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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 5 AUGUST 2021
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM
CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Rory Kemp

Cllr Lynne Newton

Cllr Sian Townsend

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

Cllr Neil Cutler, deputy leader of WCC

Cllr Angela Clear, WCC Cabinet member for Communities

Cllr Mike Evans, chair of Whiteley Town Council

6 members of the public

Public Session

There were no matters arising.

21.180 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Debbie Caister and Cllr Steve Wallin. The County and District Councillors had also sent their apologies.

21.181 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Burden declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 21.194.6.

21.182 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 currently no updates to last month's reports.

21.183 North Whiteley Boundary Review – to receive an update and to discuss actions (if applicable)

Neil Cutler the Deputy Leader of Winchester City Council and Cllr Angela Clear, who had both been involved in the recent West of Waterlooville Community Governance Review, were in attendance to clarify the position with regard to the upcoming North Whiteley Community Governance Review (informally known as a parish boundary review). They explained that there has been some confusion with the District Councillors for Curdridge mis-quoting that the consultation would consist of consulting 500 North Whiteley residents only. This is not correct; Neil explained that all residents that would be affected by the decision would be consulted, i.e. Whiteley, North Whiteley and Curdridge. Neil explained that Community Governance Reviews can be brought about by 250 or 10% of residents signing a petition for this or by a mass

development of housing, as in North Whiteley where 3,500 properties are being built. Neil also explained that the next stages for this process are the development of Terms of Reference for the Community Governance Review, the Licensing Committee then approving those Terms of Reference and the approved version being widely publicised. Then the consultation would take place to include electors, Eastleigh and Fareham Borough Councils, the parish councils affected, political parties and local interested groups. Any responses received would then be considered and WCC would prepare draft proposals and advise interested parties. WCC's recommendation will then be published, with any decision coming into effect on 1 April 2023. It is probable that the North Whiteley process will start from September to December with the consultation in Spring 2022.

The Chair invited Mike Evans from Whiteley Town Council to respond. Mike felt that the position had been clarified by Neil Cutler, but he was disappointed that it was necessary to do a consultation when all parties and a large percentage of residents involved seemed in agreement that it would be best for Whiteley Town Council to adopt the North Whiteley Development; he said that a lot of funds had been spent by them to support the North Whiteley Development residents and provide facilities to date. Neil Cutler said that both parishes need to keep a note of any precept funding they had spent to support the North Whiteley residents, so that this could be claimed from the other parish (if necessary).

The PCM appreciated the above, but advised that Curdridge Parish Council has deliberately not increased its precept whatsoever in respect of the North Whiteley Development, as Curdridge Parish Council and Whiteley Town Council were in agreement that Whiteley Town Council would oversee the North Whiteley Development, so would naturally need to increase their precept to enable them to do this. Therefore Curdridge Parish Council has received no additional precept funding from the additional properties in North Whiteley and any reimbursement would have to come from Curdridge Parish Council's precept income already ear-marked for other budgetary spends and projects during the current financial year.

Members agreed and thanked Neil, Angela and Mike for attending the meeting, as this had now clarified the position for them. Neil Cutler advised both parishes to get involved with the consultation process, as they could then advise their residents of considerations.

21.184 Land at Fairthorne Grange – to receive a brief planning application update presentation from Wessex Planning

Louise Cutts from Wessex Planning and Nick Wyatt (the property owner) were in attendance to give Council a brief outline of the proposal they intended to put forward to Winchester City Council for their Local Plan.

They proposed to develop a care home with 150 care units, including 50 individual Downsizer Homes, 50 Continuing Care Homes and 50 Care Rooms within a specialist building. They intended to create a sustainable development with new areas of landscaped open space, to include buffer zones on both boundaries of the site, with the site visually appearing to create a natural extension to the North Whiteley Development. This development would also create environmental opportunities to reduce carbon emission, nutrient neutrality and biodiversity net gain and would be far less intrusive to local residents than a development of general purpose domestic properties, as most residents would not have cars and there would be a shuttle bus to take residents shopping etc. Their policy drivers were the fact that NPPF advise that the provision of appropriate housing for people with disabilities, including specialist and supported housing is crucial in helping residents to live safe and independent lives. The PPG also states that the need to provide housing for older people is critical. English Villages Research in 2017 advises that for every 150 units built, 70 family sized homes and 40 other homes within a 10 mile radius are generally freed up, which reduces the pressure on the countryside to provide more housing. Winchester City Council's own research states there will be a nearly 50%

increase in over 65's in the next 20 years, with 2418 units of specialist accommodation being needed.

Louise Cutts asked Council if it could support their application to WCC relating to this development. Members advised that although they opposed the principle of building on the settlement gap, if such rural development were to be included in Winchester City Council's new District Plan, we believe this would be the least harmful form of development. Members thanked them for their update presentation.

21.185 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 15 July 2021

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 15 July 2021 for signing. ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.

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

21.186.1 North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire - Reserved Matters Application pursuant to Outline planning permission reference number 15/00485/OUT for the construction of 395 dwellings together with associated access roads, footpaths, car parking, landscaping, boundary treatments, bin/cycle storage and above and below ground utility infrastructure. The Outline application was accompanied by an Environmental Statement. Case Officer: Simon Avery. Case No: 21/01825/REM.

Resolved to MAKE NO COMMENT.

21.186.2 North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire - Reserved matters approval for 112 dwellings and associated works. Case Officer: Simon Avery. Case No: 21/02021/REM.

Resolved to MAKE NO COMMENT.

21.186.3 Land To The South Botley Road Curdridge Hampshire - The construction of 1no private self build plot, 5no two bed houses, 1no three bed house and 2no one bed flats with associated landscaping and access. Case Officer: Liz Marsden. Case No: 21/01787/FUL.

The Chair advised Members this application related to the Affordable Housing Development next to St Peters Close on Botley Road. Members discussed this application.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT and support this application. ACTION: PCM.

21.186.4 Eastleigh Borough Council - Land South of Maddoxford Lane, Boorley Green, Botley, Southampton, SO32 2DB - Demolition of an existing residential dwelling and associated farm buildings (permitted under RM/19/84879) and construction of a residential development of 73 dwellings, associated landscaping, amenity areas with access from Maddoxford Lane. (Amended Description). Case No: F/19/84937.

Members discussed this application and felt Botley Parish Council's previous objections still stood.

Resolved that it would respond to Eastleigh Borough Council to advise that Council would still like to support Botley Parish Council's objection in relation to this application; this objection supersedes any previous consultation responses in relation to this site. ACTION: PCM.

21.186.5 Bottings Industrial Estate, Unit 5 Hillsons Road Curdridge SO30 2DY - side extension to the existing industrial unit. Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 21/01680/FUL.

Members discussed this application and felt it was acceptable.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

21.186.6 HCC - Variation of condition 15 (to provide for revised Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Arboricultural Method Statement) of permissions CS/17/81226 & 17/02023/HCS at Botley Bypass, Woodhouse Lane, Botley SO30 2GD. Case Officer: Amy Dales.

Members discussed this application and were fully in support of the Botley Bypass.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

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

21.187.1 1 Horton Farm Cottages Lockhams Road Curdridge SO32 2BD - Erection of a single storey, rear elevation, oak framed garden room. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 21/01185/HOU. **PERMITTED. Noted.**

21.187.2 North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire - Temporary permission for show homes and sales office. Case Officer: Robert Green. Case No: 21/01342/FUL. **PERMITTED. Noted.**

21.187.3 North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire - Temporary permission for show homes and sales office (5 years). Case Officer: Robert Green. Case No: 21/01343/FUL. **PERMITTED. Noted.**

21.188 Finance

21.188.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 5 August 2021, cheque signing & payments. **Resolved to approve the Finance Report, subject to the bank reconciliation being included once this month's bank statement is received and the report being re-circulated to Members for update purposes. ACTION: PCM.**

21.188.2 To receive and approve duly reviewed Lengthsman's tender quotation/figures
The PCM had circulated the updated Lengthsman's quotation figures and felt these figures were acceptable given that the previous quote seemed extremely low.

Resolved to approve the updated Lengthsman's Schedule of Costs now quoted. ACTION: PCM.

21.188.3 Grant Application from Curdridge Reading Rooms – tba. **This item was deferred until the next meeting, as a Grant Application has still not been received. ACTION: PCM.**

21.189 Highways

21.189.1 To review verge cutting requirements within the parish and request WCC & HCC to update their cutting schedules

Resolved to defer this item to 2 September to allow Members to thoroughly look through the recommendations and add areas to the cutting schedule should they so wish. ACTION: MEMBERS.

21.189.2 (Calcot Lane/Botley Road junction sight lines) – to receive an update and to decide upon action required

The PCM updated Members that the hedge would be cut before the end of the weekend. She felt that Council needed to formally approve the hedge being cut when necessary to ensure public safety.

Resolved that the PCM and Members would monitor this junction and would arrange for the trees to be cut back when required. ACTION: ALL.

21.190 CPC Volunteer Litter Picking Group – to receive resignation of Joanne Furby (acting as Co-Ordinator) and to discuss and decide upon action

Members noted that Joanne Furby wished to retire as Co-Ordinator and wished to thank her for all her hard work and effort in co-ordinating this group to date.

Resolved that;

- i) the PCM would write to Joanne Furby to thank her and to also request her to email all of her current volunteers to ensure they are happy for the PCM to have their contact details, as well as information about the road(s) they each litter pick and how often.**
- ii) Council will review the Health & Safety Policy for the Litters Picking Volunteers at next month's Full Council Meeting and once approved the PCM will forward it to all volunteers along with formal confirmation that Council will now be co-ordinating this volunteer group.**

- iii) **Council will continue to provide litter picking equipment when required by volunteers.**

21.191 CPC Volunteer Speedwatch Group – to receive an update from Cllr Newton and to discuss and decide upon action

Council Newton advised Members that she had asked for this item to be placed on the Agenda as she was finding it increasingly difficult to get enough volunteers to come out for each session; ideally three people are needed for each session. Also Christine will be moving away soon, so there will be no one to do the data inputting reports to the Police. However, she advised that she has since signed up two new volunteers and so should be able to manage the sessions now, but asked if any Members would be happy to do the data inputting.

Resolved that Cllr Townsend would do the data inputting, with Cllr Bodger acting as a reserve when she is unavailable. Cllr Newton will arrange training for them ASAP.

ACTION: CLLR NEWTON/CLLR TOWNSEND/CLLR BODGER.

21.192 To arrange Council's Annual Health & Safety Site Inspection as soon as possible, as the previous year's inspection was deferred due to the Covid-19 lockdown

Members discussed this item.

Resolved that the PCM will put out an email when she returns from leave at the end of August for Members to advise her of their availability. It was agreed that two or three Councillors would be sufficient, as several Members work full time. ACTION: PCM/ALL.

21.193 CPC Newsletter – to formally approve the final draft version of the document (previously circulated to Members)

Members discussed the draft newsletter.

Resolved that Cllr Bodger would update the North Whiteley Boundary Review item and move it to the front of the newsletter with the Affordable Housing item and then the PCM would arrange to get it printed (if possible) before she goes on leave, so that Members (and Whiteley Town Council) can arrange to hand deliver it. ACTION: PCM/ALL.

21.194 Correspondence

21.194.1 HCC – Proposed catchment area changes 2023. **Noted.**

21.194.2 HCC Highways - Operation Resilience – W783 – Botley Road, Curdridge – Carriageway Edge Structural Repairs - Advance Notification of Night Works. **Noted.**

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

21.194.4 WCC – notification that supplement "Presentation, Hampshire County Council - Transport and Admissions has just been published. **Noted.**

21.194.5 WCC – London Replacement Pipeline - updated briefing note that outlines the background to their approval of the Requirement details. **Noted.**

21.194.6 Church – regarding Autumnfest on Saturday, 16 October 2021 – enquiring whether they could loan the Cemetery Car Park for the day to enable them to close it to the public and use it for stalls.

Members discussed this item.

Resolved that the PCM would respond to advise that Council is unwilling to close the Cemetery Car Park for the day, as Members feel this council facility needs to remain open whenever possible to enable visitors to the council cemetery and St Peters Church (many of whom are elderly) to park as close as possible to these facilities. Members were also extremely concerned about the timing of the event and the fact that there may not be sufficient alternative off-road parking available due to adverse weather conditions and visitors to this event would then be forced to park in St Peters Close and other local roads causing traffic noise, nuisance and congestion adversely affecting parishioners. Cllr Burden abstained from voting in conjunction with his declaration of non-pecuniary interest. ACTION: PCM.

21.194.7 Environment Agency – invite to attend a virtual meeting they will host in the next two months regarding the spread of Himalayan balsam and other non native, very invasive plants. Currently efforts are underway at Durley Mill and Wangfield Lane but it would be good to expand observation and picking. The Portsmouth & District Angling Society are busy at Wangfield Lane but we need more input. Why is it such an issue? Himalayan Balsam and other non natives outcompete native flora, and spread uncontrollably downstream. When they die off in autumn, bare earth is exposed because nothing else has been able to grow, which is much more easily eroded by higher river levels and flow. It is also illegal to let it spread beyond a landowner's boundary. **Noted.**

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

The PCM advised that following the part payment of the Business Stream account for the Cemetery, she has been receiving numerous automated calls to her mobile phone and landline about the outstanding waste water charges. Members asked the PCM to write to Business Stream to get her telephone numbers removed from the account and strictly request them to only communicate with Council in writing via email or post. **ACTION: PCM.**

21.196 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Church Lane/Botley Road junction (visibility) – Cllr Townsend advised that visibility coming out of Church Lane on to Botley Road is also very bad. She advised that she will take some clippers with her and cut the hedge back if this would be acceptable; Members approved.

Glebe Field (hay cutting) – Cllr Newton has been phoning contractors to get quotes for the Glebe Field annual meadow cut and hay making, as Council's current contractor is not able to do the hay making this year. She has found one contractor who is prepared to do the cutting and hay making for free if Council would allow them to do a presentation of their miniature animal farm to prospective clients in the Glebe Field immediately after the grass is cut. He would also like Council to consider allowing a small bouncy castle. Members discussed this.

Resolved that Council would be prepared to allow the contractor to use Glebe Field for a business presentation of his miniature animal farm, as long as he ensures that the event is fully insured him and he provides a copy of the insurance policy to Council.

Members felt that the small animals and light pedestrian footfall in Glebe Field would be beneficial to spreading and compressing the wildflower seeds following hay making. It was agreed that the Cemetery Car Park could also be used for this event to allow pedestrians safe off-road access through the Cemetery into Glebe Field. ACTION: CLLR NEWTON/PCM.

21.197 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

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

There were no new cases arising.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.50 PM.