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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 3 AUGUST 2017
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM
CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr K Bundell (Chairman)

Cllr E Bodger (Vice Chairman)

Cllr K Bull

Cllr L Newton

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

12 members of the public

Public Session

Several members of public raised their concerns about large lorries travelling along the Plantation/Curdridge Lane to Nations Farm 24 hours a day, seven days of the week.

Residents were concerned about the volume of lorries using this very minor road and the fact that these lorries drive dangerously and severely damage the roads. They reported that there had been several incidents relating to lorries using this road and asked whether the road could be reduced to 30 mph. The PCM advised that following several accidents on Lockhams Road Council had tried to get a reduced 30 mph speed limit along Lockhams Road, but had been advised by HCC Highways that speed reductions to 30 mph were costly to implement and budgets were not available and therefore speed reductions were currently restricted to roads where severe accidents/fatalities were recorded. Residents were also concerned that public buses had also be redirected along the Plantation causing further upset, as the previous bus route along Lockhams Road had relieved the amount of heavy traffic along the Plantation. Members confirmed they are currently seeking to re-route public buses back along Lockhams Road.

Residents enquired whether Curdridge Parish Council could re-open the project relating to the re-designing/improvement of the Botley Road/Plantation junction, which they believed Cllr Humby had previously agreed to give match funding for. The Chair & PCM explained that this project had eventually not been approved, as HCC believed that a traffic island would make accessing the Plantation/Curdridge Lane impossible for larger vehicles visiting properties/businesses.

The Chair recommended that residents get together and form a group to produce a schedule of evidence of the unsociable times lorries use the road and incidents that have occurred, in order that they may write to Hampshire County Council Highways about this matter, with a view to WCC/HCC considering their request to reduce/limit the hours of business use to Nations Farm and their request to reduce this road to a 30 mph speed limit. It was agreed that the PCM would write to WCC Planning Department to establish the permitted business use relating to lorries visiting the premises and any restrictions with regard to times/days and would report this back to Members for dissemination to the residents. **ACTION: PCM.**

Sian Townsend attended the meeting to register her interest in applying for the current Parish Councillor vacancy. She advised that she had previously lived in the village until she was 7 years old, when she had moved to Shedfield. She has just moved back to the Village and would like to be considered for this vacancy. She works from home for a London Debt Collection Company and feels that she could use the skills attained from this job as a Parish Councillor.

The Chair advised that there were currently three applicants for this position and this item was to be considered under "Exempt Business" at the September Full Council Meeting. Cllr Newton enquired whether this item could be deferred until the October Full Council Meeting, as she was on leave in September. It was agreed to defer this item to Exempt Business for the 19 October Full Council Meeting. Members requested the PCM to write to all three candidates to advise them of this and request them to write a brief paragraph about themselves and why they would like to apply for this position, to serve as a reminder for Members. **ACTION: PCM.**

17.290 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Furby, Cllr Kemp and the County and District Councillors.

17.291 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

17.292 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 20 July 2017

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 20 July 2017, as drafted, for signing. ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.

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

Reports had been given at the recent Full Council Meeting on 20 July 2017.

17.294 Planning Applications received from Winchester City Council, Hampshire County Council or the River Hamble Harbour Authority for decision/response

17.294.1 Oak Lodge Chapel Lane Curdridge SO32 2BB - Garden store attached to existing garage. Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 17/01594/HOU.

Cllr Bundell noted that this application related solely to the garden store.

Resolved to support this application; DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

Brambling, Outlands Lane, Curdridge – 1st Floor extension to existing dwelling. Case No: 17/01667/HOU - The PCM advised Members that this new Planning Application had been received, but due to the August recess could not be considered by Council in time for the deadline. Members discussed this application and requested the PCM to email the Planning Officer at WCC to advise of the Parish Council recess, but say that were this application to be considered by Council, that it would support, DO NOT OBJECT, as similar permissions had been granted to neighbouring properties and the roofline was in keeping with other properties in the road. Members requested WCC to ensure that adjoining neighbours were duly consulted. **ACTION: PCM.**

Members discussed the manner in which "URGENT" Planning Applications (received after Agendas had been displayed by Council) could be dealt with. It was agreed that the PCM would place a notice on future Agendas stating:

"In the unusual event that any new Planning Applications are received by Curdridge Parish Council that would be out of time for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting, such Planning Applications will be added to the Agenda (displayed on our website "www.curdridge-

pc.gov.uk”), as “Urgent”. Please note that under such circumstances Council will always request WCC to ensure they duly consult adjoining neighbours”. **ACTION: PCM.**

17.295 Finance

17.295.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 3 August 2017 and cheque signing & payments.

Resolved to approved the Finance Report and cheque signing and payments. ACTION: PCM.

17.295.2 Grant Application from Curdridge Reading Room & Recreation Ground Charity - £1000 (plus any additional sums CPC can manage due to shortfall).

Members discussed the Grant Application and Finance Report provided by the Curdridge Reading Room and Recreation Ground Charity and it was felt that Council would like to help support this valuable community facility. Members and the PCM would also continue to advise the Caretaker of Grant Funding/fund raising opportunities arising.

Resolved to make a grant of £1,000 under LGA 1972, s.133. Council recommended that on future Grant Applications, instead of “plus any additional sums you can manage”, the charity instead quotes their total desired grant sum, together with comprehensive details of the intended use of such grant, in order that Council can consider a total amount requested and reduce the grant donation (if required). ACTION: PCM.

17.296 Correspondence

17.296.1 PCSO Stephanie Slater – regarding beat priorities for the parish (request for suggestions). **Noted – Members requested the PCM to write to Steph advising that the Parish Council’s priorities are Speeding/Dangerous Driving, particularly on Kitnocks Hill, Lockhams Road and Curdridge Lane. ACTION: PCM.**

17.296.2 St Peters Church – thank you for the kind grant donation towards the production of the Curdridge Parish Magazine. **Noted.**

17.296.3 Hampshire Highway Service Contract for Highway Maintenance – notification of change of service provider from Amey to Skanska. **Noted.**

17.296.4 HALC reminder that HCC Serving Hampshire - Balancing the Budget consultation runs from 3 July - 21 August. **Members to look through this individually and Cllr Bodger to do Council response (if applicable). ACTION: ALL.**

17.296.5 Winchester City Council - Members Allowances – survey (closing date given - 19 August 2017). **Members requested the PCM to respond to WCC to advise that Curdridge Parish Council does not intend to apply for Members Allowances at the current time, as no hardship is encountered as a consequence of the lack of allowance, given Councillors’ ability to claim expenses. ACTION: PCM.**

17.296.6 Lizzy Race, Curdridge Show Co-Ordinator – thanking stall holders for contributing to the success of Curdridge Show. **Noted.**

17.296.8 Copy letter from Winchester City Council to Cllr Keith House the Leader of EBC, requesting their cooperation with WCC’s requests to them to be able to contribute to the development of the EBC Local Plan, in relation to areas that affect the Winchester District. **Noted and agreed.**

17.297 To discuss communications with parishioners

Members discussed Council’s current communication methods with residents (Website, Parish Newsletter, Parish Notice Boards at the Reading Room Car Park, Botley Train Station, Curdridge Cemetery Car Park and the Horse & Jockey). The Chair advised Members he would like to consider setting up an email contacts list for residents to notify them of any urgent matters arising. The PCM advise Members that her former Parish Council had considered this option, but having consulted the IT Department at the District Council had been advised that there were disadvantages to this method of communication, as sending emails to a very large number of recipients can cause severe wi-fi delays and problems associated with emails bouncing back from “unknown” recipients when people do not update their email addresses.

Their recommendation was to advertise the Parish Council's website regularly, as residents who have access to emails also have ready access to the internet/website. Chair to advertise website (www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk) in future Parish Magazine articles. **ACTION: CHAIR.**

17.298 St Peters Close Phone Box – to consider a future use for the phone box, together with an associated insurance value for the phone box

The Chair advised Members that several suggestions had been made at Curdridge Show, but the most popular had been to use the phone box as a mini library/book exchange. **Resolved that Curdridge Parish Council would set up the phone box as a mini library/book exchange, subject to first ensuring that the Parish Council's Public Liability Insurance would cover any accident/injury and that the phone box would be insured for the sum £1,000. Set up arrangements to be discussed at a future Full Council Meeting following insurance arrangements being finalised. ACTION: PCM.**

17.299 To note Parish Council Manager's Update Report (previously circulated to Members)

Horse & Jockey Exclusive Licence - the PCM updated Members that she had now chased the Horse & Jockey brewery several times regarding the renewal of the Exclusive Licence. Members requested the PCM to advise the brewery that urgent confirmation is required from them, failing which the Licence will lapse and the car parking and highways access on the parish council's land will no longer be made available to the brewery. **ACTION: PCM.**
Cemetery Rules and Regulations (Amendments approved at Full Council on 20 July 2017) – Members noted that some applicants may have difficulty completing the revised application form for memorials and requested the PCM to revise the application further, so that it may be completed by stone masons on behalf of applicants, subject to the restrictions being advised to and agreed by the applicants. **ACTION: PCM.**

17.300 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Proposed new bus route – Cllr Newton updated Members that she had chased HCC for a response to her enquiry and had been advised that a site meeting was taking place to review Council's proposed revised route. Members authorised Councillor Newton to act as Council's representative in this regard and to request an invitation to this site meeting. Cllr Newton would also advise attendees that several residents who had attended our meeting had complained about the bus being re-routed along the Plantation. **ACTION: CLLR NEWTON.**

Development at Woodhouse Lane/Botley – Cllr Bodger had attended a meeting at Wildern regarding the proposed development at Woodhouse Lane (to include a new secondary school). He had felt that the planning consultants involved were dealing with this application sympathetically and hoped that the final design scheme would work sensibly, with the indivisible load route through Botley being diverted to the proposed Botley By-Pass.

Botley By-Pass – the Chair advised Members that this application is being consider at the next Planning Meeting on 7 September 2017. He requested Cllr Newton to prepare the part of the consultation response relating to footpaths, particularly having regard to requirements for the Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail (i.e. Botley Footpath 3 being diverted to interlink with the Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail). **ACTION: CLLR NEWTON.**

Recycling Centres –; Cllr Bundell advised that plaster board now has to be treated as a hazardous substance and therefore costs the Council to recycle; he had visited the tip with the equivalent of one sheet of plaster board and had been charged £6 for this.

16.301 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

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

Enforcement matters were discussed.

The meeting closed at 9.22 pm