

## Curdridge Parish Council

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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 7 APRIL 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 Sian Townsend

### **In attendance:**

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

Cllr Hugh Lumby (County Councillor)

Cllr Roger Bentote (District Councillor)

### **Public Session**

#### **22.67 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Newton and from District Cllr Achwal.

#### **22.68 To receive Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **22.69 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 detailed written report as follows:

Homes for Ukraine - the County Council is working with local district and borough councils, as well as key local partners such as the NHS and Hampshire Constabulary, to prepare for the provision of immediate support and assistance to Ukrainians arriving in Hampshire under the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme. An initial £100,000 has been set aside to provide immediate support and assistance. The position is developing rapidly and remains fluid.

Several key areas of activity are currently being prioritised: - a process for home visits is being put in place; individual sponsors will be contacted by the County Council regarding these, as soon as they have been formally notified by Government of an impending arrival - a process is also being set up to allow sponsors to receive a 'thank you' payment of £350 per month direct to their bank accounts. - DBS checks are required of all sponsors under the Homes for Ukraine scheme, as well as enhanced DBS checks for hosts who will have Ukrainian children staying with them. These will commence as part of the home visit process and will be undertaken by HCC. - guest families will be assisted with school admissions so that formal education can continue as soon as possible; queries about school places can be directed to <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/contacts> places - the County Council's adult social care team is liaising with NHS representatives regarding how support will be provided. GP support and the provision of crisis mental health assistance is a key consideration. A dedicated 'Support For Ukraine' webpage ([www.hants.gov.uk/ukraine](http://www.hants.gov.uk/ukraine)) has been set up and is being regularly updated with the latest information, together with signposting to updates from central Government.

Covid-19 update - changes have occurred to the national Covid testing regime, as part of the Government's 'Living with COVID' plan, which has been made possible largely thanks to the successful vaccination programme; this has placed the UK in a strong position to now treat Coronavirus like other respiratory diseases. Recent changes include the closure of testing sites for people with symptoms and the end of the provision of free tests for the general public in England. Anyone wishing to get tested will be able to purchase an LFD test from pharmacies. Limited free symptomatic testing will continue for a small number of at-risk groups and will also remain available to social care staff. Guidance on testing arrangements for visitors to care homes is provided on the gov.uk webpages. The current data shows a picture of increased COVID-19 activity and continued high case rates across all ages in Hampshire, with the highest rates currently among 35-39 year olds, and rising infections in the those aged 60+. Despite hospitalisations decreasing since the peak of the Omicron wave, there is a slight upward trend in those admitted to hospital with COVID-19, which HCC's Public Health team are monitoring closely, alongside outbreaks within the community. More information can be found on the 'Keep Hampshire Safe' web page at [www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/coronavirus/covid-changes-faqs](http://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/coronavirus/covid-changes-faqs).

New Community Pantries - five new Community Pantries are opening in Hampshire with support from the connect4communities programme, led by Hampshire County Council. Each pantry will help families who are facing hardship to access food at reduced prices. There is now at least one community pantry in each of the 11 districts in the HCC local authority area, with a total of 20 across Hampshire. For more information visit [www.connect4communities.org](http://www.connect4communities.org)

Roads - the countywide clear-up following the severe storms in February continued into March. Storm Eunice alone generated over 5,000 reports with the highways team attending to almost 2000 fallen, damaged or dangerous trees, many of which needed emergency or urgent works. Specialist teams continued to inspect and prioritise tree related issues throughout March. In addition, across the county 11,395 square metres of carriageway were resurfaced in February, 16,521 gullies and other drainage was cleared and 4,905 potholes were repaired. The Task and Finish group set up to investigate 20mph speed limits in residential areas has had its first meeting and will now begin reviewing the evidence. The outcome is expected later in the year. It is worth noting that there is a different process to reporting rights of way issues to HCC, as opposed to Highways issues. Residents should use this link, which enables the team to raise a job order and update the complainant. Problems on rights of way | Hampshire County Council ([hants.gov.uk](http://hants.gov.uk)).

Queen's Green Canopy The first tree has been planted in the The Queen's Copse, created as part of the The Queen's Green Canopy initiative to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. The oak tree, in the River Hamble Country park, will be one of 350 sapling trees on this site, including English Oaks and smaller Scots pines along with Cherry, Silver Birch, Field Maple, and Hornbeam. These will be complemented by a shrub layer of native hedge plants to increase the biodiversity of flora and fauna.  
Councillor Hugh Lumby, Meon Valley Division [hugh.lumby@hants.gov.uk](mailto:hugh.lumby@hants.gov.uk).

The District Councillors had no further updates to their last report due to the current election.

**22.70 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 17 March 2022**  
***Resolved to approve the Minutes of 17 March for signing. ACTION: PCM/CHAIR.***

**22.71 Land at the top of Gordon Road - to receive a brief presentation regarding the proposed revised development scheme**

Max Easton (one of the joint owners of this parcel of land) attended to update Council on the revisions they had made to their plans. It is still proposed to have six properties, but one will now be a community shop and café downstairs and offices upstairs (to be run by his family) and the other five houses will hopefully be lower priced houses to help with the demand for more affordable properties within the parish. He said they had taken on board Council's previous input and had also now included more hedging to make the scheme more rural

looking and had now incorporated special driveway surfaces that allowed greenery to grow. His family believes that the community store will benefit local businesses (who they are hoping to get fresh produce from) and residents (as it should save them from having to use their cars for small shops). He advised they were now also having to deal with the newly imposed Nitrate mitigation measures imposed by Natural England (currently under review) and would have to make a substantial payment to offset nitrate pollution at the current time. Members thanked him for his update.

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

22.72.1 Braeside Lockhams Road Curdridge Southampton Hampshire SO32 2BD - Conifer - Fell due to the wind and safety reasons. To replant: 1 Magnolia, 2 Native english hollies, 3 corkscrew willows, 4 budula glowbosai. (see original applications). Case Officer: Ivan Gurdler. Case No: 22/00563/TPO.

Members discussed this application briefly.

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

22.72.2 The River Hamble Harbour Authority (RHHA) has received a new application for Harbour Works Consent - Retention of jetty and installation of ecological enhancements at Highfield, Green Lane, Lower Swanwick, SO31 7DF.

Members discussed this application briefly.

**Resolved to MAKE NO COMMENT.**

22.72.3 Beeches Gordon Road Curdridge Southampton Hampshire SO32 2BE - Oak 1 reduce away from phone line by 0.5m making pruning wounds no larger than 25mm.

Oak 2 reduce away from phone line by 0.5m making pruning wounds no larger than 25mm.

Oak 3 reduce away from phone line by 0.5m making pruning wounds no larger than 25mm.

Members discussed this application briefly. Case Officer: Ivan Gurdler. Case No: 22/00589/TPO.

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

22.72.4 The Cricketers Inn Curdridge Lane Curdridge Southampton Hampshire SO32 2BH - (Retrospective) New timber garden building constructed within the front garden of the pub for ancillary use to the existing pub; the structure will include a pizza oven and seating for customers, with occasional use for special events (wakes, christenings and weddings). Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 22/00502/FUL.

Members discussed this application and were divided. Some Members felt that the additional traffic created by this development would be unacceptable and dangerous.

**Resolved TO OBJECT on the grounds of adverse traffic impact and road safety; it was felt that traffic would increase due to the proposed events, as the car park already reaches capacity on a regular basis (with cars parking on the blind bend along Curdridge Lane). It was also felt that the proposed events would impact negatively on neighbouring properties. Cllrs Bodger, Burden and Townsend abstained. ACTION: PCM.**

22.72.5 Land To The Rear Of Uplands Cottage Botley Road Curdridge Hampshire - New Access onto Botley Road (B3035). Case Officer: Jordan Wiseman. Case No: 22/00290/FUL. The PCM advised that although she fully appreciates Cllr Newton's concerns raised via email, she is concerned that allowing this new entrance will open up the flood gates for many new accesses within the parish, as Council has recently objected to two new accesses onto Botley Road and has historically also done so for other applications.

Cllr Bodger understood, but felt that if anyone else were to apply for planning for a new safer access that Council would likewise look upon it by it favourably if the current access were to be closed. Members advised that the current access for this application could not be removed as it is a joint access also used by Cllr Newton. If the new access is permitted, the current access

should be blocked beyond the shared portion. They also noted that though safer than the current access, the proposed location of the new access is also on a bend.

**Resolved that the PCM will write to the Planning Officer stating “Council accepts the proposed new access is less dangerous than the current access, but it is not as safe as it would be if it were moved even further North on the roadside boundary of this property. It should also be noted that if this new entrance is permitted it should have a sufficient safety splay and the current access used by the applicant must be closed off, although Council appreciates the roadside access is shared so cannot be closed off at the B3035.” ACTION: PCM.**

22.72.6 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. Members discussed this application briefly.

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

22.72.7 North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire - Reserved Matters application for the construction of 113 dwellings and associated infrastructure including access roads, cycleways, footpaths, a temporary haul road, construction compound, surface water attenuation facilities, car parking, amenity open space, landscape planting, cycle storage facilities and all associated ancillary activities, pursuant to outline planning permission 15/00485/OUT. The outline application was accompanied by an Environmental Statement. Case Officer: Amy Winch. Case No: 22/00639/REM.

**Resolved to MAKE NO COMMENT.**

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

22.73.1 The Glen Gordon Road Curdridge SO32 2BE - Proposed single storey rear and side extension. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 21/03187/HOU. **PERMITTED. Noted.**

22.73.2 Land Adjacent Beechcroft Vicarage Lane Curdridge Hampshire - Outline planning permission for the erection of one detached dwelling on a plot of land with an area of less than 0.1 hectare, which forms part of a larger piece of land with an area 0.49 hectare, accessible from Vicarage Lane. The land in question is unused infill land between existing buildings on Vicarage Lane. Case Officer: Jordan Wiseman. Case No: 21/03302/OUT. **REFUSED. Noted.**

## **22.74 Correspondence**

22.74.1 Hampshire Homes Hub - Future services and funding survey, Parish and Town Councils. **Noted.**

22.74.2 Eastleigh Borough Local Plan - Inspector's Final Report. **Noted.**

22.74.3 Winchester City Council Planning Policy - Power point presentation from meeting with parishes. **Noted.**

22.74.4 Winchester City Council - Biodiversity Action Plan Update March 2022. **Noted.**

22.74.5 Hampshire Passenger Transport Forums – Save the date

We are writing to inform you that Hampshire County Council will be holding two Hampshire-wide Passenger Transport Forums via Microsoft Teams on the following dates:

- Wednesday 18th May 2022 (2-4pm) and Monday 23rd May 2022 (2-4pm). **Noted.**

22.74.6 Hampshire ALC – March Newsletter. **Noted.**

## **22.75 Parish Council Cemetery (path renovation and addition) – to receive an update and decide upon action**

The PCM had spoken to three resin driveway companies about the possibility of resin pathways at the Cemetery being put on a compacted gravel base (rather than concrete to avoid possible damage to tree roots). They all said this was not an option, as they could not “guarantee” that the sub-base would not move and damage the resin path above. One had

confirmed their system is 22cms thick in total and includes a firm concrete base to ensure paths do not move with 2cms of resin bound gravel on the top.

Members discussed this and would prefer a hard surface for improved disabled access, but felt that tarmac would also require a thick sub-base that may also damage tree roots.

***Resolved that Council will renovate the current gravel path by digging down approximately 4 inches (as previously agreed), then placing a good quality weed suppressing matting down with thick gravel board edging down both sides and 20mm gravel about 3-4 inches thick to keep gravel inside the gravel boards. The new path down the middle of the lower side of the cemetery and under the two relocated benches to also be completed to the same specification. PCM to obtain quotations and refer this item back to Council. ACTION: PCM.***

#### **22.76 Speed Limit Reminder Signs – to receive update and decide action**

The PCM advised Members that Westcotec (the suppliers of the two new SLR Signs) has advised their SLR Signs cannot be used with Council's solar panel purchased from Elancity, as they could not guarantee their product would work safely with another supplier's product. Members felt that there was no reason the current (nearly new) Elancity solar panel could probably be adapted for use with one of the new Westcotec SLR Signs, as the voltage is the same and with a suitable regulator should not damage the new SLR Sign in any way.

***Resolved to order 2 new Westcotec SLR Signs (with solar power facility) and Lithium Batteries with only 1 Solar Panel, to enable Members to investigate whether the current Elancity Solar Panel can be adapted to be used safely with one of these Westcotec SLR Signs. ACTION: PCM.***

**22.77 To note Parish Council Manager's Update Report (previously circulated to Members) – Noted.**

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

Kitnocks Hill (fly tipping) – PCM to report this to WCC. **ACTION: PCM.**

Allotment Recreation (3 new Oak Trees) – Cllr Burden confirmed he is watering when required.

Parish Council (election resignations) – Cllr Wallin was sad to resign from being a Parish Councillor due to his work/home commitments, but hopes his workload will reduce in future to allow him to apply for any vacancies that may arise. Cllr Kemp said he is also sad to be retiring, but would be around regularly and is always available to help with any working party projects in future. The PCM and Members thanked them both for all their hard work and commitment to the parish council.

Hampshire ALC – Cllr Bodger advised he may raise an Agenda item in future.

#### **22.79 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

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

The updated Enforcement Reports had been circulated to Members. Cllr Wallin had reported a new case to WCC; Members would await WCC's response. **ALL.**

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.56 PM.**