken and the views of the parish council. Council will contact Miles further if required.

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

Cllr Lumby had provided a report for the last council meeting, but wished to highlight that HCC’s consultation on a 20 mph speed limit policy review. He encouraged as many people as possible to respond to this consultation, but pointed out that reduced speed limits alone are not enough and that other measures such as police enforcement, average speed cameras, village gates, chicanes and speed bumps also need to be considered.

Cllr Haskins pointed out that historically parishioners had raised speeding traffic within the parish as their main concern. He queried whether Cllr Lumby would be able to consult the relevant people within HCC that could advise Council on the best way to achieve reduced speed limits within the parish. The PCM and Cllr Bodger advised that Council has ear-marked some funding to be put towards highways improvements that could be used to achieve this if necessary.

Resolved that Cllr Lumby will discuss this with colleagues and will refer this to the relevant officer to contact and assist Curdridge Parish Council. ACTION: CLLR LUMBY.

22.177 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 7 July 2022

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 7 July 2022 for signing. ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.

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

22.178.1 Fairthorne Grange Farm, Foxwood Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire SO30 2HB - Change of Use of part of Barn to Class B8 and alterations to form a commercial storage facility. Case Officer: Jordan Wiseman. Case No: 22/01268/FUL.

Members discussed this application and had no concerns about the level of business usage on this site.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

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

22.179.1 Poplars Farm Curdridge Lane Curdridge SO32 2BH - Use of land for B8 (storage) use having taken place in excess of 10 years. Case Officer: Legal. Case No: 21/00349/LDC.

REFUSE. Noted.

22.180 Finance

22.180.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 21 July 2022 and cheque signing & payments.

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

22.180.2 Lloyds Bank Account Financial Services Compensation Scheme limit of £85,000 for combined eligible deposits – to consider whether Council wishes to place any funds above the Lloyds £85,000 limit into a new Nationwide Building Society Business Account or would prefer to consider one of the other investment options that the Internal Auditor has provided information about.

Members discussed the various options and felt that during the current climate Council should invest in secure investments.

Resolved that Council will:

- i) revise the Lloyds Bank Account signatories mandate;**
- ii) open a Nationwide Building Society Account following the Summer recess, when all Members will be more likely to be in attendance to sign the application. The PCM will ensure that £100,000.00 is left in the Lloyds Bank Account at that time representing the £85,000 limit and an additional £15,000 to cover the cost of some of the projects due to be undertaken by Council shortly. ACTION: PCM.**

22.180.3 Cricketers Pub (Council Defibrillator) – to consider quotations and provision for Council defibrillator to be located externally at the Cricketers Pub to have open public access. Members discussed the various quotations obtained by the PCM. Cllr Haskins queried which defibrillator the Reading Rooms has. The PCM advised that they have the Ipad SP1, which she had obtained two quotations for, as Cllr Burden had confirmed it had been very reliable and the spare parts were readily available. Members queried which quotation was for an Ipad SP1 and the PCM confirmed the cheapest of the two quotes for this model was from Wel

Medical. The PCM queried whether Council would like a locked or unlocked external cabinet. Members felt that if the locked cabinet was manned externally 24/7 (to enable the public to gain the access code) Council should opt for a locked cabinet.

Resolved to order the IPad SP1 Defibrillator package from Wel Medical in the sum of £1250 plus VAT, plus the additional sum for purchasing the locked cabinet option, provided that Wel Medical can confirm that it will be manned externally 24/7. Council will then arrange for an electrician to fit this equipment (in agreement with the landlords). ACTION: PCM

22.180.4 To ratify the purchase of a replacements “Duck” sign on Botley Road having now received permission from HCC to affix it to their sign post (subject to meeting conditions). Members discussed HCC conditions set out in their email.

Resolved that the PCM will purchase a new duck sign and fixings and will obtain a quotation from the Lengthsman, Rob Edwards, subject to him confirming that he has adequate insurance for carrying out works alongside the highway (as required by HCC). ACTION: PCM.

22.181 Correspondence

22.181.1 Winchester City Council – Local Plan Timetable Update. **Noted.**

22.181.2 Winchester City Council - Biodiversity Action Plan Update July 22. **Noted.**

22.181.3 Hampshire ALC – Chairs Networking Event Slideshow (circulated by Chair). **Noted.**

22.181.4 Action Hampshire - Hampshire Homes Hub celebrates Rural Housing Week. **Noted.**

22.181.5 Nexus Planning – notification of intent to submit a new Planning Application for North Whiteley. **Noted.**

22.181.6 Winchester City Council – Members’ Allowances Survey. **Noted; all Members to try to complete the survey. ACTION: ALL.**

22.182 Curdridge Parish Council communication strategy – to consider future methods of communicating with and consulting parishioners

Members discussed this item.

Resolved that Cllr Haskins, Cllr Hedger and Cllr Newton would form a working party to investigate the various options and make a recommendation to Council. They will advise the PCM once they are in a position for this item to be added to a future Agenda. ACTION: CLLR BODGER/CLLR HASKINS/CLLR HEDGER/CLLR NEWTON.

22.183 To note Parish Clerk’s Update Report (previously circulated to Members) – Noted.

22.184 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

HGVs Wangfield Lane – Cllr Burden advised that multiple HGVs are still using Wangfield Lane to exit the Boorley Green developments. HCC have advised Council it is monitoring this.

Southern Water (river issues) – Cllr Carkeet had also spoken to Southern Water about the works involving the river and has been advised Southern Water is aerating the water as a precaution due to possible contamination.

Speed Limit Reminder Sign (new) – PCM to chase delivery of the new equipment to Cllr Burden. **ACTION: PCM.**

Curdridge Primary School OFSTED Inspection – Cllr Townsend reported that Curdridge Primary School had undergone its OFSTED Inspection and the results would be published later in the year.

Nations Farm (Southern Water pipe) – Cllr Townsend had been advised the landowner has to have comprehensive ground excavation works carried out on their land by Southern Water to enable them to install their new pipe.

Reading Room (request for new bench in the fourth corner of recreation) – Cllr Townsend said that all but one of the corners has a bench and queried whether a fourth bench could be installed in the remaining corner. Cllr Burden said that the Reading Rooms would probably

consider this, but may not be able to afford the additional cost. Cllr Bodger said he would like to donate a new bench in memory of his wife Pam, if Cllr Burden could organise the permission and the Reading Room purchasing a bench the same as the others. **ACTION: CLLR BURDEN/CLLR BODGER.**

Allotment Recreation Management and Rewilding – Cllr Newton requested an item on the next Agenda to discuss this prior to the proposed site meeting. **ACTION: PCM.**

Curdrige Parish Council and Whiteley Town Council – Cllr Bodger requested an item on the Agenda to consider setting up a joint committee to manage works within the North Whiteley MDA. **ACTION: PCM.**

22.185 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

22.186 To receive WCC's update reports on Enforcement cases (if applicable) and decide upon any action required. Noted.

22.187 Reading Room management and maintenance – this item was deferred until the next meeting that Cllrs Carkeet, Haskins and Hedger are able to attend (as they had requested this item). ACTION: PCM.

22.188 Curdrige Parish Council Cemetery and St Peters Church – to consider future burial plot provision – this item was deferred to the next Full Council Meeting on 4 August. ACTION: PCM.

22.189 Allotment Recreation – site meeting to inspect and consider ditch filling and wild flower area project (time permitting), or to arrange a site meeting date/time. Resolved that the PCM will arrange this site meeting after the Allotment Recreation management item raised above had been discussed at the next meeting. ACTION: PCM.

22.190 Motion by Cllr Newton to discuss Councillor conduct regulations.

Members discussed suitable behaviour and expectations for Full Council Meetings. It was agreed that if any Member felt that another Member or member of the public was behaving inappropriately at a Full Council Meeting they would raise the matter with the Chair, in order that he could resolve the matter.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30 PM.