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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2019
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM
CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Steve Wallin (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Rory Kemp

Cllr Lynne Newton

Cllr Sian Townsend

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

Cllr Roger Bentote (District Councillor)

5 members of the public

Public Session

Several residents from Outlands Lane spoke (on behalf of themselves and other residents) to object strongly to Winchester City Council's proposal to convert the turning/parking area outside of Renwood to a grass verge. They urgently requested Curdridge Parish Council to support their objection, as Winchester City Council had only consulted a few of the immediate neighbours, and not local residents in Outlands Lane who have used this facility for many years. Residents were extremely upset that Winchester City Council was prepared to spend so much tax-payers' money on a project that benefitted very few members of the public, when the vast majority of residents within the road objected to the proposal, which will remove a useful facility.

District Councillor Bentote had spoken to Winchester City Council, who advised that the proposed works were an attempt to resolve the issues experienced by the owner of Renwood (who has been experiencing vehicles turning in his driveway). His intended purchase of this piece of land had been stopped by a significant number of complaints from other residents stating that the land was legally required to be advertised on the open market; WCC consequently decided against selling the land. Residents in attendance advised that many residents likewise experience problems with cars turning in their driveways, which has always been a problem in Outlands Lane; the turning head at the end of the road installed in more recent years is also inadequate for larger vehicles to turn around. Residents felt that the owner of Renwood could put a gate at the end of his drive to ensure that cars do not turn in his drive and that this piece of land should be left as it is, to allow others residents to turn and park here, as had been the case for over 20 years.

The Chair advised that Council were going to be considering this item under "Urgent Correspondence" due to the amount of complaints received from residents opposing the proposed works next week.

19.143 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Caister and from County/District Cllrs Achwal, Fern and Huxstep.

19.144 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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

Cllr Huxstep had sent a written report:

Vision for Hampshire 2050 - The vision for Hampshire for the next 30 years has been approved. Hampshire County Council (HCC) unanimously endorsed the conclusions of the Commission of Inquiry - Vision for Hampshire 2050. Cllr Keith Mans, Leader HCC said: "Our county, just like the country, is facing a time of rapid change which affects each and every one of us. From the impact of a changing climate, to the effect the digital revolution will have on the way we work, to future energy supply, there are many challenges we need to address. Ultimately, we want to secure a high quality of life for Hampshire's next generations, continuing to enjoy an attractive environment and a prosperous economy." See www.hants.gov.uk for Hampshire 2050.

HCC Budget Savings - HCC's Cabinet have agreed that officers' proposals which would allow the authority to save £80m by 2021 can now be discussed by Cabinet members at a meeting set to take place next month. 223 jobs could be lost, some care homes and libraries could be closed, residents could be charged for services that are currently free and council tax could be increased by 4% as the Council strives to balance the books. The proposals were also discussed by several select committees at the County Council last week. At this time the emphasis is on **could**.

Booster Vaccinations - Parents are being urged to check that their children are up to date with their pre-school booster vaccinations. As they head off to school or nursery this autumn, a Public Health England (PHE) campaign, backed by HCC, underlines the safety and importance of vaccines. It advises that children need both doses of MMR to be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella, plus the 4-in-one booster vaccination which protects against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and polio. According to figures from PHE, 89.8% of children in Hampshire received the second dose of MMR by the time of their 5th birthday; for the 4-in1 booster 88.7% of five-year olds in Hampshire had been vaccinated.

Cllr Bentote reported:

Refuse collection – the refuse collection schedule had been altered due to a new contract that spreads Winchester collections over five days instead of three, as well as adding glass collection. Unfortunately there had been a problem with the printing of the explanatory information, which meant that this information had not reached some residents in time.

19.146 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting dated 19 September 2019

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 19 September for signing. ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.

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

19.147.1 Bridge House Botley Road Curbridge SO30 2HB - Replacement dwelling together with associated access and landscaping (Part Retrospective. Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 19/01877/FUL.

The applicant's planning consultant had attended the previous meeting to advise that this was a re-submission of the same application previously approved. Members discussed the application.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

19.147.2 Fir Tree Lodge 19/01558/LDP - Lawful Development Certificate received in respect of the above proposed development. (Rebuild larger garage; enclose courtyard with a side extension; erection of new summer house to Fir Tree Lodge, Chapel Lane, SO32 2BB). **Noted.**

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

19.148.1 Woodside The Plantation Curdridge SO32 2DT - Two-storey side extension after removal of garage; first floor rear extension over existing ground floor extension. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 19/01607/HOU. **PERMITTED. Noted.**

19.149 Finance

19.149.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 17 October 2019 and cheque signing & payments – this will be done at Full Council Meeting on 17 October 2019.

19.149.2 Glebe Field (replacement of broken gate post) – to receive and approve quotation to remove current (concreted) post and replace with a new gate post (also to be concreted into place) and re-adjust gate (to include materials and labour).

Members had used the current contractor for several contracts (based on his extremely competitive quotes in the past). However, due to budgetary constraints Members wished to ensure continued best value and requested the PCM to obtain two alternative quotations. Cllr Newton would also approach a local contractor to request a quote. **ACTION: CLLR NEWTON/PCM.**

19.149.3 Wangfield Lane (roadside bench – grounds maintenance) – to receive quotation for grounds maintenance in relation to cutting grass (and an annual cutting of the hedge back from the bench).

Resolved to approve the quote received from the grounds maintenance contractor of £45 (on an annual basis) to cut the grass, clear around the bench and cut back the hedge to enable residents to use this facility. ACTION: PCM.

19.150 Correspondence

19.150.1 Hampshire Countryside Access Forum – Equestrians in Hampshire Equestrian Guidance. **Noted.**

19.150.2 CIL Implementation Officer, WCC – notification that an additional footpath link from the Horse and Jockey through Curbridge is not a project that the City Council would explore at present. There are limited resources to fund schemes of this nature, and if the scheme were to involve the use of private land there could be complicated legal issues (and associated costs) to overcome. However, the Parish Council or ward members could make a bid for CIL funding, as part of the next round of CIL funded community projects, which would then be considered along with other bids received. The next round of bids will be invited between January and March 2020. **Cllr Newton advised Members that other agencies are still going to pursue the creation of this footpath (hopefully whilst the North Whiteley Development is taking place); she will keep Council updated. Members requested the PCM to write to Mr Bastian again, to attempt to support them. ACTION: PCM.**

19.150.3 Citizens Advice Winchester District – thanking Council for its grant donation. **Noted.**

19.150.4 Audit Commission – sending the Notice of Conclusion of Audit (with no queries raised). The PCM confirmed that this Notice had been duly displayed on the website and parish notice boards (as required). **Noted; Members thanked the PCM for her input.**

19.150.5 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** residents from Outlands Lane had forwarded to Council Winchester City Council's notification of their proposed works outside of Renwood, Outlands Lane to convert the hard surface to a grass verge (the Parish Council had not been notified directly). Residents requested that Council urgently supports their request for this work to be stopped (next week) and for Winchester City Council to undertake a consultation of all residents in Outlands Lane to consider other less costly solutions (such as gates being placed on the gateway of Renwood to stop vehicles turning in this drive). Members noted that many residents were very angry that this piece of land has been a hard surface used by all residents

for turning/parking for over 20 years and such use had been in place and would have been evident when the current owner of Renwood moved to this property.

Members took on board the input from the Public Session of this meeting and fully supported residents in their concerns that Winchester City Council had not consulted other residents in Outlands Lane (or indeed Curdridge Parish Council) prior to committing this work. Members also agree that the level of work and spending proposed seems very excessive given that such a large majority of residents appear to be against this proposed course of action.

Council requested the Parish Council Manager to urgently email Winchester City Council to advise them of the relatively high number of residents objecting to their proposal to convert the hard surface outside of Renwood, Outlands Lane into a grass verge and to request that Winchester City Council puts a stop on these proposed works, in order to carry out a public consultation of other residents in Outlands Lane (who strongly feel that these works represent a waste of taxpayers' money, especially given that so many residents appear to be against this course of action). Members recommended that during the current financial climate Winchester City Council should consider other far less costly alternatives, such as the suggestion of gates being put on the gateway of Renwood (which would resolve the problem of vehicles turning in this driveway). ACTION: PCM.

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

19.152 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

HCC (street sign cleaning/clearance) – Cllr Wallin advised that he had seen HCC cleaning signs within the parish in recent days.

Botley Bypass/North Whiteley Development (Pinkmead roundabout) – Cllr Wallin noted that the contractors are starting their investigations in relation to this contract.

Speedwatch Volunteers – Cllr Newton requested permission to order another hi-vis jacket due to the increased number of volunteers. Members supported this and again thanked volunteers.

Allotment (new footpath) – Cllr Newton advised that this footpath has been numbered 501; she requested the PCM to send her HCC Rights of Ways confirmation email for her reference.

ACTION: PCM.

19.153 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

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

Open enforcement cases were discussed.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.23 PM.