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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 4 AUGUST 2022
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Paul Haskins

Cllr Philip Hedger

Cllr Lynne Newton

Cllr Sian Townsend

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

Cllr Anne Small (District Councillor)

2 members of the public

Public Session

Two residents enquired whether Curdridge Parish Council's Minutes could be printed in the Parish Magazine to update residents on local information. They would also like to see Births, Marriages and Deaths reintroduced into the Parish Magazine if at all possible. **PCM to write to the Editor of the Parish Magazine with this request. ACTION: PCM.**

Cllr Small advised that not all of the grant donation made by Council for the church Queen's Platinum Jubilee event was used. **PCM to email bank details to Anne Small to enable her to refund the unused funds. ACTION: PCM.**

22.191 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Jonathan Carkeet, Cllr Hugh Lumby (County Councillor) And Cllr Vivian Achwal (District Councillor).

22.192 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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

The District Councillors gave the following written report:

This is our first ward report since the local elections in May 2022, after Cllr Roger Bentote retired Cllr Anne Small was elected.

Ward Councillor WCC Committee membership - your 3 ward Councillors are on the following committees at WCC:

Audit and Governance: Cllr Achwal

Health and Environment: Cllr Achwal

Licensing and Regulation: Cllrs Achwal and Small

Planning Committee: Cllrs Achwal and Small (deputies)

Business and Housing Policy: Cllr Fern (Vice-Chair) and Cllr Small
North Whiteley Forum: Cllrs Achwal (Chair) Fern (deputy) and Small (Vice-Chair)
WCC Full Council: All Ward Councillors

Appointments to Outside Bodies

Southampton International Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr Achwal
Winchester Charity School Education Foundation: Cllr Achwal
Winchester Welfare Charities: Cllr Achwal

All committee meetings along with their agendas can be found on the Winchester City Council website (www.Winchester.gov.uk), members of the public can attend/listen to the meetings, if you wish to speak you need to register 3 working days before the meeting takes place. All meetings are audio streamed live and the link is on the WCC website, after the meeting is held they are uploaded onto BBC iPlayer.

Community Governance Review for North Whiteley

A community governance review consultation is being arranged by WCC to consult local residents on options to change the current parish and town council arrangements in Whiteley and Curdridge. The aim is to better serve the new housing development.

Ukraine Families Support

Currently around 138 Ukraine families are being supported in the Winchester District. WCC have set up a specialised team to support Ukrainian refugees in helping them to secure longer-term housing, prevent homelessness and to integrate smoothly into our community.

WCC will be continuing to offer free support hub sessions over the next few months for Ukrainian guests and their hosts to providing a safe environment for individuals to meet and to access various support. The hub will be open from 10am-1pm and 1.30-4pm, and translation services will be available for the sessions on the following dates:

Tuesday 9 August and Tuesday 13 September

WCC teams will be able to advise on what support is available and do their best to answer any questions you might have.

Details about the support hub can be found in Winchester city centre at the Guildhall in the Courtyard Room or further information can be found on the WCC website; email ukraine@winchester.gov.uk.

Start your business journey to net zero

WCC are providing free support for businesses in the Winchester district to help begin the journey to net zero, and access grant funding.

Meercat has been selected by WCC to help businesses access grant funding and reduce their carbon emissions. This support is free of charge and includes one to one consultations, online webinars, and events.

Grants can cover 40% of expenditure towards your business growth, up to a maximum of £10,000, this is administered through the Low Carbon Across the South and East (LoCASE) programme which is funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). Meercat have set up a dedicated webpage at

www.meercatassociates.com/winchester and businesses can call them on 01444 416529 during normal office hours.

Commonwealth Games - Queen's Baton Relay

Winchester District took part in the Queen's Baton Relay for the 2022 Commonwealth Games! The Queen's Baton visited Winchester on Wednesday 6 July at the Winchester Sport and Leisure Park and the Hambledon Broad Halfpenny Down Cricket Ground. In partnership with Everyone Active and the University of Winchester.

Local issues

- There have been a number of recent traffic incidents near the traffic lights heading into Whiteley Way off The Botley Road, This is investigated to see if any improvements can be made at the junction.
- The lay-by further up from Calcot lane on Botley Road recently had a fly-tipping incident. This was reported and removed by WCC.

Please don't hesitate to contact us should you need any further details on the report or have any issues that wish us to follow up.

Cllrs Achwal, Fern and Small

**22.194 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 21 July 2022
Resolved to approve the Minutes of 21 July for signing. ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.**

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

22.195.1 Calcot House Calcot Lane Curdridge Hampshire SO32 2BN – Proposed garden Wall. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 22/01321/HOU.

Members discussed this application.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

22.195.2 The Coach House, The Lodge At Curdridge Lane Curdridge Hampshire SO32 2BH - Application Reference Number: 17/00758/HOU Date of Decision: 31/05/2017. Condition Number(s): 4 The annexe hereby permitted, as shown in drawing 03b shall be occupied in association with the dwelling house or shall be used for the purposes ancillary to the dwelling house (The Coach House). At no time shall the annexe be occupied as an independent unit of accommodation.

Conditions(s) Removal: The garage was converted into habitable accommodation for the sole use of my grandad due to his wife of 65 years passing away early 2017. Since 2017 my grandad solely used the accommodation until he unfortunately died in November 2021. The accommodation does lend itself very much to a self contained short term let, allowing people to come and enjoy the incredible local facilities that we have here, many of which will use the local pub, cycle into Botley/Bishops Waltham so having a positive economic impact on the businesses in the area. I fail to see any downside.

I would like the condition to be removed so that it can be used as an independent unit of accommodation.

Members discussed this application and raised concerns about this condition being removed.

Resolved to object as Council's objections in relation to this element of the original application remain:

- **An additional dwelling on the site is likely to create additional traffic (at some point in the future) on an already dangerous access/road;**
- **Over-Development - this would create a third dwelling unit on the site, as a previous garage conversion to a dwelling was also permitted;**

Council is adamant that this condition MUST remain as it was required because this development was in contravention of Local Plan conditions DM16; DM17 and DM23 and that position remains unchanged. ACTION: PCM.

22.195.3 North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire - Formation of a temporary vehicular access between Parcels 12C and 14 (time limited for 24 months) to facilitate access to Parcel 12C until the main road to the parcel from 12B is completed and open. Case No: 22/01555/FUL.

Members discussed this application and felt that the addition of this second access would be good for safety.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT and Council would like to encourage WCC to leave this access open after the 24 month period expires so that this access can be used as an emergency second access. ACTION: PCM.

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

22.196.1 Random Oak The Plantation Curdridge Hampshire SO32 2DT - Garage at front of property rotated 90 degrees from original approved planning. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 22/01057/HOU. **PERMIT. Noted.**

22.196.2 1 Myrtle Cottage Gordon Road Curdridge Hampshire SO32 2BE - UPVC Conservatory erected in 2012 at the back of the house. Case Officer: Legal. Case No: 22/01196/LDP. **Lawful Development Certificate – Permit. Noted.**

22.197 Finance

22.197.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 4 August 2022 and cheque signing & payments.

Resolved to approve the Finance Report of 4 August and cheque signing. ACTION: PCM.

22.197.2 North Whiteley Development (Parish Boundary Review) – to agree upper limit for initial consultancy advice on process.

The Chair advised Members that he had an initial consultation with Steve Tilbury who had kindly assisted with the drafting of Council's proposed newsletter to parishioners. Steve Tilbury has confirmed that his fees are £175 for half a day and £350 per day. Cllr Bodger said he would like to consult with Steve Tilbury through the boundary review process to ensure that CPC and WCC ensure the best outcome for parishioners. He advised that Whiteley had offered to pay 50% of Steve Tilbury's fees, as they are also using the advice, but Cllr Bodger felt that Curdridge Parish Council should pay these fees, as it is obtaining precept funding for North Whiteley. Cllr Bodger recommended an upper limit of £3,500 for advice throughout the process.

Resolved to approve Cllr Bodger consulting Steve Tilbery throughout the boundary review process (as and when required) and set an upper budget limit of £3,500 (if required) with Curdridge Parish Council paying all costs and not seeking any contribution from Whiteley Town Council. Cllr Bodger will provide regular updates to Council. ACTION: CLLR BODGER.

22.197.3 Curdridge Amateur Drama Group – Grant Application £290.00.

Resolved to make a grant donation of £290. ACTION: PCM.

22.197.4 To consider Zurich Insurance Company's Long Term Agreement renewal offer based on Curdridge Parish Council's loyalty.

Members discussed the Long Term Agreement figures provided by Zurich. The PCM advised that Zurich were very good in dealing with any enquiries and claims Council has need to make.

Resolved that Council will take out a 5 Year Long Term Agreement at an annual cost of £885.87. ACTION: PCM.

22.198 Correspondence

22.198.1 Martin Tod, Leader, Winchester City Council – response to PCM's email advising that he has asked that the City Council comes back to both parishes and ward members with a 'revised and extended' consultation plan addressing the points we have raised. **Noted.**

22.198.2 Hampshire County Council – formal notification of 20mph speed limit consultation.

*The County Council is keen to hear from as many residents, businesses and other stakeholders as possible, to find out their views on the implementation of 20mph limits in the context of other highways priorities and the County Council's statutory duties to maintain the highway in a safe condition within a limited budget. The findings from the survey, together with data about use of the highway, speed enforcement, road safety and environmental impacts will be important in helping to shape future policy relating to 20mph speed limits in Hampshire and, in turn, future decision-making around 20mph speed limits. The survey is available at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/20mph-speed-limits-consultation> and should take just 15 minutes to complete. It is open until midnight on Monday 12 September 2022. **Noted.***

22.198.3 Colden Common Parish Council – update regard Xelabus X9 route reduction. **Noted.**

22.198.4 Hampshire County Council – Travel for All update and poster/advert. **Noted.**

22.198.5 Hampshire ALC – Summer Newsletter. **Noted.**

22.198.6 Swanmore Parish Council - Accredited Community Safety Officer provision. **Noted.**

22.198.7 Lloyds Bank Plc – advising that the Bishops Waltham branch of Lloyds Bank is closing and that Council’s account will be transferred to the Fareham branch. **Noted.**

22.199 To consider setting up a joint committee to manage works within the North Whiteley MDA

Members discussed and considered the Chair’s suggestion but felt that as Council was strongly against the North Whiteley Development remaining within the parish it should not enter into such a formal management arrangement.

Resolved not to set up a joint committee at this stage, as Council does not want to give the impression that North Whiteley needs a separate organisation to run it, which might give the impression that Option 1 was desirable.

22.200 To consider Hampshire ALC update regarding Covid and future procedure for Council staff and Members affected

The Chair had recommended that Council formalise a policy relating to Covid and parish meeting attendance.

Resolved that the PCM and Members would not attend Full Council Meetings if they had (knowingly) been in contact with anyone testing positive for Covid. ACTION: ALL.

22.201 Allotment Recreation – to consider future management and rewilding and to arrange a combined site meeting to discuss this and the ditch filling & wild flower project

Resolved that the PCM would revise the start time for the next Full Council Meeting on 1 September to 7.30pm to allow Members to meet at the Allotment Recreation prior to the meeting to discuss these projects. ACTION: PCM/ALL.

22.202 To note Parish Clerk’s Update Report (previously circulated to Members)

New Speed Limit Reminder Signs (delivery) – it was agreed that the PCM would instruct the supplier to deliver the new SLRs to Cllr Burden during the week commencing 8 August. The PCM will email Dave Thorne to update him and re-send the current rota (which will need to be revised as some locations are no longer suitable) and Cllr Newton will liaise with him about setting up the SLRs and downloading data. **ACTION: PCM/CLLR BURDON/CLLR NEWTON.**

22.203 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Curdridge Parish Council Communication Strategy – the working party had its first meeting this week and had made good progress. The working party will bring this item back to the Agenda when they are ready.

CPC Planning Process – it was felt that Council needed to have an informal meeting once annually to discuss future plans and projects. The PCM said that the best time to have this annual meeting would be in September/October to allow for any budgeting requirements to be included in the budget setting process from November to January.

Xelabus X9 Bus Service – Cllr Newton said that as this service is being reduced to two hourly within the parish, WCC and Xelabus should allow elderly bus pass holders to board the 9.20am bus (even though passes are not supposed to be used until after 9.30 am), as the next bus would not arrive until 11.20am in the village. It was agreed the PCM would write to HCC to request this action and also advise that very often the bus does not arrive until after 9.30 am at this stop. **ACTION: PCM.**

Full Council Meeting (sign in) – Cllr Hedger enquired whether a sheet could be provided for members of the public to sign in when they attend parish meetings, so that Members have knowledge of who attends meetings. **PCM to produce a sign in sheet for future meetings. ACTION: PCM.**

22.204 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

22.205 To receive WCC's update reports on Enforcement cases (if applicable) and decide upon any action required - No current updates.

22.206 Curdridge Parish Council Cemetery and St Peters Church – to consider future burial plot provision

Cllr Newton briefed Members on the history relating to the church and parish cemetery burials and action was agreed.

ACTION: PCM.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.32 PM.