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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 5 MAY 2022
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM
CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)
Cllr Steve Wallin (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Larry Burden
Cllr Paul Haskins
Cllr Rory Kemp
Cllr Lynne Newton
Cllr Sian Townsend

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)
Cllr Hugh Lumby (County Councillor)
Cllr Roger Bentote (District Councillor)
Jonathan Carkeet and Philip Hedger (incoming Parish Councillors)
1 member of the public

Public Session

A resident wished to raise concerns about the safety of the Reading Room Play Area and queried who to address her complaint to. Members advised her that the Reading Room Charity was responsible for the play area and that Council had supplied them with information to obtain grant funding to renovate the play area on several occasions. PCM to email the Reading Room Co-Ordinator, to advise of this complaint and to obtain an update on the position with regard to applying to WCC (and other sources) for grant funding. **ACTION: PCM.**

22.93 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from District Councillor Vivian Achwal.

22.94 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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

Cllr Lumby gave a written report:

Homes for Ukraine update - the County Council continues to work with key local partners to enable the provision of immediate support and assistance to Ukrainians arriving in Hampshire under the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme. The focus remains on conducting necessary safeguarding and wellbeing checks via home visits, distribution of financial support, in collaboration with public sector partners, and ensuring key information is shared with guests and sponsors efficiently. The latest available figures for visas issued are that as of 3 May 2022,

45,126 visas have been issued for England, of which 1,685 are for Hampshire. In addition to the other support available, an initial fund of £100,000 has been made available for local community and voluntary organisations working to help Ukrainian families to apply for financial support through the Leader's Community Grants - details are at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/leaders-community-grants> Applications will be considered from parish and town councils and local branches of national charities (where the support being provided is delivered specifically in Hampshire) and may be for any amount up to £5,000. Applications will be assessed to ensure that the proposals are appropriate, that necessary levels of safeguarding are in place and that the activity does not unnecessarily duplicate support which is already provided through other channels. Further details are available by following the link above or by contacting cbsgrants@hants.gov.uk. Useful information for anyone welcoming Ukrainian guests can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-scheme-frequently-asked-questions>. Hampshire County Council has a helpful webpage at www.hants.gov.uk/ukraine which is being regularly updated. This includes a new Welcome Guide webpage <https://www.hants.gov.uk/ukraine/guests/welcome-guide>

County councillor grant scheme - the opening date for the County Councillor grant scheme for 2022/2023 has been brought forward and is now open for applications from Monday 9th May. This is facilitate any grant applications associated with the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Fostering Hampshire Children nominated for award - Hampshire County Council's 'Fostering Hampshire Children' team has been nominated for a Purpose Award for its winter 2021 'You Can Foster' campaign – which achieved a 300% increase in enquiries about fostering in Hampshire. This will see the County Council compete with BT, Dove, Vodafone and others to have its campaign named the Best Public Awareness Cause Campaign in the 'Brand Led' category. The Purpose Awards recognise campaigns that use creative ideas to successfully highlight positive causes. Details of the campaign can be seen at <https://www.purposeawards.co.uk/finalists/you-can-foster-winter-2021-d0003>

Streetlighting in Hampshire - Hampshire has 133,952 streetlights which are maintained by a company called Eneveo pursuant to Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contract which commenced in 2010 and lasts for 25 years. The control network for the streetlights is very flexible, allowing the County Council to dim and "part-night" streetlights to reduce our energy consumption and carbon emissions and respond to a variety of requests. Energy usage has reduced by 66% since the contract begun, primarily through LED replacements, dimming and part-night lighting. At the same time, the number of reported faults has fallen to two thirds what it was in 2009. Most faults are detected automatically by the system, but you can also report faults online at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/streetlight>

Consultation on Hampshire's new Local Transport Plan - the County Council is asking for views on a draft Local Transport Plan (LTP4) that aims to support the county's economic prosperity, decarbonise the transport system, and help people in Hampshire live healthy lives. The LTP4 will define the future of travel and transport in Hampshire to 2050. If adopted, it would guide the County Council's transport and travel infrastructure planning and design in favour of improving travel choices for people by transforming and widening the appeal of walking, cycling and use of public transport. The plan proposes transformational changes which:

- shift away from planning for vehicles, towards planning for people and places
- reduce reliance on private car travel
- support economic development and regeneration
- meet national priorities to decarbonise the transport system
- promote active lifestyles

The consultation runs until 26 June 2022 and people can take part at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/localtransportplan> Subject to the results of the consultation the new Local Transport Plan is expected to be adopted by early 2023.

Councillor Hugh Lumby Meon Valley Division hugh.lumby@hants.gov.uk.

22.96 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 21 April 2022
Resolved to approve the Minutes dated 21 April 2022. ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.

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

There were no new planning applications for the parish during this period. **Noted.**

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

22.98.1 WCC – Planning Appeal Notification – Beech Tree, Calcot Lane, Curdridge, Southampton, Hampshire – Conversion of a building and use for residential purposes C3.

Case No: 20/00849/LDC. **Noted.**

22.98.2 Summerlands, The Lodge Botley Road Curdridge Hampshire SO32 2DS - Erection of single storey detached open barn. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 22/00270/HOU.

PERMITTED. Noted.

22.99 Finance

22.99.1 To consider whether Council wishes to do anything additional to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in view of the fact the Reading Room Charity is no longer in a position to hold an event.

Council does not wish to hold an event, but is happy for community groups holding events (for parishioners) to make a Grant Application to Council for consideration. The PCM updated that she had emailed Miles Willshire (who was keen to hold an event) to advise him that Council would be happy to consider covering the Reading Room hire costs for his event via a grant. Cllr Townsend will also speak to Curdridge Primary School to advise them to make a Grant Application for their proposed event(s) to be held for the children.

It was noted that the planting of the three Oak trees in the Allotment Recreation to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee had been completed. The PCM is awaiting delivery of the three plaques, so that they can be installed and photographs taken for a parish magazine article.

Members had discussed whether to do something for all households within the parish to commemorate this event and liked the suggestion put forward by Philip Hedger to use historical photographs of the parish to make a post card for all households.

Resolved that all Members would try to source suitable historical image(s) of the village to create a post card to be approved by Council. The PCM will then obtain a quotation (from the printer who produced the recent newsletter) for a double sided A6 post card with image(s) on the front and a small write up on the reverse about the Platinum Jubilee and the three Oak trees planted by Council; to also include the parish logo. Cllr Kemp advised he would be happy to help Members hand deliver these post cards. ACTION: ALL.

22.100 To receive Arbor-Eco Consultancy Tree Safety Inspection Reports for the Cemetery/Glebe Field and the Allotment Recreation and to approve tree works in accordance with the schedules of required works within those reports

Members discussed the reports briefly.

Resolved that the PCM will obtain quotations for all of the recommended tree preservation and safety works recommended to be completed within the next three months. ACTION: PCM.

22.101 Correspondence

22.101.1 WCC – confirming that they are giving all Parish/Town Councils until the 31st May to continue to engage with their local communities and to help identify sites to meet WCC's development strategy that they will be formally consulting on later on in the year. **Noted. The**

Chair was disappointed his SHEELA update article had not gone in the last newsletter, as the Editor had mistakenly re-printed the previous month's parish report.

22.101.2 Police & Crime Commissioner – notifying of Government consultation regarding changes to household waste DIY charges to reduce fly-tipping. **Noted.**

22.101.3 Cllr Newton – voluntary offer by resident, Mr Thorne, to monitor data recording and relocate SLR Signs on behalf of Council. **Councillors were extremely grateful to Mr Thorne for his kind offer. The PCM will email him to welcome his support and to briefly outline the current position and invite him to attend any future council meetings he wishes to enable updates on both sides. ACTION: PCM.**

22.101.4 WCC - invitation to Members for this year's Mayor's Civic Sunday Service to be held in Winchester Cathedral on Sunday 22nd May followed by a Reception in Winchester Guildhall. RSVP by 6 May. **PCM to write to WCC to send apologies on behalf of Council as sadly no one was able to attend. ACTION: PCM.**

22.101.5 Durley Parish Council – Southern Parishes Planning Training information slides for Councillors. **Noted.**

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

Purchase of 2 new SLR signs – the PCM advised that Westcotec did not seem happy to supply two SLR signs with only one solar panel, as they were adamant their SLR sign is not compatible with Council current solar panel and system would not be guaranteed. Members instruct the PCM to order two SLR signs (with solar capabilities) and two solar panels, as well as the upgrade lithium batteries. Council will ratify this at the next Council meeting. **ACTION: PCM.**

Cricketers Pond (tree safety works) – Shawyers had now put in place traffic management measures and would be completing the tree works on 15 May 2022.

22.103 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Outgoing/Incoming Parish Councillors – Cllr Kemp and Cllr Wallin had both resigned from being Parish Councillors due to home/work commitments. Members thanked them both profusely for all of their hard work and input on behalf of residents during the time they had been Parish Councillors. It was noted that Cllr Kemp had been on the parish council for many years. Both councillors will be invited to be involved with future working parties (where applicable). Members also welcomed Jonathan Carkeet and Philip Hedger who had just been elected as new Parish Councillors.

Reading Room Lane (heavy lorries) – the Reading Room were monitoring heavy traffic in Reading Room Lane, as lots of heavy lorries had passed through at the weekend.

Cricketers Pub (planning) – Cllr Townsend queried when a decision would be made by WCC. The PCM advised that WCC were behind with planning and as this application would probably be referred to the Planning Committee it could be further delayed.

22.104 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

22.104.1 To receive WCC's update reports on Enforcement cases and decide upon any action required.

Cllr Wallin updated on a new case opened by WCC.

The meeting closed at 7.52 pm.