

## Curdridge Parish Council

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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2019  
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM  
CURDRIDGE**

### Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)  
Cllr Steve Wallin (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr Larry Burden  
Cllr Debbie Caister  
Cllr Lynne Newton  
Cllr Sian Townsend

### In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)  
7 members of public

### Public Session

There were no matters arising.

### 19.117 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Rory Kemp and the County/District Councillors.

### 19.118 To receive Declarations of Interest

Councillor Wallin – items 19.121.1 & 19.121.2.

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

There were no matters arising.

### 19.120 To approve Minutes of Full Council Meeting dated 8 August 2019

**Resolved to approve Minutes 8 August, as drafted, for signing. ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.**

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

19.121.1 5 Hillside Kitnocks Hill Curdridge SO32 2HJ - Proposed single storey side extension. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 19/01798/HOU.

Members discussed this application.

**Resolved Do NOT OBJECT. Cllr Wallin abstained in conjunction with his declaration of interest. ACTION: PCM.**

19.121.2 Land to rear of 5 Hillside Kitnocks Hill Curdridge SO32 2HJ – Continued use of land as residential garden. Case Officer: Legal. Case No: 19/01696/LDC.

The Chair introduced this item and felt that it would be more beneficial to focus on evidence prior to 2009 (the requisite ten year period).

Robert Tutton (the Applicants' Planning Consultant) introduced himself and advised Members he and his clients had sufficient evidence prior to 2009, as they had legally sworn witness statements from eight witnesses, which confirmed the land had been used as a garden since 1922. David Allen was present (whose family had originally owned and developed the land in 1922) and he had done a statement advising that his family had always used this area of land as garden for the various properties they had built on the whole piece of land in 1922. Mr Tutton advised that Sally and Nick Penwell had grazed horse on the land for a period of time, but it had still been considered as garden land by the owners. Mr and Mrs Atkinson had purchased the land in 2010 and since that time they had continuously used the land as garden land.

Mrs Wallin (a neighbour) provided Council with three photographs – one aerial photo dated 2005 showing the location of the land; one photo dated between 2007-2010 showing a horse grazing on the land and one dated 2011 showing the land and stables (which were also being sent to WCC). She advised that they were concerned about the land being further developed if it was formally garden land. Mrs Wallin advised that she had spoken to Sally Penwell who had categorically stated that they had used the land as grazing and stables. Mr Atkinson advised Members that Sally Penwell's comments were to be expected as they had left on bad terms.

Mr Atkinson pointed out that their purchase deeds for this piece of land in 2010 specifically state that the land was currently garden land at that time. Members also queried whether the land would be developed. He said that they had no wish to develop the land further and their purchase deed also contained a condition that the land was not to be developed. Also there was no suitable vehicular access, as the footpath to it could not be used for vehicles.

Members were divided, but based on the balance of probability the land shown in the photographs looked not to have been used exclusively as garden and they were minded to make a recommendation for a Change of Use Application to be made.

Mr Tutton asked Members to reconsider this, as grazing horses on gardens was a regular occurrence and was not conclusive evidence. David Allen advised Members that his family had always used this land as garden land from 1922 onwards and over the time had had many animals on the garden.

Members asked the PCM her thoughts; she advised that her extensive family were farmers and regularly pegged horses and various other animals on their larger gardens, therefore the evidence put forward by both sides was open to interpretation.

***Resolved that although Members were sympathetic with the Applicants' situation, based on the balance of probability the evidence put forward was insufficient to prove the land had been used as garden for the last ten years and therefore recommended that the Applicants instead make an application for the Change of Use of this land. Cllr Wallin abstained in conjunction with his declaration of interest. ACTION: PCM.***

19.121.3 Random Oak, The Plantation, Curdridge, SO32 2DT – Erect double bay timber clad garage. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 19/01489/HOU.

Members discussed this application.

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

19.121.4 Woodside The Plantation Curdridge SO32 2DT - Two-storey side extension after removal of garage; first floor rear extension over existing ground floor extension. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 19/01607/HOU.

Members discussed this application and although they felt it was over-development, they did not feel this an adequate planning objection.

**Resolved to make NO COMMENT, but to request that WCC ensures their Tree Officer inspects the site to ensure that the mature trees on site remain protected at all times, as two mature oaks have already been removed from this site in recent years. ACTION: PCM.**

19.121.5 Street Record A3051 Curbridge Hampshire - The proposal involves creating and lining a pond in a natural depression in a field adjacent to the A3051 just north of the village of Burridge. The proposal is on land newly acquired by the National Trust who own the adjacent SSSI land to the West and North of the proposal. The pond seeks to enhance the environment by providing a freshwater wetland habitat pond. Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 19/01709/FUL.

Members discussed this application and were extremely pleased.

**Resolved DO NOT OBJECT and to strongly support this application, as it will provide a natural habitat for the various creatures displaced by the North Whiteley Development. ACTION: PCM.**

19.121.6 Wangfield House Wangfield Lane Curdridge SO32 2DA - Proposed Rear Extension to Existing Dwellinghouse, Annexe Extension, Replacement Workshop and Replacement Garage. Case Officer: Curtis Badley. Case No: 19/01710/HOU.

Members discussed this application and felt that it would improve the site and would have no detrimental impact.

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

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

19.122.1 Planning Appeal Notification for Oakwood Curdridge Lane Curdridge Southampton Hampshire SO32 2BH - Change of use of Agricultural Barn to Domestic Dwelling. Application Ref: 19/00692/PNACOU. **Noted.**

19.122.2 Brindle Farm Botley Road Curbridge SO30 2HB - Retention of a temporary Workshop for the refurbishment of an historic boat. Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 19/01280/FUL. **PERMITTED. Noted.**

## **19.123 Finance**

19.123.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 19 September 2019 and cheque signing & payments – to be done at Full Council Meeting on 19 September. **Noted.**

## **19.124 Correspondence**

19.124.1 WCC – notification of Draft Transport Strategy Launch - Regional drop-in event invitation. **Noted; Cllr Bodger attending.**

19.124.2 Swanmore Parish Council – notifying that they are going to be funding a part time ACSO for their area and inviting interest from other parishes. **Noted, but not required within Curdridge parish. ACTION: PCM.**

19.124.3 Kelly Miller – (former Glebe Field tenant) enquiring whether Council would consider renting the field back to her next year to graze her ponies in again. **Members requested the PCM to advise Kelly Miller that Council has now established a new Contract incorporating the hay making and horse grazing together. Council will contact her if this position changes in the future. ACTION: PCM.**

19.124.4 WCC – response to request for wheelie bin stickers advising against having speed limit stickers. **Noted; Members requested the PCM to obtain quotes for “slow down” stickers and to refer this back to Full Council. ACTION: PCM.**

### **19.125 To consider Hopscotch request to realign their CCTV camera to provide some CCTV coverage of the Cemetery Car Park**

Members discussed this matter. They also discussed the increased number of Hopscotch staff vehicles that are being regularly parked in the car park by Hopscotch. It was felt that as Hopscotch are having the benefit of the free business use of the car park (which decreases the availability for parking by the public) that they should take some responsibility for the maintenance of the car park, certainly whilst this parking continues.

***Resolved that Hopscotch can realign their CCTV camera to provide CCTV coverage of the Cemetery Car Park, subject to all the legal requirements associated with placing CCTV in a public area being met, e.g. CCTV signage to be placed in the Cemetery Car Park (with Hopscotch contact details included), registration of the equipment with the Information Commissioner's Office (in accordance with Data Protection Laws) and Hopscotch being responsible for dealing with all FOI requests for CCTV footage in a lawful manner. ACTION: PCM.***

### **19.126 North Whiteley Development – to consider public request to support request to HCC Highways to improve safety over the Horse & Jockey/Curbridge bridge, due to the increased traffic (i.e. by the installation of traffic lights)**

Members discussed the information and statistics provided by Mr and Mrs Holt (who were present) and thanked them for their hard work. Members advised that it is extremely difficult to get road safety improvements carried out within Hampshire, due to the fact that any safety improvements are based on serious road traffic accident data provided to HCC by the Police.

Mr and Mrs Holt advised that they had circulated their data to WCC, HCC, County/District/Parish Councillors and the Police, but to date had received very little support. They were intending to do another traffic survey when the children return to school, as they feel this would impact on the figures. Members thanked them for their time and asked if they were happy for Council to send their data to other parties; they confirmed they were.

***Resolved that Council would write to Andy Smith at HCC, re-sending Mr and Mrs Holt's traffic data report and advising that Council supports their request for road safety improvements to be made at the Curbridge bridge, e.g. temporary traffic lights whilst there is heavily increased traffic associated with the North Whiteley Development. Members requested the PCM to copy Cllr Rob Humby and Cllr Vivian Achwal in on this email. ACTION: PCM.***

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

Minibus (sale) – the PCM advised that only two people had requested further details in response to the sales advertisement sent to parish councils and many local schools. Members requested the PCM to write to HCC (who used to own several minibuses for community use) to see if they would be interested in purchasing the minibus, based on the price being negotiable, if a reasonable offer is made by them. The PCM would also ask if they know of anyone else that would be interested in purchasing the minibus. This item will be placed on a future Agenda once a response is received. **ACTION: PCM.**

Cemetery (Yew tree weeding) – Members arranged a working party to do this on Saturday 7th.

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

Lockhams Road/Chapel Lane (improved signage etc) – Members requested the PCM to chase Andy Smith at HCC to establish when the inspection/proposed improvements would be carried out. **ACTION: PCM.**

Wickham Road (speeding traffic) – Cllr Wallin had received complaints from several residents and had explained to them that Council's various requests for the speed limit to be reduced had been unsuccessful. He said residents were upset that HCC had changed speed limits in neighbouring areas while taking no action on this anomaly.

Data Protection – Cllr Wallin wished to remind the PCM and Members to always check and note that they had sought permission to forward email information from members of the public on to third parties.

Allotment Recreation (signage) – Cllr Newton advised that the laminated signs are getting worn out and requested the PCM to send electronic copies to her so she could renew them. **ACTION: PCM.**

Glebe Field (wild flower meadow) – Cllr Newton advised that the Yellow Rattle in the meadow has reduced, so she would like to purchase new seed to replenish it costing approximately £25. Members felt this was a very minimal cost for maintenance and instructed her to proceed to order the seeds. **ACTION: CLLR NEWTON.**

Glebe Field (hedge cutting) – Cllr Newton advised she would like to obtain an alternative quote this year for the hedge cutting (to include the native hedge between the field and Hopscotch this year). Members agreed and said that if the quote was competitive with the current contractor Cllr Newton could instruct the new contractor to proceed. **ACTION: CLLR NEWTON.**

Curbridge (missing parish council sign) – Cllr Bodger requested an update; the PCM advised that HCC had advised they had not removed this sign as part of the North Whiteley Development roadworks (as she believed may have been the case), but they would consider whether to replace the sign.

New SLR Camera (The Pound) – Members had noted that the current pole is too short and could enable someone to injure themselves or for the sign to be stolen. It was agreed to purchase a new longer pole (4m- 4.5m) as a matter of urgency. **ACTION: PCM**

### **19.129 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

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

There were no new matters arising.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 9.07 PM.**