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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 24 JUNE 2021
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM
CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Rory Kemp

Cllr Lynne Newton

Cllr Sian Townsend

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

Cllr Hugh Lumby (County Councillor)

Cllr Roger Bentote (District Councillor)

3 members of the public

Public Session

Robert Shields the Chair of the Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail Group was in attendance and briefly updated Members on the trail group's intention to try to purchase some of the land now for sale on the trail route. He felt this was an ideal opportunity for the trail group and hoped that Hampshire County Council, Winchester City Council, Eastleigh Borough Council and parishes would support this in any way they could. The Chair advised that Council fully supported this initiative, but is a very small council with no available budget to give sufficient financial support for this purchase. Robert said the trail group are hopeful HCC will purchase the land or Eastleigh Borough Council and Winchester City Council will give CIL funding for the project. He then thanked Members for their time.

21.151 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Debbie Caister and Cllr Steve Wallin.

21.152 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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

County Councillor, Hugh Lumby, advised that he had very little to add to his report last month, except to highlight HCC's Survey mentioned in "Correspondence" on this Agenda and to advise that the Boundary Commission Review for Meon Valley now has various options and once decided the outcome will be effective from 2024.

District Councillor, Roger Bentote, reported that he has chased up Winchester City Council with regard to Curdridge Parish Council's concerns raised in relation to the North Whiteley

Development boundary review. He said that Winchester City Council would like to have a meeting with Council to discuss this matter. It was agreed that the PCM would send an invite to Roger Bentote to attend either the meeting on 15 July or the meeting on 5 August next. The Chair again confirmed that Council is very concerned that WCC continually refers to consulting North Whiteley residents only. **ACTION: PCM.**

**21.154 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 3 June 2021
Resolved to approve the Minutes of 3 June 2021 as drafted. ACTION: PCM.**

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

21.155.1 1 Horton Farm Cottages Lockhams Road Curdrige SO32 2BD – Erection of a single storey, rear elevation, oak framed garden room. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 21/01185/HOU.

Cllr Kemp introduced this application and advised Members he had looked at the site from the road and had no concerns.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

21.155.2 North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire - Construction of a flood alleviation channel and flood alleviation bund. The outline application was not an Environmental Impact Assessment. Case Officer: Robert Green. Case No: 21/01455/REM.

Resolved to make NO COMMENT.

21.155.3 North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire - Construction of a shared foot/cycleway (public right of way - section 1.17A). Case Officer: Simon Avery. Case No: 21/01508/REM.

Resolved to make NO COMMENT.

21.155.4 North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire - Removal of protected ash tree and installation of surface water drainage and foul drainage connections between development parcels 24 and 27. Case Officer: Simon Avery. Case No: 21/01486/FUL.

Resolved to make NO COMMENT.

21.155.5 Winchester City Council – Land at Locks Farm, Bishops Waltham 21/01391/FUL - Solar farm and associated development (MAY AFFECT THE SETTING OF A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY). This falls under Bishops Waltham Parish Council however Shedfield and Curdrige are in close proximity so WCC also wanted to notify Council. Please submit any comments on or before 7th July 2021.

Members discussed this application and felt that although traffic might be worse during the construction phase this scheme would eventually mean there would be less traffic from the business and would be good for the environment.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

21.155.6 Eastleigh Borough Council - Land South of Maddoxford Lane, Boorley Green, Botley, Southampton, SO32 2DB. Application No: F/19/84937. Description: Demolition of an existing residential dwelling and associated farm buildings (permitted under RM/19/84879) and construction of a residential development of 73 dwellings, associated landscaping, amenity areas with access from Maddoxford Lane. (Amended Description).

The Chair introduced this application and invited comments from Sue of Botley Parish Council (who was present). Sue advised that Botley Parish Council had done comprehensive responses to each of the three applications, particularly with regard to trees being reserved. Members also felt this was important.

Resolved that the PCM will download Botley PC's consultation responses and circulate to Members for approval, so that Curdrige PC can write to Eastleigh Borough Council to support Botley PC's response(s). ACTION: PCM.

21.155.7 St Michaels The Plantation Curdrige SO32 2DT - Single storey side extension. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 21/01228/HOU.

Members discussed this application.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

21.155.8 Planning Appeal Notification - Poplars Farm Curdridge Lane Curdridge SO32 2BH - Change of use of land to equestrian, erection of 11 looseboxes with ancillary structures and associated parking area (retrospective). Application Ref. 20/00700/FUL.

APP/L1765/W/21/3266445. All representations must be received by 15 July 2021.

Noted; Members requested PCM to advise WCC Council stands firmly by its previous objections. **ACTION: PCM.**

21.155.9 Meadow Cottage Barn Farm Botley Road Curbridge Southampton Hampshire - Change of use to a temporary community building, shared office space, shared meeting room, shared facilities, erection of canopy porch, signage, creation of car parking, landscaping and other associated works. Case Officer: Robert Green. Case No: 21/01627/FUL.

Members discussed this application.

Resolved TO OBJECT on the basis that a condition of the original Planning Permission was that a “permanent” community building would be put in place prior to the development reaching a certain stage and the fact that there is no direct access for North Whiteley residents to this proposed facility. Council is also extremely concerned that this application would see the loss of a domestic dwelling. ACTION: PCM.

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

21.156.1 Poplars Farm Curdridge Lane Curdridge SO32 2BH - Change of use of land to equestrian, erection of 11 looseboxes with ancillary structures and associated parking area (retrospective) (resubmission). Case Officer: Rose Lister. Case No: 21/00078/FUL.

REFUSED. Noted.

21.156.2 Bridge House Botley Road Curbridge Southampton Hampshire SO30 2HB - Reconfiguration of the existing access, erection of a gate house, garage and outbuilding; together with associated works. Case Officer: Nicola Chapman. Case No: 20/02782/HOU.

PERMITTED. Noted.

21.156.3 Harmsworth Farm Botley Road Curbridge SO30 2HB - The proposal is for a construction of a pergola at the rear garden. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 21/00881/HOU. **PERMITTED. Noted.**

21.156.4 Curdridge House Botley Road Curdridge SO32 2DQ - Single storey rear extension. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 21/00899/HOU. **PERMITTED. Noted.**

21.157 Finance

21.157.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 24 June 2021, cheque signing & payments.

Resolved to approve the Finance Report dated 24 June 2021, cheque signing and payments. ACTION: PCM.

21.157.2 To ratify the approval of the Cricketers Pond continuation of the picket fencing along Botley Road boundary quotation.

Resolved to formally approve and ratify Council's decision to instruct Botley Fencing to carry out this contract in the sum of £1,180. Members had decided not to tender for this contract as Botley Fencing has repeatedly proven to be the most competitive local company for previous tenders. ACTION: PCM.

21.157.3 To discuss and approve responses to Section 1 of the “Annual Governance Statement” of the Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Small Authorities in England Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The PCM directed Members to the draft Audit Return Section 1 and confirmed the content.

Resolved to approve response to Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement in the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2021. ACTION: PCM.

21.157.4 To discuss and approve the Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities in England Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2021

The PCM had previously circulated the full document to Members for consideration.

Resolved to approve the Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities in England Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2021. ACTION: PCM.

21.157.5 To consider Internal Auditor's recommendation for Council to review having Cyber Risk Insurance for up to 10 computers for £285 + IPT.

Members asked for this item to be deferred until Full Council on 15 July 2021 to draw on Councillor Wallin's expertise in this area. **ACTION: PCM.**

21.157.6 To approve Lengthsman Budget breakdown figures for providing to new Lengthsman for invoicing purposes

The PCM had previously circulated the schedule including the breakdowns.

Resolved to approve the schedule of breakdowns. The PCM will email this form and guidance to Mr Edwards and Cllr Newton will also liaise with him regarding this.

ACTION: PCM/CLLR NEWTON.

21.157.7 To review Curdridge Parish Council Cemetery fees

Resolved to keep the cemetery fees the same for the next year and review again next year. ACTION: PCM.

21.158 Curdridge Parish Council magazine article to all residents – to consider draft document

The draft article was approved subject to:

- i) Cllr Bodger's Affordable Housing update being included;
- ii) an item regarding parish meetings and dates being added;
- iii) splitting the Whiteley article from election article;
- iv) the final draft being circulated to Parish, District, County Councillors and Whiteley Town Council for final approval;
- v) PCM obtaining final number of households within the parish and North Whiteley from WCC to enable her to obtain urgent print quotes and arrange printing;
- vi) final draft being hand delivered by Members; with Whiteley Town Council delivering it by hand to all new North Whiteley residents together with their insert. **ACTION: PCM.**

21.159 7.04 acres of grazing land for sale along the east side of the Hamble north of Wangfield Lane – Lot 3 (Railway Meadow) – to consider whether Council should set up a working party to consult residents about possibly purchasing some of this land

Sue North from Botley Parish Council was in attendance as a representative of the trail group and reiterated that the group are trying to get HCC, EBC and/or WCC to purchase or give CIL funding to purchase Plot 3 of this land, so that the relevant piece can be used for the trail and the land can also be used for alternative purposes, such as fishing, or sold on by HCC if it is not required. The Chair said that Council would fully support this scheme in any way it could, although it was unlikely to be able to give financial support.

Councillor Newton then suggested that HCC, EBC or WCC could purchase Plot 3 and Council could consider purchasing Plot 2, which she felt wouldn't make anywhere near the guide price of £60,0000, as Plot 2 regularly flooded. Cllr Burden and the PCM raised concerns about the regular flooding of Plot 2, as well as the associated maintenance and health and safety issues in allowing members of the public access on the land during the wet seasons. Cllr Townsend agreed and felt that it would be better for Council to make a financial contribution to Plot 3 (if applicable), rather than to purchase Plot 2.

Resolved that Council would await the outcome of the auction to establish whether Plot 2 sells. If it does not then Council will consider this matter further. ACTION: CLLR NEWTON.

21.160 Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail – to consider the trail group’s request to make contact with new residents moving into the parish whose land might be affected and approve and assist with group’s actions for Curdridge

Council has been contacted by the new property owner who did not wish to have her property included in the SHELAA registration with WCC. She is going to contact WCC directly about this.

With regard to assisting with the actions of the trail group for the Curdridge area the PCM was concerned that she is a lone employee for Curdridge Parish Council, which probably has the most contentious section of the trail and she only works part time; whereas other parishes involved either have more than one member of staff (to absorb the additional workload) or their sections are not as contentious. The Chair and Members thought that it had previously been resolved that Council would ear mark significant funding towards the project to support the trail group, but could not assist with the administration, apart from having a representative on the group. Lynne advised that she has previously been doing the actions arising from the trail group, but is finding it more difficult. The PCM said she would help where she could, but in months where she had things like the current audit it probably would not be possible to do so. Cllr Newton confirmed the current actions list for Curdridge was out of date and there were no nearly so many outstanding actions as listed; she will update the actions in due course.

21.161 Correspondence

21.161.1 Curdridge Allotment Association – request for Council to consider allowing them to erect some form of memorial to Stuart Raey deceased at the Allotment Recreation and to make recommendations.

Cllr Newton suggested planting two oak trees in the Allotment Recreation to fill the gaps there, with one having a plaque in memory of Stuart Raey.

Resolved that Council would suggest planting an oak tree in memory of Stuart Raey with a memorial plaque and would recommend that if the Allotment Association agrees Council could supply the oak tree and they could make a Grant Application to Council for the plaque. Council could then place the order for two suitable oak trees and the plaque could be arranged by the Allotment Association. ACTION: PCM.

21.161.2 Eastleigh Borough Council – Local Plan Consultation on Main Modifications.

Resolved to defer this item to the Full Council Meeting on 15 July to allow Members more time to read this information. ACTION: PCM.

21.161.3 Hampshire County Council - notifying that they have launched a consultation to understand the views of residents and stakeholders across Hampshire on options to help the Authority deliver a balanced budget up to 2023/24. To date, by planning ahead and using reserves carefully, the County Council has successfully found ways to deliver services differently and more efficiently, securing recurring savings of £560 million over the past 13 years. However, continuing to deliver important local services during the COVID-19 pandemic, alongside existing pressures from over a decade of national funding reductions and increased demand for County Council services has placed an additional burden on the Authority’s financial resilience. Furthermore, in the absence of a multi-year funding settlement from the Government, the County Council continues to face a budget shortfall of at least £80 million over the next two years (2022/23 and 2023/24). Councils across England are facing the same budgetary pressures. This requires us to make more tough decisions about what the County Council can and cannot provide in future. Opportunities for reducing costs are getting harder to find which is why it is important that the County Council listens to the views of residents and stakeholders, many of whom are likely to be affected by the outcomes.

The Balancing the Budget consultation runs until 11:59pm on 18 July 2021.

HCC would like to hear from as many people as possible. Feedback will help to inform areas where the County Council could focus on balancing its budget through to 2023/24 and help us to understand and consider the potential impact of any changes proposed. People can take part in the consultation via the online response form on the [Balancing the Budget webpage](#).

There is also a full information pack about the proposals in the consultation on this webpage. Paper copies can be requested by emailing insight@hants.gov.uk or calling 0300 555 1375 and these are also available from local Hampshire libraries.

Resolved to defer this item to the Full Council Meeting on 15 July to allow Members more time to read this information. ACTION: PCM.

21.161.4 Winchester City Council - Southampton to London Replacement Pipeline: Update number 5. Requirement Details submitted. **Noted.**

21.161.5 Letter from Mr and Mrs Rosling – regarding the traffic implications for Curdridge parish residents in relation to Planning application 21/01391 - Solar Farm at Locks Farm.

Members requested that the PCM responds advising of Council's resolution. ACTION: PCM.

21.161.6 Coastal Partners (part of Fareham Borough Council) - has secured £556,000 from Defra Grant in Aid to commence a two-year study focusing on the future management of Hook Lake (part of the Hook with Warsash Nature Reserve) and opportunities to create new habitat at the site. The Solent coastline is facing significant pressure from rising sea levels, more frequent and bigger storms, and increased flood and erosion risk. As a result, important coastal habitats such as saltmarshes are slowly being lost as they are squeezed against existing sea defences. Hook Lake has been chosen as a potential area to create new coastal habitat to offset these losses in the Hamble Estuary and the wider Solent. The creation of new compensatory habitat is a legal requirement and will help to offset habitat losses today and in the future from new defence schemes. This new habitat must be reinstated in order to enable future coastal defence schemes in our area to progress. For more information about this study and to sign up to receive the Fareham Coastal Projects eNewsletter, please visit the project webpages at <https://coastalpartners.org.uk/project/hook-lake-coastal-management-study>.

Noted.

21.161.7 Winchester City Council – Biodiversity Action Plan Update. **Noted.**

21.161.8 Southern Parishes Forum – request for Council to consider if it would like to bulk purchase hi-vis jackets for Councillors. **Noted; jackets not required by Council.**

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

21.163 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Lockhams Road (potholes in the road outside of Clock House) – it was agreed the PCM would report these to Highways. **ACTION: PCM.**

Speed Limit Reminder Sign Wangfield Lane (new batteries) – Cllr Bodger had advised Members that the SLR in Wangfield Lane needed new batteries. It was agreed he would purchase new batteries and reclaim his expenses. **ACTION: CLLR BODGER.**

21.164 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

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

There were no new cases arising.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.06 PM.