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MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2022 IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM CURDRIDGE

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Paul Haskins (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Jonathan Carkeet

Cllr Philip Hedger

Cllr Sian Townsend

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

Cllr Mike Evans – Whitley Town Council

1 member of public

Public Session

There were no matters arising.

22.254 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Newton and the County and District Councillors.

22.255 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Haskins declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 22.258.1.

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

There were no further updates.

22.257 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 20 October 2022

Approval of these Minutes was considered after Planning Applications had been discussed.

Resolved to approve the Minutes dated 20 October, subject to revising the wording of:

- i) item 22.244.3 to “Resolved TO OBJECT in line with Council’s usual policy, but agreed to defer this item to Full Council on 3 November 2022 following a request from the Applicant for Council to consider further evidence in support of his application”. ACTION PCM;**
- ii) item 22.248 to include “PCM to contact South Central Probation to see if they would be able to assist with this pond renovation project (although Cllr Newton advised they had not been able to assist with previous pond renovation)”. ACTION: PCM;**
- iii) item 22.248 to include “PCM to email Reading Rooms to recommend that they also contact South Central Probation to help with Reading Room renovation projects such as painting”. ACTION: PCM.**

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

22.258.1 To review Council’s planning consultation response following a complaint from the Applicant regarding the Parish Council Manager’s consultation response objection terminology

used (Full Council Meeting 20 October 2022); Applicant also requested an opportunity to present further evidence to Council - Midstre Barn The Plantation Curdridge Hampshire SO32 2DT - Midstre Barn was created by redevelopment of Bosky Dell (Ref No. 03/02619/FUL). Condition 12 restricted use of the garage to storage of bicycles and parking of cars. An expanded garage block for Midstre Barn was approved under a minor amendment filed in April 2007 under reference 18436/01. The applicant took up residence in May 2007 with construction of the garage completed shortly after occupation. Since November 2007 to the present day, the garage has been used for storage and as a hobby workshop for bicycle maintenance, DIY construction projects and the construction of a private light aircraft from kit components, contrary to Condition 12. Case Officer: Legal. Case No: 22/02110/LDC. The applicant was in attendance. The PCM apologised to the applicant for choosing the planning term "deliberately concealed" in her previous planning objection; she said the phrase had been chosen as planning terminology and was in no way directed at the applicant. The applicant explained to Members that he is a solicitor and therefore needs to be extra careful about his reputation and a phrase such as this could be considered defamatory; he had not openly advertised the alternative use of his garage, but he had not hidden this either. Cllr Haskins advised Members that he had known and visited the applicant since 2007/8 and had always been aware of the applicant's use of the garage. Members agreed the draft Minutes would be revised.

The applicant went on to say that he had now obtained two formal letters of support from direct neighbours stating that they had been aware of the alternative use of his garage since 2007 & 2008; these have been logged with Winchester City Council to support his application. Cllr Townsend queried whether the applicant had known about the restrictive planning condition on his garage when he purchased his property and queried why he was now applying to revise this. He said he had told the developer his intended alternative use of the garage (and the garage had also been extended), so he had assumed the alternative use was acceptable. Cllr Townsend queried whether planning permission had been obtained to extend the garage and if so, why this condition had not been removed at the same time. The applicant advised that planning permission had been obtained for the garage extension, but sadly the removal of this condition had been overlooked until now.

Members discussed this application and unanimously resolved to revise Council's previous objection to DO NOT OBJECT, based on the fact that the Applicant provided further evidence by way of two letters of support from immediate neighbours which had been duly logged with Winchester City Council. ACTION: PCM.

22.258.2 Land Adjacent Beechcroft Vicarage Lane Curdridge Hampshire SO32 2DP - Outline application for erection of two dwellings with details of access. Case Officer: Rose Chapman. Case No: 22/02161/OUT.

Cllr Bodger advised that this application revised the previous application and is not opposed by the WCC Landscape team. The openness of the landscape along Botley Road is not being threatened and the depth of the plots resolves Council's concerns about this site allowing further infill development in future.

Members discussed the application.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT, although Council concurs with the comments of Winchester City Council's Landscape Team, and asks that a condition be added that each site should extend to Botley Road and be under the same ownership as each development. Council would also like the Planning Officer to revise the proposed fences within the plots to hedging in this application and would like to see the detailed plans showing more difference between the houses in keeping with the diverse character of the village. ACTION: PCM

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

There were no new Planning Application decisions notified by WCC for the parish during this period. **Noted.**

22.260 Finance

22.260.1 To approve (Interim) Finance Report dated 17 November 2022 and cheque signing & payments (if required). **No matters arising.**

22.261 Correspondence

22.261.1 Gary Brown, Fly Tipping Officer, Winchester City Council – introduction and advice on reporting and taking legal action against fly tipping.

The PCM advised that Gary Brown had requested that all fly tipping cases witnessed should be reported via their online system by the person who witnessed the fly tipping, as he requires further information to enable WCC to investigate fully. Members noted this.

22.261.2 Winchester City Council – invite to Local Parish Briefing Tuesday 15th November at 3.00– 5.00pm. **Noted.**

22.261.3 CIL Team, Winchester City Council – update on CIL Funding availability and guidance (following Reading Room request). **Noted; Council needs to await the information requested from the Reading Room Trustees. Cllr Carkeet will forward the CIL 123 List of former projects to Members for information purposes. ACTION: CLLR CARKEET.**

22.261.4 Hampshire County Council – Flood Risk Management Landowner Responsibilities Leaflet. **Noted.**

22.261.5 Winchester City Council – notification Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund is now open. **Noted.**

22.261.6 Botley to Bishops Waltham Bridleway Project – update on Eastleigh Borough Council section Legal Agreement. **Members requested PCM to formally minute Curdridge Parish Council's stance for Members joining this forum (following the email invite). Members agreed Council's position must remain that although Council supports the project in principle, it cannot support pursuing Curdridge parish landowners who have made it clear they do not wish their land to be included in this bridleway. Council therefore believes the current proposal is not achievable within the Curdridge section of the bridleway and noted that the £10,000 currently ear-marked will only be used towards the bridleway if the whole bridleway is officially achievable (to be approved by Council). This ear-marked funding will be reviewed regularly to ensure the forum is kept informed on Council's financial position. Cllr Bodger will advise Cllr Newton of this decision prior to the next forum meeting. ACTION: CLLR BODGER/ALL.**

22.261.7 Curdridge Amateur Dramatic Group – thanking Council for grant funding donation. **Noted.**

22.261.8 CPRE – notification of recently launched fund which is available to local community groups ie football clubs, scouts, parish councils, etc. intended to encourage local communities across the county to consider taking on small projects to plant or rejuvenate hedges. A grant of up to £750 per project is available. Details of the scheme and an application form are to be found at the following link: <https://www.cprehampshire.org.uk/what-we-care-about/hedgerows/cpre-hampshires-hedgerow-heroes-initiative/cpre-hampshire-community-hedge-fund/>. **Noted.**

22.261.9 Hampshire ALC - DLUHC Committee Funding Inquiry - Request To Circulate NALC Briefing To All Member Councils. **Noted.**

22.261.10 PCSO Owen Reeves – notification of new Police UK Website (www.police.uk), which contains information sources for local polices services and statistics. **Noted.**

22.261.11 Home Start Hampshire – thanking Council for grant funding donation. **Noted; PCM will send each correspondence email item to Members as a separate email (immediately after emailing the draft Agenda), as some Members cannot open multiple attachments. PCM will re-send above correspondence items. ACTION: PCM.**

22.262 To note Parish Clerk's Update Report (previously circulated to Members) – Noted.

22.263 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

North Whiteley Boundary Review – Cllr Evans from Whiteley Town Council was in attendance. Cllr Bodger advised Members that 742 responses had been received to the public consultation (578 online/164 by post), with 70.4% voting in favour of “Option 2” (Whiteley Town Council to adopt the new North Whiteley Development). The next stage of the process is for WCC to tie up some loose ends regarding properties falling on the boundary line in Curbridge and to update the public at the North Whiteley Development Forum on 14 November. The Licensing & Regulation Committee will consider the recommendation of Option 2 on 7 December for later adoption by full Council. It is hoped that all information will be available for the Licensing and Regulation Committee to approve a draft order without the need further review by the committee (which would delay Council approval until the March 2023 meeting, and thus cause problems for Whiteley's 2023 elections)). Members requested Chair to attend the Licensing & Regulation Committee Meeting on 7 December.

Members are concerned about Curdridge Parish Council and Whiteley Town Council's budget setting process, as there is no guidance as to who should be budgeting to manage North Whiteley. **Members agreed PCM will email Sally Lawrence (WCC's Finance Business Partner) to request formal advice on how Curdridge PC and Whiteley TC should budget to ensure that adequate funding is available to manage North Whiteley in the next financial year (2023-2024). PCM to copy Whiteley Town Council, Hilary Oliver at WCC and Members in on the email. It was agreed the PCM would also email Hilary Oliver at WCC and Nicki Oliver at Whiteley TC (separately) to advise them of the amount of ear-marked funding Curdridge Parish Council has in the current financial year (2022-2023) for North Whiteley, to enable WCC to prepare the necessary documents required to bring this item before Cabinet in March 2022. ACTION: PCM.**

Horse & Jockey Licence – Cllr Carkeet and Cllr Haskins had a site meeting with the landlord of the Horse and Jockey at which it was agreed that the Licence annual rent should increase to £250 per annum (which is still a very reasonable amount). Cllr Carkeet & Cllr Haskins will draft a letter to the Horse & Jockey landlord confirming their conversation and framing the terms of a new legal Licence Deed. Members will approve this letter before it goes to the Horse & Jockey landlord. **ACTION: CLLR CARKEET & CLLR HASKINS/ALL.**

Cricketers Pond – It was noted that the pond now has some water in it following the recent rain. Cllr Carkeet advised that he is in the process of obtaining quotes for water/soil testing options from Delta Simons and will send these to Council once available. PCM to contact South Central Probation to see if they can assist with any pond maintenance. Council will then review this matter. **ACTION: PCM/CLLR CARKEET.**

Calcot Lane (flooding) – Cllr Carkeet said he had also reported the recent flooding to HCC who reiterated that they are going to investigate this.

Reading Room Recreation (additional bench) – Cllr Townsend thanked Cllr Bodger for donating a memorial bench for the fourth corner of the recreation and Members thanked Cllr Burden for fitting the bench.

22.264 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

22.265 To receive WCC's update reports on Enforcement cases (if applicable) and decide upon any action required. There were no matters arising.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.01 PM.