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MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2017
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM

Present:

Cllr K Bundell (Chairman)

Cllr K Bull

Cllr J Furby

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

Cllr Roger Bentote (District Councillor)

Cllr Roger Huxstep (District Councillor)

Public Session

There were no members of the public in attendance.

17.302 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Bodger, Cllr Kemp and Cllr Newton. Cllr Vivian Achwal had also sent apologies.

17.303 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

17.304 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 3 August 2017

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

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

Cllr Huxstep reported:

New layout bus stop at Winchester – this is now open.

Winovation – Grants of up to £4,000 are now available through this scheme. Members asked the PCM to notify the Reading Rooms of this scheme. **ACTION: PCM.**

WCC Policy Papers will now be scrutinised in more depth.

HCC Budget – further budget cuts being imposed on HCC by central Government have to be implemented by 2019-2020, which will mean further cuts to local services.

Cllr Bentote reported:

Curdridge Lane (heavy commercial traffic) – following our last meeting Cllr Bentote had written to WCC/HCC for advice. Cllr Humby had responded to residents advising them that to get any action residents will need to do a lot of observation and recording of incidents to enable HCC to pursue this matter. Cllr Bentote feel that with further housing developments in Botley and the bypass and work on North Whiteley Curdridge is set to have more than its fair share of

noise and disruption over the next year or more. District Councillors will do what they can to minimise any effects of all this work.

Cllr Furby felt larger local developments should be reported to neighbouring parish councils. The PCM said she would check new planning applications and would also write to immediately neighbouring parish councils, to see if a reciprocal agreement could be made for neighbouring parishes to report larger developments of more than 5-10 houses that would affect other parishes to those parishes, to ensure they could do a consultation response. **ACTION: PCM.**

17.306 Finance

17.306.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 21 September 2017 and cheque signing & payments

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

17.306.2 To note, approve and accept the external audit opinion in relation to the Audit for the year end 31 March 2017

Resolved to note, approve and accept the external audit opinion in relation to the Audit for the year ended 31 March 2017.

17.307 St Peters Close Phone Box – to receive update regarding insurance and decide upon action in relation to set up of book exchange

Members briefly discussed this matter and felt that the set-up of the project should be discussed when Cllr Bodger is present.

Resolved to discuss the set-up and the budget for the set-up of the book exchange when discussing the budget at the November 2017 Full Council Meeting, allowing for planter box planters and plants around three sides of the phone box to make it more cheerful and visible. ACTION: PCM.

17.308 Horse & Jockey Car Park – to note conclusion of 20 year exclusive licence with the brewery in accordance with conditions proposed by Council and to consider landlord's request to permit the Horse and Jockey to implement parking charges of £1 for 2 hours and £4 for all day parking, refundable when giving the pub custom on the day charges are incurred (to avoid current situation of all day parking when not using the pub)

Members discussed this and although not ideal they felt it was necessary, as several had visited the pub and noted the car park was full on occasions when there are very few customers in the pub. The landlord had assured Council that the public would still have access to the car park, but that they would be charged in the same manner as patrons of the pub.

Resolved to accept the landlord's suggestion to charge for parking at a reasonable cost, subject to public access to the Parish Quay and the National Trust walk being retained at all times (in accordance with the terms of the Exclusive Licence) and to any parking fees incurred being refunded when giving the pub custom of at least equal cost on the day the charges are incurred and also subject to approval being obtained from the relevant authorities. It was noted that the Landlord had agreed that parish staff and Councillors would not be charged for parking when carrying out duties. Members requested the PCM to write to the landlord of the pub advising of this decision and to also notify him that the Harbour Authority are currently investigating the possibility of improving/expanding the Parish Quay, which the pub/brewery will be consulted about shortly, should the project be at all feasible. ACTION: PCM.

17.309 Parish Lengthsman Scheme – to receive update report and decide upon action

Members noted that HCC had responded to the PCM's enquiry advising that there was no budget funding available for the current year and that HCC would be reviewing this scheme when setting the budget for the next financial year and advise parish councils of the outcome.

17.310 Correspondence

17.310.1 HCC – notification of public consultation for the proposed Uplands Farm Estate development for up to 1,025 new homes, a local centre with building(s) of up to 1,000 square metres of employment space, a secondary school, public open space, sports pitches and allotments. (Poster displayed on parish notice boards).

Members noted the public consultation and would try to attend one of these meetings. Cllr Bundell informed Members that the Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail Group's response did not accord with Council's regarding the request for a "Pegasus Crossing". Council requested the Clerk to email Cllr Newton urgently to ensure she investigates this, with a view to rectifying this. ACTION: PCM.

17.310.2 Carter Jonas Solicitors – notifying that the rent on the Curdridge Parish Council Cemetery Car Park is being increased from £175 to £200 per annum.

Members agreed to the rent being increased to £200, but requested the PCM to advise Carter Jonas Solicitors that Council was not pleased the rent had been increased, given that Council allows regular church parking in the car park and carries out regular maintenance, i.e. grass/hedge cutting, incurs these costs. ACTION: PCM.

17.310.3 Robert Tutton Town Planning Consultants – regarding application for the Fitness Suite at Harmsworth Farm updating Members and requesting Council to withdraw its objection. **Resolved that Members did not wish to retract their objection to this application, as it is a statement of fact, given that the Ramsar site has had to be taken into consideration for other applications within the vicinity and it is also felt that this property has already carried out a substantive amount of development and therefore Council is keen to see the remaining open areas protected. However, Council would request that WCC revise the wording of its objection from "open space" to "open area" to avoid confusion in the terminology. ACTION: PCM.**

17.310.4 John Clements, Upham Garden Services – email requesting Council to advise whether it wishes him to instruct the current hedge cutting contractor for this year's cut. He estimates that the cost will be similar to last year £240 plus VAT (possibly with a marginal inflation increase).

Members felt that this fee was reasonable, given the contract and agreed to John Clements instructing the contractor. Members asked the PCM to check whether this element was included in the Groundsman's Contract. ACTION: PCM.

UPDATE: PCM confirms that she incorporated this into his Contract last year.

17.310.5 HCC Flood and Water Management Team – email request to display posters highlighting riparian landowner obligations to clear ditches and waterways. (Poster displayed on parish notice boards). **Members noted this and requested it to be sent to the Parish Magazine if not already done. ACTION: PCM.**

17.310.6 Hampshire ALC – Hampshire 2017/2018 Precepts Report. **Noted.**

17.310.7 Hampshire ALC – Big Lottery Fund Awards For All update. **Noted.**

17.310.8 NALC - Broadband Universal Service Obligation: Consultation on Design. **Noted.**

17.310.9 Curdridge Show Co-Ordinator – notification that the next Curdridge Show is booked for Saturday, 14 July 2018. **Noted.**

17.310.10 WCC – update report on fly tipping and action being taken. **Noted.**

17.310.11 St Peter's Church – thank you for the grant funding. **Noted.**

17.310.12 CPRE – funding support request. **Members requested the PCM to write to CPRE to establish what work they are involved in which impacts on the Parish of Curdridge. ACTION: PCM.**

17.310.13 Winchester CAB – notice of AGM Meeting on 9 October 2017, 6.30 pm to 8 pm. **Noted.**

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

17.312 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

WCC Code of Conduct Training and HALC Planning Training – it was agreed that Cllr Bull would be forwarded Code of Conduct Training email again, with a view to attending this course and Clerk would advise him when next HALC Planning Training taking place. **ACTION: PCM.**

Curdrige Lunch Club – Cllr Furby advised that the Lunch Club has lost a few of its members and asked Members to spread the word about the Lunch Club to get new members attending.

Affordable Housing – Cllr Bundell gave members a very brief update advising that he had advised Mr Medway more fully about Affordable Housing Schemes, to ensure he understood the implications of such a scheme.

Church Car Park – Mr Medway has been doing litter picking and has found some drug related items. Members requested the PCM to write to the PCSO to ensure they are still monitoring this area. **ACTION: PCM.**

Dog Bin in top corner of Skinners Field – the bin man had advised Cllr Bundell that he was struggling to empty this bin, due to stopping on a busy main road. Members asked the PCM to report this to Ian Hine the Reading Room Co-Ordinator. **ACTION: PCM.**

Bench outside of Kitnocks House – Council had maintained this bench when there had been a bus stop here, which is no longer the case. They requested the PCM to write to HCC and Kitnocks House to advise that Council is considering removing this bench, to establish whether Kitnocks House could and if so, wished to retain the bench and take responsibility for it, as it only used by their staff now. **ACTION: PCM.**

16.313 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

16.315.1 To receive an update on open Enforcement cases and decide upon any action required. ***There were no new matters arising.***

The meeting closed at 8.54 pm.