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MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 6 AUGUST 2020

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Steve Wallin (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Debbie Caister

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)

Public Session

There were no matters arising.

20.143 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from District Council Roger Bentote.

20.144 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

20.145 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:

Coronavirus - Keep Hampshire Safe

The County Council has launched a new information and communications campaign 'Keep Hampshire Safe' to support the delivery of Hampshire's Local Outbreak Control Plan (LOCP) objectives, and the important work of the Local Outbreak Engagement Board. The communications strategy comprises two key strands: ensuring an effective and swift communications approach in response to a local incident or outbreak; and proactive prevention and amplification of NHS Test and Trace messages.

The general public and stakeholders are being signposted to a new web page www.hants.gov.uk/coronavirus which includes a number of resources and assets and contains links to a new Covid-19 dashboard, providing 'at-a-glance' data on infection rates across the county. The campaign will include promotion of a small number of universal messages that align to the Government's key lines, supported by a changing set of weekly

campaign messaging. The latter will be a mixture of organic and targeted paid-for activity including print and digital assets, where 'harder to reach' groups are the target audience. These include the BAME community, especially those in our communities identified as most at risk of harm from Covid-19, young people aged 18-24, the over 65s, single mothers with young children and the working age population aged 25-64.

In line with best practice, communications and messaging going forward will reflect the traffic light colours of red, amber, green to help local residents recognise the risk level at any given time, with signposting to the latest information and advice.

Schools and further education - Hampshire's primary and secondary schools, further education colleges, special schools and education centres will be closed from the end of term (Wednesday 22 July until Thursday 3 September 2020). For information relating to returning to school safely from the start of the autumn term 2020, please refer to the national [gov.uk Coronavirus web pages](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus), prior to returning to school, parents and carers are advised to check the information and for any updates from their child's school or college on the school's/college's website.

Cllrs Achwal and Bentote reported that a new Planning Application is being submitted for 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. Members requested the PCM to obtain the consultation details for this Planning Application and to add it to the Full Council Agenda on 3 September 2020. **ACTION: PCM.**

20.146 To approve the Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 16 July 2020

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 16 July 2020 for signing. ACTION: PCM/CHAIR.

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

20.147.1 Homelands Chapel Lane Curdridge SO32 2BB – Creation of new vehicular access and driveway to existing house. Case Officer: Rose Lister. Case No: 20/01298/HOU.

Members discussed this application, which appeared to be linked to the Planning Application considered on 16 July 2020.

Resolved TO OBJECT on the grounds that the current entrance to this property and Chapel Lane are already unsafe and Council believes that the proposed new access will not be safe (as per HCC Highways' observations). The proposed driveway also provides for additional parking and this access/road cannot cope with additional traffic. Council also reiterates its objection to the proposed new property on this site on the grounds of policy DM2; the scale and size of this property is detrimental to the street scene and it is not at all in keeping with neighbouring properties (especially as the roof line is much higher). Council also believes that the parking provision is excessive and indicates there will be a significantly higher flow of traffic to and from this site; Members are concerned that this level of parking could allow for a business set up at a later date. ACTION: PCM.

20.147.2 Ridgeway The Plantation Curdridge SO32 2DT – extend garage roof. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 20/01413/HOU.

Cllr Wallin introduced this item and said that he could not see any planning reasons to object.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

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

20.148.1 Brantwood Stables Brantwood Orchard Wangfield Lane Curdridge Southampton Hampshire SO32 2DA - Internal alterations to existing dwelling resulting in changes to fenestration (windows). Walls rendered. First floor attic rooms - 2 no. flat roof dormers added. Garden machinery store/double garage/log store added to south elevation. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 20/00978/HOU. **PERMITTED. Noted.**

20.149 Finance

20.149.1 To approve the Finance Report dated 6 August 2020 and cheque signing & payments **Resolved to approve the Finance Report dated 6 August and cheque signing & payments, subject to the bank reconciliation being completed, once the bank statement arrives. ACTION: PCM.**

20.149.2 St Peters Close Bus Shelter (badly damaged/unrepairable) - to consider replacement quotations

The PCM had arranged for the bus shelter to be inspected by HCC's supplier, who had advised that although the bus shelter is safe at the current time, it will need replacing as soon as possible. They had recommended a metal two section bus shelter (rather than the large three section shelter that was currently there, as they said wooden shelter were far more expensive and would not last as long or be a resilient. The PCM advised she had started the insurance claim, but it most likely would not cover the cost of a more expensive option. Members discussed this and felt that a smaller wooden shelter would be more suitable.

Resolved that PCM would obtain designs/quotes for a wooden two section bus shelter with an enclosed back, half enclosed ends and open front to refer back to Full Council on 3 September. PCM would continue to liaise with insurance company and HCC Highways with a view to having the new bus shelter installed ASAP. ACTION: PCM.

20.149.3 To ratify the approval of the Nationwide Building Society Business Account Application (following the review relating to Lloyds Bank Account Financial Services Compensation Scheme limit of £85,000 for combined eligible deposits)

Resolved that Council would open a Nationwide 35 Day Notice Saver Business Account (which currently has an interest rate of 0.20%). It was agreed that the application would be completed online once public live meetings resume, so that any necessary forms can be signed by all Members. ACTION: PCM.

20.149.4 To consider Winchester Citizens Advice Grant Application for £300.00

Members discussed this application. In the last financial year it was decided to make £250 the grant limit, unless there were exceptional circumstances or any project benefitted most parishioners. Members felt that the CAB would be receiving a higher volume of calls during the current pandemic and therefore decided this was exceptional circumstances.

Resolved to make a grant donation of £300. ACTION: PCM.

20.150 Correspondence

20.150.1 Hampshire County Council Highways – advising they will be undertaking essential repair works to gullies along Botley Road, between Botley Mill and Shedfield Common. The works are programmed to start on 27 July 2020, will be undertaken between 20:00 - 06:00hrs using temporary traffic lights, and are expected to take 2 weeks to complete. **Noted; Cllr Kemp advised that Kitnocks Hill had already been completed and the contractors had confirmed that this project was a high priority.**

20.150.2 Hampshire ALC – advising the LGA is holding a consultation on a template local Member Code of Conduct, reviewed as part of recommendations by the Committee on Standards in Public Life's report, published last year. They have identified the key changes proposed in the attached document, and their recommendation is that the changes are supported by Parish & Town Councils. Reasons for this recommendation are outlined further in the attachment to their email. The links to the online consultation, along with information on how to submit it have been made available and all feedback needs to go **directly** to the LGA, through the online consultation by **the deadline of 17 August. Noted; it was agreed that Members would look at this and make independent responses should they wish.**

20.150.3 Winchester City Council – summary of their ‘Investing in Communities’ funding project.

Noted.

20.150.4 Southampton International Airport - update regarding Southampton Airport’s runway extension planning application. Southampton Airport advise that in response to this, Eastleigh Borough Council is in the process of re-consulting the community. All of the additional information and clarification they have provided is available to view on Eastleigh Borough Council’s dedicated web page – <https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/planning-and-building/southampton-airport-planning-application> – which you can also find using the application reference **F/19/86707**. **Noted.**

20.150.5 Hampshire ALC – advising of the results of their Client Engagement Survey from earlier this year. **Noted.**

20.150.6 Hampshire County Council – update regarding their Hampshire Superfast Broadband Programme. **Noted.**

20.151 Cemetery (provision for additional burial plots) – to receive Winchester City Council Tree Officer’s advice regarding digging graves/paths under mature oaks trees and to consider action

The PCM had circulated WCC’s tree advice. She advised that although she also wants to ensure the mature oak trees in the Cemetery are protected, Members need to be aware of the urgency of the situation if the land on the other side of the path and Glebe Field (both previously set aside for burials) are no longer to be used. She once again warned Members Council currently only has 6 vacant burial plots in the cemetery and therefore it urgently needs to investigate alternative options.

Resolved that this item will be placed on the Full Council Agenda for 3 September, in order to set up a Cemetery Working Party to meet up before Full Council on 17 September to plot out the measurements provided in WCC’s tree advice (on the other side of the path in the Cemetery) to establish whether a small number of new burial plots can be provided without damaging the mature oaks. Failing this a recommendation will be made for Council to consider writing to Winchester City Council to advise that it no longer proposes to use the burial area on the other side of the path in the Cemetery and Glebe Field, which were both originally set aside to expand the cemetery when additional space was required and therefore in view of the fact that the parish cemetery only has 6 vacant burial plots remaining and Curdridge Parish Council may be forced to adopt the new North Whiteley development it may become necessary to refer residents to WCC for burials. ACTION: PCM.

20.152 Cricketers Pond and Pound (Grass Cutting) – to receive Hampshire County Council’s advice and consider action

Members discussed the email advice provided by HCC.

Resolved that:

- i) Council would not enter into a Licence to take over the management of the highways verges at the Cricketers Pond and the Pound:***
- ii) Council will continue to do additional verge cuts to those carried out by HCC (when required) to ensure safe visibility at these junctions and will continue to budget for 5 cuts per year, but only carry out 3 cuts if possible.***
- iii) The PCM will instruct Leylandii and Lawns to do 3 verge cuts at the Cricketers Pond (on the outside of the picket fence and chain and link fence only) and to do further along Botley Road from the Pound to improve visibility from the Plantation (instead of cutting inside of the fence at the pond). ACTION: PCM.***

20.153 To note Parish Council Manager’s Update Report (previously circulated to Members)

The PCM advised that HCC had updated that they were liaising with the new owners of the Cricketers Pub regarding the proposed new pavement alongside the pub and were proposing to put in a new bus stop and notice board and to improve the bus stop on the other side of the road also.

20.154 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Cemetery – Cllr Kemp advised that he has been watering the yew trees at the Cemetery.

Allotment Footpath – HCC had congratulated Council and Botley Fencing on doing such a fantastic job of replacing the gates and fencing on the footpath at the Allotment. They advised that they had also installed a footpath finger post on the Wickham Road entrance to make this access more visible to drivers.

Vineyard Footpath (Shedfield Parish) – Cllr Newton advised Members that a two metre path had now been cut across this land to highlight the footpath.

Botley Station (tarmac business) – Cllr Newton advised that lorries were queueing on Botley Road to get into the site. Members reminded Cllr Newton that Council had previously been advised that lorries were able to wait on the highway to gain access.

Bonfires (Lockhams Road) – Members were concerned that there had been daily bonfires on one property. Cllr Achwal advised that WCC is requesting residents not to have bonfires during the current pandemic, as the smoke affects breathing.

Horse & Jockey sign – Cllr Bodger asked the current position. Cllr Achwal advised that WCC are getting the sign removed shortly. The PCM suggested that she could write to the brewery to advise that they had been given a Licence of Council's land on the understanding that it was to be used for their benefit only and not by or for third parties. **ACTION: PCM.**

Southern Parishes Forum – Cllr Bodger advised that the group is back up and running and proposes to invite additional parishes in the South Downs National Park to join the group. Their current focus is on enforcement matters and the enforcement document being approved by WCC's Cabinet. They recently had a talk by Neil Cutler from WCC who advised that WCC's income has been drastically affected by Covid, as at least 50% of their budget is made up of revenue which has been lost.

20.155 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

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

Silverlake Garage (screening) – Cllr Newton requested the PCM to write to WCC to advise that the site screening needs replacing (which was a planning condition). **ACTION: PCM.**

Poplars Farm (SINC) – Members were advised that more soil is being brought onto the SINC area and horses were now on the site. PCM to write to HCC to establish if this is a formal SINC and whether they can do anything to stop the infilling. **ACTION: PCM.**

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45 PM.