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MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2023 IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM CURDRIDGE

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Jonathan Carkeet

Cllr Philip Hedger

Cllr Lynne Newton

Cllr Sian Townsend (attended the meeting via Zoom due to testing positive for Covid).

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

Cllr Hugh Lumby (County Councillor)

Cllr Vivian Achwal (District Councillor)

Cllr Sudhakar Achwal (District Councillor)

5 members of the public

Public Session

Gordon Road Referendum and CPC Vision Statement - Marianne Small raised concerns regarding the legitimacy of the recent Gordon Road referendum and queried whether Council had any involvement with it and the association with CPC's Vision Statement.

Cllr Carkeet advised that Council had nothing whatsoever to do with the Gordon Road referendum and that all enquiries relating to it must be directed to Winchester City Council. He also confirmed Council's proposed Vision Statement consultation is unrelated to the Gordon Road Referendum and confirmed it is a parish council event which every household within the parish will receive a written invitation to attend.

Cllr Bodger advised that he and a neighbour had been canvassed by the organizers of the referendum. The neighbour was non-committal and received a link to vote; Cllr Bodger stated that he was personally against the development, and was not enabled to vote "No".

Mrs Grimes felt the Lockhams Road address in the Planning Application is incorrect; Winchester City Council had previously advised the Lockhams Road address is acceptable as there is currently no property address for this site.

Jasmine Cottage (proposed revised Planning Application) – Russell Moreland (planning consultant) was in attendance; he gave apologies for the applicants who had commitments. He will shortly be submitting revised plans as the previous Planning Application had been refused after being referred to WCC Planning Committee. He explained this is a 3 acre plot with an existing property and equestrian facilities on site (written details were circulated to Members). Having had a pre-application meeting with WCC there were no objections to the main house, but converting the double garage to an annexe was the part of the scheme objections related to. The application was refused by WCC Planning Committee based on the overbearing impact on number 6 Hillside; CPC had recommended refusal.

Overdevelopment – original site plan misleading – 3 acre site and addition of annex on wider site dispels over-development; WCC report agrees.

Overshadowing – contained with both councillors and original objection letter called to committee. Analysis done on page 20/21 papers circulated (during summer solstice) shows no overshadowing onto 6 Hillside; during Winter Solstice no shadowing onto neighbouring site. Shadowing tends to fall on Jasmine Cottage, rather than number 6.

Overbearing based on misleading representation of gable end, but having taken on board suggestion that a hip roof would alleviate overbearing nature, applicants went away and revised the proposal to introduce a flat roof to push gable end back. Annexe plan revised to accommodate loss of space; scale and mass of annexe reduced along the boundary. Hope revised scheme shows applicant has taken on board the comments of CPC.

Steve Wallin (a neighbour attended via Zoom) – he said the overshadowing pictures appear inaccurate, he will look forward to seeing the revised plans and attending the CPC meeting when the application is considered.

Cllr Bodger queried new height of flat roof; Russell Moreland confirmed 2.9 metres ground to parapet. Cllr Carkeet queried if the proposed application is based on the standard upon which all applications are assessed for overshadowing; Russell Moreland confirmed it will be. Chair advised that WCC's notification of validated applications is slow; notify Council as soon as the revised application is validated.

Ian Hine, Curdridge Reading Room Co-Ordinator (leaving this position) - District Councillors noted that Council had thanked Ian for all his hard work and help during his time in this position.

23.203 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Haskins.

23.204 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Newton declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 23.207.4.

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

Council noted the reports to Councillors previously circulated by email.

Revised bus route/stops in Curdridge - Cllr Lumby confirmed he will keep chasing this item. Members advised him they also were unhappy with double decker buses being sent through the village as it was a waste of capacity and fuel.

County Councillor Grant Application – Cllr Lumby advised that he has ear-marked £1,000 for the Cricketers Pond renovation project. The PCM advised she is awaiting some quotations and will then submit the application. Cllr Lumby requested the PCM to email him when the Grant Application has been submitted. **ACTION: PCM.**

23.206 To approve the Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 3 August 2023

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 3 August 2023 as drafted. **ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.**

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

23.207.1 To ratify Council's DO NOT OBJECT decision made via email - Oakdown Lockhams Road Curdridge Southampton Hampshire SO32 2BD - T1 - Sycamore sp. Utility line clearance, selectively prune foliage away from the BT wires sited to the eastern side boundary of the property. T2 - Silver Birch in acute decline to fell. T3 - Lime sp. To tip reduce away from the garage roof by 1m, cuts no greater than 25mm. T4 - Macrocarpa - Crown lift 6m, first western

lateral back to source, reduce western crown away from building giving a 1.5m clearance. G5 - 2no. Lime sp. Crown lift 6m lower foliage. To allow more light into the understory, cuts no greater than 35mm. T4 ? Macrocarpa sp. Western canopy to reduce 2m of growth away from the building, blend any overextended laterals on the northern and southern side back in; Major deadwood and remove snapped hazard beam. T6 ? Macrocarpa sp. Western canopy to reduce 2m of growth away from the building. Case Officer: John Bartlett. Case No: 23/01913/TPO.

Resolved to ratify Council's previous DO NOT OBJECT decision.

23.207.2 - Oakdown Lockhams Road Curdrige Southampton Hampshire SO32 2BD - T6 - Macrocarpa sp. Monolith to 8m to leave as sanding habitat. Suppressed with all live foliage weighted on the western side. This will not impair any amenity value as it sites behind a Lime and larger Macrocarpa. Case Officer: John Bartlett. Case No: 23/01993/TPO.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT, as the applicant is retaining good specimen trees and Cllr Newton (CPC Tree Warden) approves tree works proposed. ACTION: PCM.

23.207.3 Land At Wangfield Lane And Vicarage Lane Curdrige Hampshire - New Vehicular Access to Paddock. Case Officer: Liz Young. Case No: 23/01775/FUL.

Cllr Bodger advised that approximately a quarter of the field has been sold without any access. No response from Highways; historically Council requests a wide splay and this application does not include this in a dangerous location.

To OBJECT based on an insufficient visibility splay, which if put in place, will result in a significant loss of hedgerow and the positioning of the new access is on a very fast and dangerous road which Members believe cannot take any more new accesses. ACTION: PCM.

23.207.4 Land To The Rear Of Uplands Cottage Botley Road Curdrige Hampshire - Erection of 2no. bedroom dwelling, parking, landscaping and associated works following demolition and site clearance. Case Officer: Cameron Taylor. Case No: 23/01822/FUL.

Cllr Newton confirmed this was an old stone dairy previously belonging to Esme Ferguson which the applicant bought with the land 18-20 months ago. He then put in a Q Application with supporting documents, which did not come to Council (as Q Applications are not required to). The applicant later moved in a portacabin and shipping container for his business, which disturbs neighbours (one who has ill health). This was reported to enforcement who advised these buildings are there until dwelling completed. Applicant then showed new planning application to neighbours for the bungalow saying they no longer wish to do the dairy development. Cllr Carkeet feels the application is incomplete and Council should object on these grounds. Q should not permit a new property within this proximity to the neighbouring boundary.

Resolved TO OBJECT as the supporting documentation is incomplete and also on the grounds that this is not a site suitable for a new property as it is back land development and Q does not allow demolition; the new property and the proposed location and proximity to the neighbouring boundary is unacceptable. If WCC is minded to permit this application there should be an agricultural tie attached to the new property. ACTION: PCM.

23.207.5 Jubilee Cottage Summerlands Botley Road Curdrige Southampton Hampshire - Single storey rear extension. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 23/02134/PNHOU.

Cllr Carkeet confirmed this application is renewing an expired permission with a condition to complete work within a 3 year time-span.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

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

23.208.1 Mentone Kitnocks Hill Curdridge SO32 2HJ - Dropped Kerb to create drive in drive out driveway. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 21/00253/HOU. **PERMITTED. Noted.**

23.298.2 Belle Vue Kitnocks Hill Curdridge Southampton Hampshire SO32 2HJ - Construction of two storey side and front extension with porch and new roof following demolition of existing porch and W/C. Case Officer: Liz Young. Case No: 23/01465/HOU. **REFUSED. Noted.**

23.209 Finance

23.209.1 To ratify Council's decision to purchase a new Speedwatch Speed Gun and batteries in the sum of £205.31.

Resolved to ratify Council's decision to purchase a new speed watch gun and batteries in the sum of £205.31.

23.209.2 To ratify Council's decision to purchase wildflower seeds for the Allotment Recreation Meadow being established in the sum of £198.40

Resolved to ratify Council's decision to purchase wildflower meadow seeds in the sum of £198.40.

23.209.3 To approve Finance Report dated 21 September 2023 and cheque signing & payments.

Resolved to approve the Finance Report dated 21 September – including the above expenses claims. ACTION: PCM.

Nationwide Instant Access Business Account – PCM to bring completed application to next meeting to enable as many Councillors as possible to sign it. **ACTION: PCM.**

23.209.4 Citizens Advice Winchester District – Grant Application for £320. Members discussed this application.

Resolved to make a grant donation for £320. ACTION: PCM.

23.210 St Peters Close Bus Stop (Licence) – to consider and approve Winchester City Council's Licence renewal proposal

The PCM had circulated WCC's proposed renewal terms.

Resolved to renew WCC's Licence as proposed for a term of 15 year at a peppercorn rate. ACTION: PCM.

23.211 Cricketers Pond Renovation – to receive an update and decide upon action (if applicable)

The Chair thanked Cllr Haskins, his wife Gretchen and Cllrs Newton and Townsend for all their hard work to date carrying out the first phase of the pond renovation. Cllr Townsend said she is really pleased with the first extended bank (including sand bags) and it seems to be working. She went to see pond today and after the rainfall of yesterday everything is working and the ducks were by the new bank created. The working party intends to go again on Sunday to remove the rest of the silt in the first section of the pond to build up the new bank and also to put the plants in as they will have quite a few filled onion bags to install; Cllrs Haskins and Newton are kindly providing plants from their ponds to put in the onion bags. McCarthys at Wickham have also given Cllr Townsend lots of plastic crates to use for the planting and she has friends who may be willing to give her some large stones to use also.

Cllrs Newton and Townsend to provide County Councillor Grant Application quotations to the PCM for the suggested water requirements to refill the pond and new tap/casing to replace the faulty parts previously repaired; Cllr Townsend is awaiting a quote from a neighbour's son.

ACTION: CLLRS NEWTON/TOWNSEND.

23.212 Allotment Recreation Maintenance (wild flower meadow; car park & height barrier) – to receive an update and decide upon action

Wild Flower Meadow - Cllr Newton has purchased the wild flower seeds to be sown into the Allotment Recreation and there will hopefully be enough to enhance Glebe Field; she is hoping to do this next week. **ACTION: CLLR NEWTON.**

Revised/reduced mowing/grass cutting schedule - Cllr Newton had circulated a plan to Members of her recommended revised mowing/cutting plan for the Allotment Recreation.

Resolved to approve Cllr Newton's revised mowing/grass cutting schedule (as per plan circulated); PCM to forward the plan to Leylandii and Lawns and request them to start the revised cutting schedule in Spring 2024. ACTION: PCM.

Height barrier repair – Cllr Newton believes that if the right hand loop (viewing the barrier from the car park) is cut off, leaving just the left hand loop to affix one padlock to this will allow the height barrier to be closed much easier.

Resolved to instruct Frosts to remove the right hand metal padlock loop to leave just one loop for one padlock to be fixed to. ACTION: PCM.

Car Park (levelling out gravel) – Cllr Carkeet felt this should be added to the grounds maintenance contract for health and safety reasons. Members discussed this.

Resolved to ask Rob Edwards if this could be added to his contract to be included when he carries out other tasks (twice yearly) and to request a quotation for this. ACTION: PCM.

23.213 To ask Winchester District Council Planning Department to implement a scheme whereby owners of properties where a planning violation is suspected are asked to provide a written assertion that the actions complained of are not happening

Cllr Bodger advised that Southern Parishes believe that if a property owner is approached by enforcement and they state they are not breaching planning that Enforcement should require a signed letter/declaration from the property owner formally confirming that they are not breaching planning. This will avoid LDC applications based on the period before the declaration.

Resolved that Council will write to WCC Planning to support this recommendation. ACTION: PCM.

23.214 To consider Reading Room Charity request for Council to revise the scheduled meeting on 21 March 2024 to 28 March 2024 as the drama group wish to fully book the two weeks commencing 18 and 25 March 2024

Resolved to request that the Full Council Meeting be revised to 14 March 2024 (if possible). ACTION: PCM.

23.215 Correspondence & Telecommunications

23.215.1 WCC - Land at Sherecroft Farm, Botley Hill, Botley road name consultation. **Noted.**

23.215.2 Winchester District Association of Local Councils – notification to save the date for Annual Meeting on the 4th October, 7-9pm. **Noted.**

23.215.3 Hampshire County Council - 80th anniversary of D Day - 6th June 2024 official Pageantmaster for D Day 80 information to support and encourage any local celebrations planned. **Noted.**

23.215.4 HCC Newsletter. **Noted.**

23.215.5 HCC – Planned Maintenance - W1110 Station Hill, Curdridge - Carriageway Resurfacing - Night Work Notification to start mid-October 2023 and are expected to take up to 2 nights to complete. **Noted.**

23.215.6 Botley Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Notice closing on 26 October 2023. **Noted.**

23.215.7 Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter. **Noted.**

23.215.8 Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust enewsletter. **Noted.**

23.215.9 WCC - Launching The Fabric of Winchester newsletter. **Noted.**

23.215.10 WCC – Parish Connect. **Noted.**

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

Assets Register (third column to list current insured/replacement values) – Council's insurance company had advised that they cannot advise of the insured value for this column, as they insure new for old for parish councils. If Council wishes to develop a third column in its Assets Register it will need to work through each item and get quotations (which will require to be updated on a regular basis). **Members agreed that this would take too much time and was not a necessary practice.**

23.217 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Sherecroft Development – Cllr Burden is disappointed that several large oaks were felled for this development project. Members agreed.

Fly Tipping (Lockhams Road) – PCM to notify WCC. **ACTION: PCM.**

Parish Boundary Cllr Carkeet had received an enquiry from a neighbour about where the parish boundary ends in Calcot Lane. Cllr Newton confirmed that it runs from Calcot Lane along the river to the two cottages and barn and then goes behind the leet to Durley Mill. The PCM believes there is a parish boundary plan available to residents online.

Social Media Training - Cllr Carkeet confirmed his training next week and will report back to Council afterwards.

CPC Vision Statement – Cllr Carkeet confirmed that due to WCC's delay in confirming addresses that revised dates are required for the two meetings (one during the daytime and one in the evening to hopefully suit all residents). Post cards can be circulated to all households within the parish once WCC confirms addresses. PCM to also circulate revised dates to notice boards and website at that time. Meetings will hopefully lead to the initial process being completed by Christmas. The working party are keen for the event to be well supported by parishioners.

HCC Road signs – PCM to forward email request for road signs to be removed to HCC.

ACTION: PCM.

North Whitley (ear-marked funding) – Members queried position. Cllr Bodger had received an email from Whiteley TC advising they will only pay for printing and Steve Tilbury's professional costs. Cllr Bodger had been called by the chair of Whiteley Town Council. **Members advised PCM not to chase Whiteley TC again; await response from them.**

Reading Room Management (Joint Committee) – next meeting Friday, 22nd at 7pm. Cllr Townsend has circulated Agenda.

23.218 Exempt Business - to pass a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for discussion of the following business where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business.

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

MEETING CLOSED: Meeting closed at 9.12 pm.