

## Curdridge Parish Council

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### MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2020 VIA A ZOOM ONLINE PUBLIC MEETING

#### **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 Huxstep (County Councillor)

Cllr Vivian Achwal (District Councillor)

Cllr Roger Bentote (District Councillor)

3 members of public

#### **Public Session**

There were no matters arising.

#### **20.157 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Debbie Caister.

#### **20.158 To receive Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Bodger declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 20.161.

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

Cllr Huxstep reported:

Five Oaks Farm Quarry application – Cllr Huxstep had requested an extension to the public consultation response period until 11 September. He will be submitting an objection himself. Heartfelt thanks to Hampshire's volunteers - Hampshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Communities, Partnerships and External Affairs, Councillor Andrew Joy has expressed thanks on behalf of the Authority, for the tremendous work of the county's army of volunteers who have been responding to the needs of communities during the coronavirus outbreak.

Hampshire's educators are ready and eager to start the new term - Pre-schools, primary and secondary schools across Hampshire were eager to welcome children and young people back at the start of the new academic year. The County Council's Director for Public Health, Simon Bryant, added: "Parents and carers should feel reassured that children are far less likely to be affected by Coronavirus. A Public Health England Study showed that those aged under 16 account for just 1.1 per cent of 130,000 confirmed Coronavirus cases during the first wave of the virus."

According to the Office for National Statistics, 90 per cent of school age parents indicated their children would return to school or college in September. Hampshire's educators are fully prepared to have them back, confident they have put in place arrangements to help prevent the spread of coronavirus infection. While those arrangements will vary from school to school, depending on the size and layout of their sites, as well as the ages and number of children attending, the measures include:

- Placing children in distinct 'bubbles' (groups) to be maintained throughout the school day
- Operating a one-way system around the school site
- Staggering the start and end of the school day
- Staggering break times
- Building time for frequent handwashing in the daily timetable
- Additionally, providing hand sanitiser in strategic areas of the building
- Frequent reminders to Catch It, Bin It, Kill It
- Additional cleaning of school buildings.

Climate change - Hampshire County Council has announced the first initiatives to help Hampshire residents reduce their carbon footprint. Community projects include advice from energy choice to insulation, establishing a Community Energy Network across Hampshire and a Targeted Residential Solar Group Buying Scheme. Parishes and communities are encouraged to take part in the sustainable community Greening Campaign (<http://www.greening-campaign.org/>). The climate change Action Plan is due to be presented to the HCC Cabinet on 29th September.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/climatechange>

Roads & Footpaths - Hampshire Highways are now re-using recycled material from old roads. Materials are screened, crushed and blended cleanly and quietly ready for re-use. With around 5,500 miles of roads this will make a significant contribution to reducing our carbon footprint. Over 40 new temporary footpaths and cycleways have been installed across Hampshire. HCC have bid for £3.45 million from Government to build more highways schemes to support social distancing, encourage walking and cycling and assist economic recovery.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/21082020TransportPopUps>

District Councillor Bentote reported on behalf of the District Councillors:

Summer seems to have disappeared suddenly and we are entering a period of optimism that things are nearing normal or pessimism that we will be hit by a second wave of Covid19. WCC meetings are continuing to be virtual, which does save on travel, but I prefer the round table discussions.

Locally we have been working hard to raise evidence and support to object to a sand quarry and waste infill on land in Shedfield but close to the border with Curdridge. One of our major objections relates to the 80 lorry journeys per day which could well have an impact in Curdridge too.

We are also now getting some action from WCC, and hopefully EA and HCC, relating to excessive noise, unlawful building and damage to trees at Shedfield Equestrian Centre. This site is the destination for many lorries which pass through Curdridge dropping bits of their load on the way. WCC has issued Temporary Stop Notices to allow time for more investigation. It probably says something about the problem that the notices have been destroyed and work continues.

There have been alarming reports put out about the number of houses to be built in the district. These come from SHEELA report which of course only lists sites which have been put forward not those with planning approval. The production of the latest Local Development Plan came to an abrupt halt last week when the government proposed changes to the national planning policy. More news when we get it.

**20.160 To approve the Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 6 August 2020**

**Resolved to approve the Minutes of 6 August 2020. ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.**

**20.161 Wangfield Lane – to consider request from multiple Wangfield Lane residents to request HCC Highways to introduce traffic calming measures now that the railway bridge has been removed**

The PCM had received multiple telephone calls and emails from residents asking Council to consider requesting traffic calming measures in Wangfield Lane. Three residents from Wangfield Lane attended the meeting to raise their concerns about heavy commercial vehicles using Wangfield Lane (now that the railway bridge has been removed) and the continued speeding traffic using the road, which had caused damage to various properties and one resident's son had been hit by a car.

Cllr Bodger advised that he had emailed Cllr Humby to request that HCC make a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) for lorries using the road to have a maximum weight and only to be allowed to use the road for deliveries, as this would ensure that satnavs do not direct lorries on this route. Cllr Humby had responded to advise that a TRO is very unlikely, as these are based on accidents/fatalities and there were other more high priority areas. Consequently, Cllr Bodger advised that (in view of the volume of complaints from residents for traffic calming measures) he would be happy to see chicanes installed, if Council supported this option.

Cllr Townsend recommended making a request to have traffic calming chicanes at each end of Wangfield Lane (from Botley Road and Maddoxford Lane).

Members and residents then discussed the various alternatives/locations for traffic chicanes, bearing in mind the proposed new Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail and the need to protect users if/when this is completed.

Residents then raised the fact that Cllr Humby had promised to carry out road monitoring surveys on Wangfield Lane before, during and after the Boorley Green Developments were built, but asserted that no monitoring had taken place.

**Resolved that:**

- i) Council will write to HCC Highways to request that they install road traffic calming chicanes at both ends of Wangfield Lane (from Botley Road and Maddoxford Lane).**
- ii) Council responds to Cllr Rob Humby's email (advising that no TRO would be made for Wangfield Lane) to remind him that HCC promised to monitor Wangfield Lane before, during and after the multiple Boorley Green Developments had taken place for increased/speeding traffic. This has not happened and residents have complained about speeding traffic and multiple accidents that have occurred (not least the two lorries that recently hit the railway bridge because they were going too fast to stop). ACTION: PCM.**

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

20.162.1 The winning and working of up to 230,000 tonnes of soft sand with phased working and restoration through backfilling with up to 435,000 tonnes of clean inert waste/materials, associated internal access routes, plant and infrastructure at Five Oaks Farm, Winchester Road, Shedfield, SO32 2HS. Case Officer: Amy Dales. Case No: PLAN/AD/WR242.

The PCM advised that she had had a long telephone conversation with Shedfield Parish Council yesterday during which she was advised that although they have consulted a professional, most of their objections are irrelevant to other parish councils. Therefore she recommended looking at the Facebook Page "Stop the Quarry at Five Oaks Farm" where a local solicitor has drafted a summary of advice on objections (which the PCM had circulated to

Members previously). Cllr Bodger talked through these objections and highlighted his own consultation response objection which could also be used.

Cllr Bodger asked Cllr Huxstep if he is aware of HCC's current sand and landfill supply, as this could affect any decision. Cllr Huxstep believes there is currently a 7-year supply of sand, but he is not sure about the supply for inert landfill sites. However, he believes there are more suitable locations within the County and he intends to submit an objection. He recommended Council focuses on noise, traffic hazard and dust pollution associated heavy winds.

Councillor Bentote confirmed that HCC's Waste Policy was only reviewed in 2018 and it confirmed enough sand supplies had been identified.

Cllr Bodger felt that if HCC placed a condition on the site that the land levels could not be raised this may put the prospective applicant off.

Members then discussed the elements of the various objections that could be used.

**Resolved that the PCM would prepare a draft consultation response objection based on:**

- i) Facebook Page "Stop the Quarry at Five Oaks Farm" recommend objections;**
- ii) Cllrs Bodger's email objection previously circulated to Members;**
- iii) Cllr Huxstep's recommendation to raise noise, traffic hazard and dust pollution;**
- iv) Requiring a condition regarding the land levels not being raised by any landfill;**
- v) A334 congestion being caused by proposed lorry routes;**
- vi) Footpaths in the local area being adversely affected, as pedestrians will struggle to walk on the link roads being used by quarry lorries;**
- vii) Highlighting that the planning conditions stipulating specified lorry routes for the various Boorley Green Developments have been totally ignored, with a lorry hitting the railway bridge with such force that it was destroyed and needed to be demolished.**
- viii) Contamination of the River Hamble.**

**ACTION: PCM.**

20.162.2 Barons Court Curdridge Lane Curdridge SO32 2BJ – Remove existing garage, build a new side/rear single storey extension. Render whole house light gray. New gray slate roof. All windows to be white sash. Cladding above gable and a new drop kerb. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 20/01515/HOU.

Cllr Newton advised that the new owner of this property was making this application and that it would not adversely affect anyone. Members discussed the application.

**Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.**

20.162.3 North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire – (AMENDED PLANS) Reserved Matters Application for the construction of 449 dwellings and the associated infrastructure including access roads, cycleways, footpaths, car parking, amenity open space, landscape planting, cycle and bin storage facilities and all associated ancillary development, pursuant to Outline Planning Permission 15/00485/OUT. Case Officer: Mr Simon Avery. Case No: 20/00754/REM.

Cllr Bodger advised that this application resolved landscaping concerns raised.

**Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.**

20.162.4 Eastleigh Borough Council - Land South of Maddoxford Lane, Boorley Green, Maddoxford Lane, Boorley Green - Reserved matters for development of 50 dwellings for O/16/79600 for details of appearance, landscape, layout and scale. Also conditions 9 (sustainable drainage), 12 (green infrastructure) and 20 (contamination and water quality). Case No: RM/19/84879.

Members discussed this application.

**Resolved to MAKE NO COMMENT.**

20.162.5 Eastleigh Borough Council - Land North West of Winchester Road, Boorley Green, Hampshire, Boorley Green - Reserved Matters application (pursuant to outline planning permission O/15/75953 which was subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment) for Boorley Gardens Phase 3 equating to development of 236 residential dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and open space. (Details relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale). Case No: RM/19/86658.

Members discussed this application.

**Resolved to MAKE NO COMMENT.**

### **20.163 Planning Decisions and Appeals notified by Winchester City Council/HCC - to be noted**

20.163.1 Oakwood Curdridge Lane Curdridge Southampton Hampshire SO32 2BH - Erection of a general-purpose agricultural storage building. Case Officer: Curtis Badley. Case No: 20/01012/FUL. **PERMITTED. NOTED.**

20.163.2 Greenclose Wangfield Lane Curdridge Southampton Hampshire SO32 2DA - Retrospective application for the change of use from equestrian / agricultural use to the storage of touring caravans. Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 20/01196/FUL.

**REFUSED. NOTED; Cllr Bodger advised Members that WCC have yet to take enforcement action.**

### **20.164 Finance**

20.164.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 17 September 2020 and cheque signing & payments – **to be dealt with at Full Council on 17 September 2020. NOTED.**

20.164.2 St Peters Close Bus Shelter (badly damaged/unrepairable) - to consider replacement quotations. **Deferred until the Full Council Meeting on 17 September 2020, as Council is awaiting a further quote. ACTION: PCM.**

20.164.3 Allotment Recreation (rotten fence) - to consider replacement quotations. **Deferred until the Full Council Meeting on 17 September 2020, as Council is awaiting a further quote. ACTION: PCM.**

20.164.4 Allotment Recreation Car Park (damaged height barrier) – to receive an update and to ratify urgent repair works contract and invoice.

The PCM updated Members that Frost Design had advised that the height barrier appears to have been knocked by large vehicles using the gateway as a turning point.

**Resolved to approve Frost Design Limited's quotation to have the height barrier repaired to make it safe. ACTION: PCM.**

20.164.5 Cemetery (mature fallen tree) – to receive an update and to ratify urgent tree works contract and invoice.

Cllr Newton advised that MJC Trees have now removed the fallen tree from the road, church and cemetery and that the tree root had fallen back into its original position and was cut down lower to make it safe. She had circulated a photo of the church shed and felt it would need replacing based on the fact that it was already a dilapidated shed, sadly allowing the tree branch that hit it to cause extensive damage.

**Resolved:**

- i) To approve the MJC Tree Surgeons Ltd emergency tree works invoice for settlement;**
- ii) That Cllr Kemp will inspect the shed to determine if it can be repaired;**
- iii) That If the shed cannot be repaired Council approves the purchase of a replacement shed at a reasonable cost and subject to Members approving the quotation via email.**
- iv) Council would not make an insurance claim for this fallen tree and associated damage, unless it became necessary, as Council unfortunately already has a live insurance claim (of significant value) to replace the St Peters Close bus shelter that was destroyed by a vehicle hitting it.**

**ACTION: PCM.**

**20.165 To review parish meetings process now that pandemic lockdown measures are being eased**

Members discussed this item and were concerned that several of them had family members that were still required to shield. They were also aware that HCC, WCC, various parish councils and other external agencies were still holding online meetings. Cllr Huxstep said that some parishes are considering hybrid meetings in the future, so this might be worth considering later.

**Resolved that Council will continue to hold Full Council Meetings via Zoom until the end of October and would review this decision at the 15 October Full Council Meeting for November onwards. ACTION: PCM.**

**20.166 To consider motion by Cllr Newton for a new bus stop to be placed outside of Ridgeway, The Plantation to improve public safety (with authority given by the property owner)**

Cllr Newton advised that she had seen a resident waiting at the dangerous bus stop on the B3035 and had taken a photograph (which had been circulated to Members). She had liaised with Adam Craig from HCC who felt it would not be too difficult to relocate the bus stop to a safer location if one could be identified. The owner of Ridgeway on the Plantation has advised that he would be happy to have a bus stop at his property and Cllr Newton felt there is space for a bus stop on the opposite side of the road also. Members discussed this matter.

**Resolved to write to HCC to request them to relocate this bus stop. The PCM will refer this item back to Council once a response is received (if necessary). ACTION: PCM.**

**20.167 North Whiteley Development – to consider WCC’s request for confirmation of who will be responsible for the new public bus stops**

Members discussed this item and felt that as Curdridge Parish Council had been assured that the new North Whiteley Development would be transferred out of Curdridge Parish that it would be irrelevant to adopt the bus stops.

**Resolved that Council would respond to WCC to advise that it would not consider adopting the bus stops, as it had previously been agreed by WCC that the North Whiteley Development should be transferred to Whiteley Town Council. ACTION: PCM.**

**20.168 Curdridge Parish (electricity supply) – to consider what action Council can take to resolve the issue of regular electricity power cuts within the parish.**

Members discussed the fact that there have recently been various power cuts throughout the whole of the parish. They were concerned that elderly and vulnerable residents are being left without power too often.

**Resolved that Council would write to SEN to request them to ensure that they carry out the relevant maintenance to the supply service within Curdridge parish to ensure that the very high volume of power cuts recently encountered within Curdridge do not occur again, as the parish has a high percentage of elderly and vulnerable residents who cannot afford to be without power. ACTION: PCM.**

**20.169 Correspondence**

20.169.1 Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust – advising that their AGM will be held online on Tuesday 10 November 2020 due to the current pandemic. Joining instructions will be forwarded at a later date. **NOTED.**

20.169.2 Cllr Newton – Curdridge Footpaths update report. **NOTED.**

20.169.3 WYG – regarding Sherecroft Farm, Botley (20/00494/FUL) application amendments; notification to WCC of amended plans and updated documents submitted to address the couple of outstanding comments received from consultees. **NOTED; Members requested the**

**PCM to email WCC's Planning Officer to advise that Council continues to support this application and development. ACTION: PCM.**

20.169.4 Councillor Huxstep – notification of North Whiteley M27 J9 & Parkway South Roundabout (Night time working and temporary road closures). **NOTED.**

20.169.5 Eastleigh Borough Council – Local Plan update. **NOTED; Members to look through this and respond directly to EBC if they have any concerns.**

### **20.170 Curdridge Parish Cemetery**

20.170.1 To identify additional burial plots should Council formally decide not to use the other half of the Cemetery and Glebe Field (previously set aside as cemetery ground) and to set up a working party to measure up the ground on the other side of the path (following receipt of Winchester City Council Tree Officer's advice regarding digging graves/paths under mature oaks trees to establish whether any new graves can be provided) and to provide a recommendation to Council to ensure that demand can be met (in view of the fact there are only 6 vacant burial plots at the cemetery and Curdridge Parish Council may be required to bury residents of the North Whiteley Development while it remains within the parish. The proposed new development at Sherecroft is also within the parish.

Members discussed this matter.

***Resolved that the Working Party would consist of Cllrs Bodger, Burden, Kemp, Newton and Townsend and that a site meeting would be arranged (preferably at the weekend) to measure out the bottom half of the cemetery in accordance with WCC's tree advice to establish whether more burial plots could be created and to also identify other locations within the cemetery that might be used to provide additional burial plots. PCM to email Members to arrange meeting, following which this item will be referred back to Full Council. ACTION: PCM.***

20.170.2 To consider measures to deter dog fouling in the parish cemetery.

Members were disappointed that anyone would allow their dogs to foul a cemetery.

***Resolved that the PCM would place a sign on the gate stating "Please do not allow your dogs to foul this Cemetery. Please place dog waste in the bin provided!" ACTION: PCM.***

### **20.171 To note Parish Council Manager's Update Report (previously circulated to Members)**

The PCM believed her update report was not attached to Members' email. She will circulate it to Members again, but advised that the most relevant items were being discussed on the Agenda this evening. **ACTION: PCM.**

### **20.172 To receive reports from Parish Councillors**

Wangfield (cycle path from Boorley Green to Maddoxford) – Cllr Newton said this could be added to the Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail negotiations.

Speed Limit Reminder – Cllr Newton queried whether the camera could be put back on Botley Road for a while. Cllr Burden and Townsend said they would organise this.

WCC Planning Enforcement – Cllr Wallin had been advised by WCC that they have lost some enforcement staff and so were a bit behind with their workload.

### **20.173 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

20.174 To receive an update on open Enforcement cases and decide upon any action required. **Open enforcement cases were discussed. ACTION: PCM.**

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9 PM.**