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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 7 OCTOBER 2021
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM
CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Steve Wallin (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

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)

Public Session

John Taylor spoke on item 21.237, which was brought forward.

21.228 Apologies for Absence

District Councillor Vivian Achwal had sent apologies.

21.229 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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

County Councillor Hugh Lumby reported:

Household Waste Recycling Centres - Hampshire County Council is lifting the one visit per week limit for residents taking waste to one of the county's 24 household waste recycling centres (HWRCs), although the requirement to book visits online will remain in place for the time being. Residents are however asked to make the most of each visit and separate out items for reuse and recycling to help reduce the amount of waste that has to be disposed of. Greater efficiency in recycling will ensure that the service is more cost effective. The new arrangement will be effective from Monday 4 October. While there will be no limit on the number of bookings per week, the County Council requests any bookings made which later are not required, are cancelled so that they can be available to others. Residents can visit the County Council's waste and recycling webpages for further information and to book an appointment. Separately, Hampshire County Council has agreed to commission Veolia UK to prepare and submit a planning application seeking permission to develop a new materials recovery facility in Eastleigh, at Chickenhall Lane. This will help enable the county's waste collection and disposal authorities to meet potential future legislative requirements and recycle

materials that current facilities are unable to, including plastic pots, tubs and trays, glass and cartons.

Support for bus services - Hampshire County Council has committed to extend its additional, Covid related support for community transport services – committing to a further six months (1 October 2021 – 31 March 2022) while the country continues its economic recovery from the pandemic. This means that the Authority will continue the policy of paying 100% contract and concessionary fares payments to Community Transport operators. The move will assist those operators in the recovery and operation of their services, covering them for any loss of service user income which they may continue to experience due to COVID-19 over the winter and into early spring.

HCC budget balancing proposals update - Hampshire County Council has begun important financial planning - with feedback from residents to be considered - on options to help the Authority address an anticipated twoyear shortfall in its budget of at least £80 million by April 2023. This is necessary if the County Council is to deliver a balanced budget, which is required by law. Councils across England are facing similar budgetary pressures. The proposals will include Children's Services which aim to achieve savings of £21.3 million over the next two financial years (2022/2023 and 2023/2024). Maintaining good quality education and ensuring safe and effective social care services that are targeted to vulnerable children, young people and their families, are the priorities underpinning these savings proposals. The resulting proposals from all County Council departments be considered by the County Council's Cabinet and full Council at their respective meetings on 12 October and 4 November 2021.

Road closures at Parkway South roundabout, Whiteley - as Hampshire County Council's £23 million project to improve the M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South at Whiteley progresses, some planned night works and temporary road closures are required at Parkway South Roundabout this October. The works include surfacing the new sections of carriageway; diversions will be in place. to redirect affected traffic during the closures. The works are weather dependent and may need to be re-arranged at short notice. They are planned from 8pm until 5.30am from 4th to 8th October. The scheme to upgrade M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South Roundabout aims to increase highway capacity and improve the flow of traffic by widening the roundabouts, adding additional lanes to the motorway slip roads and installing traffic lights at the Parkway South Roundabout as well as adding new pedestrian routes. For programme updates and further information about this scheme, please visit the project webpage: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/m27junction9>

Walktober - October is the International Walk to School month. As part of this, Hampshire County Council is encouraging parents to leave the car at home for all or part of the school run, and to walk the journey instead - to help build opportunities for exercise in their children's school day, and to improve air quality around schools. It is one of the County Council's all year round initiatives to promote active travel and good road safety awareness among all those who use the roads. Another of these initiatives is the Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) programme which trains Year 5 and Year 6 children to be ambassadors for road safety at their schools. JRSOs lead by example and share their knowledge with their fellow pupils about the importance of safety when walking to and from school. The number of children walking to school in Hampshire over the last 15 years has risen to over 50% of pupils.

HCC County Councillor Grants – small grants are available to parishes for community projects, although there is a limited budget of £8,000 in total.

District Councillor Bentote advised Members that he is still chasing the Silverlake replacement screening and has reported the various fly tipping instances in Vicarage Lane. WCC are also going to enforce the Poplars Farm stables appeal decision; Members were pleased, as many residents who objected and are aware of the appeal decision are chasing Members for regular updates.

**21.231 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 16 September 2021
Resolved to approve the Minutes of 16 September 2021 for signing. ACTION:
CHAIR/PCM.**

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

21.232.1 Land Off Curdridge Lane Curdridge Hampshire - Conversion of existing agricultural building to one dwelling. Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 21/02290/PNACOU.

Members discussed this application and raised several concerns, having now been approached by Members of the public.

Resolved TO OBJECT on the grounds that the agricultural building that received Planning Permission in 2011, was not constructed until 2013 (according to Google Earth historical imaging) and therefore Members feel that this building as a newbuild does not meet WCC's standards for barn conversions, i.e. insufficient time elapsing since the agricultural building was erected and unsubstantial construction methods and materials). The proposed building is also in open countryside and therefore would set a bad precedent if permitted. Members are very keen to ensure WCC is aware that the location of the other agricultural building on the plan supporting this Planning Application does not accord with evidence on the ground; the building was not there in September 2019, but seems to be under construction at present. The aerial image (also forwarded to WCC) shows another large building erected between April 2015 and Sept 2019 for which no Planning Consent is on record. Therefore it is felt that a site visit is required. Curdridge PC asks that this application should be referred to the Planning Committee if WCC's Planning Officer is minded to permit it. ACTION: PCM.

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

21.233.1 Meadowland Vicarage Lane Curdridge SO32 2DP - Two storey side extension and a two storey rear extension. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 21/01793/HOU.

PERMITTED. NOTED.

21.234 Finance – no urgent matters arising

21.235 Correspondence

21.235.1 Environment Agency – Invasive non native removal Hamble River and Estuary, Horton Heath Stream and other linked waterbodies – actions from meeting. PCM liaised with Environment Agency to advise that Council does not have enough manpower to assist with the removal of non native species, but would be happy to place an article in the parish magazine for volunteers for the Environment Agency; they will keep this in mind. **Noted.**

21.235.2 Parishes of North West Hampshire regarding Planning Policies in Rural Areas – querying whether it would be an advantage in agreeing a common cause with all Hampshire rural parishes; they would welcome other parish council views. **Cllr Bodger has responded to this enquiry via the Southern Parishes forum.**

21.235.3 WCC - Gambling Act 2005; Council is required under the Act to update its Statement of Principles every three years. The current Statement has effect until 31 January 2022.

Prior to adopting the Policy, the Council is required to consult various agencies, as well as representatives of residents, businesses, and existing licence holders. Your views are sought as part of the consultation exercise. If you would like to comment on the Statement, responses should be submitted no later than 21 October 2021. **Noted.**

21.235.4 WCC - feedback from 'Strategic Issues and Priorities' Consultation Local Plan Advisory Group Meeting. **Noted.**

21.235.5 WCC - draft Landscape Character Assessment Update 2021. **Noted.**

21.235.6 Durley Parish Council – notification of the forthcoming WDALC AGM which is being held on Thursday 28th October, 2021 at 2.00 p.m. at the Whiteley Town Council Room, Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley PO15 7LJ and attaching a letter to the Clerk and Chair of each Parish Council and Parish Meeting within the Winchester and a Nomination Form for anyone wishing to be nominated for a position along with an Agenda for the AGM.

Members discussed this.

Resolved to nominate Councillor Bodger as an Executive Member. PCM to notify Durley PC. ACTION: PCM.

21.235.7 HCC – notification that Hampshire County Council will be holding two Hampshire wide Passenger Transport Forums via Microsoft Teams on the following dates:

- Thursday 14th October 9.45am-12.00 noon and
- Monday 18th October 1pm-3.15pm

Please book your preferred session by 4pm the day before each event by completing the registration form online at: <https://forms.office.com/r/NFqH6EHLfX>. **Noted.**

21.235.8 Winchester Climate Action Network (WeCAN) project – reminder regarding Winchester Community Climate Action Day on 9th of October. You can sign up via the Eventbrite links:

Saturday 9th of October (10-3pm) : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wecan-community-climate-action-day-for-parish-councils-community-members-tickets-169604245865>. **Noted.**

21.235.9 Fareham Borough Council – notification of Regulation 22: Submission of documents and information to the Secretary of State. **Noted.**

21.236 CPC Annual Health & Safety Site Inspections – to receive Minutes including recommended actions and to decide upon action required

Allotment Recreation

Benches (renovation) – Members felt that the benches in the Allotment Recreation required a full refurbishment by sanding down, cleaning and re-staining with creosote (if possible), or an alternative long lasting stain. Members agreed this course of action and instructed the PCM to obtain a quote from the Lengthsman. **ACTION: PCM.**

Car Park Re-surfacing – the PCM has spoken to HCC about the gravel that was removed with the tarmac when the contractor borrowed the car park recently. HCC investigating the possibility of providing a small amount of new gravel. The PCM will write to HCC to advise that Council is hoping to submit a HCC County Councillor Grant Application for gravel to re-surface the car park and wondered whether HCC would consider supplying a lorry load of 10-20 mm gravel at cost when they borrow the car park again to re-surface the Botley Road pavements. If HCC is unable assist it was agreed that Council would wait until the Botley Road pavements have been resurfaced and would then obtain quotes for a lorry load of gravel and make a HCC County Councillor Grant Application for the cost. **ACTION: PCM.**

Re-Wilding Project – Members felt that the area to the rear of the benches was not nice looking and proposed piping the ditch behind the bench and levelling as much of the earth mound as possible (without damaging the Hawthorn tree) by infilling the ditch and levelling the area. This area could then be heavily planted with wild flower seeds/plugs, along with the ditch/bank along the side of the Allotment Recreation. Members agreed.

Resolved that an Allotment Working Party would be set up at the start of Spring 2022 to develop a detailed specification for this project, to enable quotes to be obtained and the work to be completed in Spring/Summer 2022. ACTION: PCM.

Bus Stop (St Peters Close)

Members discussed the overgrown hedges and overgrown pavement alongside the bus stop.

Resolved that the PCM will chase Mr Medway again to cut his hedge along Botley Road and Cllr Newton (with Cllr Townsend if required) will cut the short length of hedge on WCC's St Peters Close land (from the bus shelter to Mr Medway's boundary). The PCM has written to and spoken to HCC about the pavement in front of the bus stop and they

have advised they will investigate this when doing the pavement re-surfacing in the coming months. ACTION: PCM/CLLR NEWTON/CLLR TOWNSEND.

Cricketers Pond

Tree Pollarding – the Health & Safety inspections identified that several branches have fallen into the pond (which could contaminate it in future) and several trees were growing dangerously up into the cables above.

Resolved that Councillor Newton (as Tree Warden) will obtain a quotation to have the fallen branches removed and the various trees pollarded. ACTION: CLLR NEWTON.

Duck house – the duck house is now very dilapidated and needs renovating. Members felt that as Council's current Lengthsman constructed this duck house, he should be invited to provide a quotation to fully renovate it.

Resolved that the PCM will write to Rob Edwards to request a quotation to fully renovate the duck house. ACTION: PCM.

Parish Quay

Removal of wooden jetty – Members noted that an Application for a Permit to remove the wooden jetty has been made to the Environment Agency and should be processed within two months. They also noted that the Landlord of the Horse and Jockey has advised he might be interested in taking ownership of the jetty and has been asked to provide written confirmation from the brewery (as his Landlord and the land owner) that it approves him taking ownership, as the brewery has previously advised Council several times that it does not wish to take ownership/responsibility for the jetty.

Resolved that if the brewery fails to provide formal written confirmation that it is happy for the Horse & Jockey Landlord to take legal ownership/responsibility for the jetty on its land, prior to the Permit fees being paid, Council will proceed to remove the jetty, especially as previous correspondence with the Horse & Jockey Landlord, the brewery and the Harbour Master over the past two years demonstrates that they are not keen to take legal ownership/responsibility for the jetty. Members also agreed that should anyone else approach Council to take legal ownership/responsibility for the jetty prior to the application fees being incurred they could likewise do so. ACTION: PCM.

21.237 Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail - to consider request from residents for Curdrige Parish Council to withdraw its SHEELA Application submitted at the request of the Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail Group

John Taylor (a landowner) spoke on behalf of several landowners who are all extremely upset that Council has registered their land under the SHEELA at the urgent request of the Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail Group, without landowners having been consulted by anyone.

Landowners are extremely unhappy that the Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail Group is aware that in 2008 17 landowners wrote to the Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail Group to advise that they most definitely do not wish for their land to be included in the Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail scheme.

John Taylor was pleased to note that Council in its letter to landowners states that it is not keen not to force landowners to do anything with their land that they do not wish to, but feels that Council acted totally out of character in allowing itself to be persuaded by the Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail Group to submit the SHEELA application at such short notice, without consulting landowners. However, he was pleased to note that Council discussed this item again on 15 July last and states in its Minutes "*Council has received several complaints from land owners and is therefore forced to accept the fact that this project is unable to proceed as proposed*". Consequently, Mr Taylor feels that Council should withdraw its SHEELA Application, as there is no longer a need to continue with this application.

Members discussed this matter.

Resolved that Council will write to Winchester City Council's Planning Department to request that its SHEELA Application be withdrawn forthwith. ACTION: PCM.

21.238 To note Parish Council Manager's Update Report (previously circulated to Members) - Noted.

21.239 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

HCC (work road signs along Botley Road) – Members asked the PCM to write to HCC once again to request the removal of the various work signs dismantled and stored along Botley Road. **ACTION: PCM.**

Lake Road (flooding) – Cllr Wallin has been approached by residents regarding the recent flooding in Lake Road caused by a section of ditch not being cleared. Residents have approached both HCC and WCC regarding this matter, but they cannot assist as it is on private land, therefore residents wondered whether Council can do anything. The PCM advised that sadly because this is on private property Council will also be unable to take any action. However, she recommended that the residents write collectively to the land owner in question to request that he clears his section of ditch, failing which they will contact the Environment Agency to advise that this problem is causing flooding in the area, as generally the Environment Agency are keen to resolve such issues.

Wickham Road (various fly tipping) – Cllr Townsend will send photos of the various instances of fly tipping along Wickham Road and confirm the various locations and the PCM will forward this information on to WCC for action. **ACTION: CLLR TOWNSEND/PCM.**

Curdrige Primary School (traffic safety) – Cllr Townsend advised that the Police have been at the school monitoring traffic safety, which she feels may be in response to Council's request for signs stating 20 MPH speed limit when lights showing along Botley Road.

Allotment Recreation/Cemetery Padlocks – Cllr Newton wanted to formally verify that Council is happy for her to purchase another combination padlock to allow both the Allotment Recreation and Glebe Field to have combination padlocks, particularly in view of the fact that HCC will be using the Allotment Recreation Car Park again in the near future. Members agreed. **ACTION: CLLR NEWTON.**

Glebe Field (Grazing Licence) – Cllr Newton requested the PCM to chase the new Tenant for the signed Agreement; she would be happy to print a copy and meet him on site to sign this. **ACTION: PCM.**

Hamble River Valley Forum – Cllr Newton confirmed that although the main evening meetings have been dissolved, the day time meetings will be continued for a trial period.

Southern Parishes – the Southern Parishes Forum have been swapping planning policy information with the Northern Parishes and will continue to work with them on planning policy matters that affect both areas, but other matters they deal with do not affect both areas the same.

21.240 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

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

Two enforcement matters were discussed. The PCM will write to WCC accordingly. **ACTION: PCM.**

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.15 PM