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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 28 JUNE 2018
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM
CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)
Cllr Steve Wallin (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Kevan Bundell
Cllr Debbie Caister
Cllr Lynne Newton
Cllr Sian Townsend

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager)
Cllr Vivian Achwal (District Councillor)
Cllr Roger Bentote (District Councillor)
Cllr Roger Huxstep (District/County Councillor)

Public Session

There were no members of the public in attendance.

18.84 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Kemp.

18.85 To formally receive current Chair's resignation and elect new Chairmen and Vice Chairmen (as required)

Cllr Bundell advised that his written resignation (by email) had been circulated to all Members; he was resigning as Chair from both Full Council and Planning. New Chairs were elected as follows:

Chair of Full Council - Cllr Townsend nominated Cllr Bodger and Cllr Newton seconded. Cllr Bodger accepted the nomination and Members voted unanimously in favour. **ACTION: PCM/CLLR BODGER.**

Vice Chair of Full Council - Cllr Newton nominated Cllr Wallin and Cllr Townsend seconded. Cllr Wallin accepted the nomination and Members voted unanimously in favour. **ACTION: PCM/CLLR WALLIN.**

Chair of Planning, Highways & Licensing Committee - Cllr Newton nominated Cllr Bodger and Cllr Townsend seconded. Cllr Bodger accepted the nomination and Members voted unanimously in favour. **ACTION: PCM/CLLR BODGER.**

Vice Chair of Planning, Highways & Licensing Committee - Cllr Newton nominated Cllr Townsend and Cllr Caister seconded. Cllr Townsend accepted the nomination and Members voted unanimously in favour. **ACTION: PCM/CLLR TOWNSEND.**

18.86 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Bodger and Bundell declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 18.90.4.

18.87 To approve Minutes of AGM on 17 May 2018

Resolved to approve the Minutes of AGM on 17 May 2018, as drafted, for signing.
ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.

18.88 To receive Planning Minutes 7 June 2018

Resolved to receive the Planning Minutes of 7 June 2018.

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

Cllrs Achwal and Bentote reported:

- Botley Road pavement clearance has been done.
- There is a possible way forward for residents of Outlands Lane to get improved broadband speeds.
- With North Whiteley development starting soon (?) and the Botley Bypass we must press for measures which will minimise inconvenience to Curdrige residents and also in the longer term improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists
- Do you know of any local residents or businesses that might need help? Funding applications to The Leader programme need to be submitted by the end of August. Farmers, foresters, growers, rural businesses and communities have until the end of August 2018 to secure a share of the LEADER fund from the Fieldfare Local Action Group (LAG). The scheme supports projects that will create jobs and support the rural economy. Rural businesses can get up to £100,000 and 40% grant funding for projects which might be as simple as purchasing a new piece of equipment. Further details about Fieldfare LEADER can be found at www.fieldfareleader.org.uk
- Current consultations by WCC are on disability sports provision and parks and green spaces. <https://winchester.citizenspace.com/>.

Cllr Huxstep reported:

Winchester City Council:

- last night there was a challenge by the Liberal Democrat group who are in opposition to the Conservative controlling group for leadership of the council. This was brought about by a Conservative councillor resigning from the Conservative group and declaring himself as an independent member and he being prepared to vote with the Liberal Democrats who exploited this political gift. A lengthy debate took place in the council chamber, concluded by an impassioned speech by Council Leader, Cllr Caroline Horrill. It had the effect of a Liberal Democrat allowing his conscience to dictate that he vote with the Conservative group. The motion to unseat the leader was therefore defeated by 23 votes to 22. The main business of the council was concluded before these shenanigans. The council approved the annual report of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the new build units for the former Bishops Waltham Depot at Lower Lane.

Hampshire County Council:

Budget Savings. - the County Council will need to save another £80 million by 2021, a year before a £140 million budget gap was due to be bridged. The authority now faces an “increasingly difficult balancing act” to reduce its spending and therefore will need to consider future costs to meet the shortfall, which has arisen from “continuing demographic pressures, inflation, and government grant reductions”. The council has already tightened its belt dramatically, as it tried to save an anticipated budget shortfall of £140 million by April 2019.

Daily Exercise - the Council is encouraging residents to build ten minutes of brisk walking into their day and download the ‘Active 10’ app to support them. Recent research shows that just 10 minutes a day of brisk walking counts as a form of intense physical activity and can make a huge difference to your health.

Passenger Transport Forum and Public Consultation. - the Council held a Winchester Passenger Transport Forum on Thursday, 21st June 2018, the summer solstice and it is also ‘Clean Air Day’. The consultation was launched by the Council on Monday 11th June. The forum will focused on the consultation which also featured street lighting and concessionary travel. The consultation closes at midnight on 5th August 2018. The questionnaire being used during the consultation process can either be completed online or is available for download on the consultation website:

www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/publictransportandstreetlighting, along with other supporting information.

Pothole Repairs – the two new flamethrower-wielding pothole busters nicknamed “Dragon Patchers”, are to take to the county’s highways. The machines can repair up to 150 holes per day and will be deployed to find and fix road damage as part of a new highways strategy. They are owned by Skanska, Hampshire County Council’s roads contractor; the truck expels flames to de-ice and dry out the road surface, before cleaning it with compressed air. The potholes are then sealed with a stone mix and hot bitumen emulsion. It is claimed the patcher is five times faster than traditional methods, saves money and, because it is operated from the vehicle’s cabin, is also safer. Hopefully they will start to make a major impact on repairing our roads.

18.90 Finance

18.90.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 28 June 2018, Finance Report and cheque signing & payments.

Council Newton advised Members that her Expenses Claim included provisions for the planting of the Pound (as well as the Cemetery).

Resolved to approve the Finance Report dated 28 June, cheque signing and payments.

ACTION: PCM/MEMBERS.

18.90.2 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 2018

Resolved to approve the responses to Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement.

ACTION: PCM.

18.90.3 To discuss and approve the Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Small Authorities in England Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2018

Resolved to approve the Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Small Authorities in England Annual Return for the year end 31 March 2018. ACTION: PCM.

18.90.4 Curdridge Reading Rooms Grant Application - £3,887.52 (£1,000 for usual maintenance grant and £2,887.52 for tree works to large Oak).

Members discussed this grant application and raised concerns about the large sum of grant funding sought. Consequently they discussed whether Council should give the Reading Room this year and next year’s grant funding together this year. The PCM said this would defeat the object, as the Reading Room Charity would then struggle financially next year. Members were conscious that Council, WCC and many parishioners had felt very strongly about protecting the ancient Oak Tree concerned. Cllr Wallin felt this was a one-off cost that would challenge the Reading Rooms’ ability to function and that this facility benefitted many parishioners, therefore Council could assist with additional funding on a one-off basis. Members agreed.

The County and District Councillors present felt that this was a large sum of money for such a small parish council to absorb and looked at alternative grant options on behalf of Council; they made a recommendation that the Reading Rooms should first make other grant applications, i.e. to the Big Lottery Fund. Members thanked them.

Resolved that:

- i) the PCM would ensure that Council is able to give grant funding for the total sum of £3,887.52 under current legislation;**
- ii) the PCM would advise the Reading Room Charity that although Council would be prepared to make a grant donation in the sum of £3,887.52, as this is a very large sum (in accordance with a recommendation by our County and District Councillors) Council would like the Reading Room Charity to first make alternative Grant Applications to providers such as the Big Lottery Fund and reassure Council that alternative grant applications had been made without success, before the total grant of £3887.52 is given as a last resort. ACTION: PCM.**

18.90.5 Speed Limit Reminder Contract – to review and consider options for future SLR contract (following obtaining an alternative quote for the contract).

Members discussed the quotation provided by the contractor used by other parish councils. They were concerned that although this quote seemed reasonable that it would increase due to need to charge and change the current SLR machine's batteries on a weekly basis (as it was very old). Members therefore discussed the possibility of purchasing a new SLR machine that would be more efficient and effective, such as the one at Colden Common. Cllr Huxstep said that it was apparent Council really needed this equipment within the parish, due to speeding traffic. Consequently, if Council decides to purchase a new SLR machine he would be happy to give a HCC County Councillor Grant of £1,000 towards it.

Resolved to seek quotes for a new “solar” powered SLR machine (with changeable back-up batteries); once quotes had been obtained the PCM would refer this item back to Council and (if applicable) a HCC County Councillor Grant Application made.

ACTION: PCM.

18.90.6 Former BT Phone Box – to discuss maintenance works quotations and decide way forward.

Members discussed the fact that only one quote had been received and the difficult nature of fulfilling this contract, due to several trade skills being needed. It was appreciated that the quote was very high due to the fact that the phone box needs significant filling/repairing and the paint is very specialist and requires to be put on in several different coats.

Resolved that:

- i) Council would advise the company who had quoted that although Council was appreciative of the quote, it would in the first instance have to try to reduce these costs (due to a lack of budget);**
- ii) Council would put an article in the next Curdridge Parish Magazine to see if any local volunteers would be prepared to fill, repair and paint the phone box (with Council providing the required materials);**
- iii) The PCM would also liaise with West Meon Parish Council to establish how they are maintaining their phone box;**
- iv) The PCM would refer this item back to Council, once the above actions had been carried out and sufficient response time had been allowed. ACTION: PCM.**

18.90.7 CPC Village Gates Signage Wangfield Lane – to discuss sign quotations and decide way forward.

Members discussed the quotes received and the various specifications.

Resolved to go with Contractor 4, BCW, but not to have any fixings, or the channel (if possible), which would reduce the cost. ACTION: PCM.

18.91 General Data Protection Regulations – to receive an update and approve draft Data Protection Policy/Privacy Notice for adoption by Council and display on website
Resolved to adopt the Privacy Notice, as drafted, subject to the removal of “the” in line one of paragraph 2. ACTION: PCM.

18.92 Correspondence

18.92.1 HALC – notifying that HCC have launched a public consultation in relation to street lighting, supported passenger transport services and the concessionary travel scheme. The consultation closes at midnight on 5 August 2018. The questionnaire which we are using during the consultation process can either be completed on line or is available for download on the consultation website

www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/publictransportandstreetlighting along with other supporting information. **Noted; Members will respond individually and will encourage other parishioners do likewise. Cllrs Townsend and Newton will circulate flyers to Lockhams Road and the Plantation.**

18.92.2 HCC – notification of new Consultation for Hampshire County Council Permit Scheme for Road Works and Street Works. The closing date for this consultation is the 31st of July 2018. **Noted.**

18.92.3 HALC – notification of NALC Survey re Community Infrastructure Levy. The survey will be available until 5.00pm, Friday 29th June 2018 and can be found at : www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TWD6239. ***This does not directly affect the Winchester area, but Cllr Bodger will complete the survey to support others and will also raise the fact that CIL should benefit local areas affected by developments and not just the immediate area that development takes place in. ACTION: CLLR BODGER.***

18.92.4 Curdridge Reading Rooms – new Annual Hire Agreement Forms, together with notification of increase of £1 per hour for hall hire. **Noted; PCM to sign forms and return. ACTION: PCM.**

18.92.5 HCC – further response to Council in relation to flooding issues/sand bags at Cricketers Pond, Calcot Lane. **Noted.**

18.92.6 Cllr Rob Humby – response to Cllr Bundell in relation to “Neglected Villages” correspondence. ***Cllr Bentote advised that he will respond to Cllr Humby as a District Councillor; Cllr Bundell will draft Council’s response in relation to the Station Hill crossing and Curbridge and Cllr Townsend will draft Council’s response in relation to a reduced speed limit along Lockhams Road and road safety improvements for the cross-road junction with Chapel Lane; these draft responses will be circulated to Members for approval prior to sending. ACTION: CLLR BUNDELL/CLLR TOWNSEND***

18.92.7 Curdridge Reading Rooms – information leaflets in relation to Curdridge Show on 14 July 2018. **Noted.**

18.92.8 Bloor Homes Consultation regarding proposed development of 108 houses at Boorley Green. Stakeholder presentation on 4 July from 2-3 pm; Public Consultation on the same day from 3-7.30 pm. **Cllrs Bodger and Bundell to represent Council and other Members to also try to attend.**

18.92.9 Email from Nick Wyatt attaching plan of the final scheme presented to WCC in relation to Fairthorne Grange under the SHELAA process. **Email to be circulated to all Members.**

18.93 To note Parish Council Manager’s Update Report (previously circulated to Members)

Cemetery – the PCM informed Members of the possibility of removing the internal fence, which would make maintenance far easier and would also provide some additional burial plots. Members asked for this item to be placed on the July Agenda for discussion, when hopefully the quotes requested from Leylandii and Lawns would also be available. **ACTION: PCM.**

Pond (grass cutting) – Members asked the PCM to advise Leylandii and Lawns that they only need to cut the top of the grass bank next to the pond. **ACTION: PCM.**

Map of parish facilities – Members asked whether WCC had responded to Council’s request for a map of parish facilities. The PCM advised that they had not; she will chase WCC again.

18.94 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

B3051 & A334 hedge cutting – Councillor Bundell advised that he will speak to two of the property owners regarding hedge cutting. The PCM recommended adjusting CPC’s hedge cutting request letters to have a letter for use during the bird nesting season. Members agreed; the PCM will draft letters and circulated to Members for approval. **ACTION: PCM.**

Curdridge Ln junction road sign – Cllr Caister advised the road sign is still missing. Cllr Achwal advised that she has reported this.

Cricketers road sign – Cllr Newton commended the contractors on the renovation of the sign and would like Council to consider having the Plantation sign renovated in future.

Wangfield Lane fly tipping – has not been removed; PCM to chase WCC again. **ACTION: PCM.**

Curdrige Lane Bus Stop – Cllr Newton advised that a bus passenger had dropped their bus pass down the drain (as they are forced to stand on the drain cover). It was also felt that bus users cannot be very well seen standing on the verge. Members requested the PCM to write to HCC to request that the drain grill is covered and that two bollards are installed on the verge either side of the bus stop for improved safety. **ACTION: PCM.**

18.95 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

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

Enforcement case updates were discussed.

18.95.2 Staffing Matters.

The PCM's appraisal was discussed.

The meeting closed at 9.49 pm.