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MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE 2022 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM CURDRIDGE

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Jonathan Carkeet (attending via Zoom due to testing positive with Covid)

Cllr Paul Haskins (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Philip Hedger

Cllr Lynne Newton

Cllr Sian Townsend

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

Cllr Hugh Lumby (County Councillor)

10 members of the public

Public Session

There were no matters arising that were not on the Agenda.

22.130 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Achwal and Cllr Small.

22.131 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

22.132 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 had provided a written report:

New leadership team at Hampshire County Council - following the retirement of Keith Mans, Councillor Rob Humby has been elected as the new leader of Hampshire County Council with Councillor Rob Chad as his deputy. Rob has been the Hampshire County Councillor for Bishops Waltham since 2013 and the County Council's Deputy Leader since May 2019. This has led to a reshuffle of the HCC cabinet, which is now as follows:

Policy, Resources & Economic Development Rob Humby

Children's Services Roz Chadd

Highways Operations Nick Adams-King

Climate Change & Sustainability Jan Warwick

Transport & Environment (waste/recycling) Edward Heron

Commercial Strategy, Estates & Property Steve Forster Performance,

HR, Inclusion & Diversity Kirsty North

Recreation, Heritage & Rural Affairs Russell Oppenheimer

The new leader says that he is passionate about doing the best for the people, businesses and places that make Hampshire a great county. Following his election, he said: "My vision for Hampshire is to maintain our county as a successful, prosperous, and attractive place to live, work, study, play and visit - balancing economic success with care for the environment for the benefit of generations to come. I believe that a strong economy is essential to support excellent public services, provide high quality and inclusive employment and business opportunities, and to bringing prosperity to all of Hampshire's communities."

Homes for Ukraine update -The County Council continues to work with key local partners to enable the provision of immediate support and assistance to Ukrainians arriving in Hampshire under the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme. The latest available figures for visas issued are that as of 30 May 2022, 60,977 visas have been issued for England. 2,314 have been issued for Hampshire (from the 2,492 applications received) and 1,431 guests have arrived. Policy, Resources & Economic Development Rob Humby Children's Services Roz Chadd Highways Operations Nick Adams-King Climate Change & Sustainability Jan Warwick Transport & Environment (waste/recycling) Edward Heron Commercial Strategy, Estates & Property Steve Forster Performance, HR, Inclusion & Diversity Kirsty North Recreation, Heritage & Rural Affairs Russell Oppenheimer Adult Services & Public Health Liz Fairhurst One recent initiative is that free bus pass travel within the wider Hampshire area will be available for Ukrainian refugees arriving in the county. Arrangements are being finalised with the county's three major bus operators - Stagecoach, First Bus and Bluestar – with the scheme due to launch shortly. A reminder that communities can apply for grants of up to £5,000 to help Ukrainian families arriving - details are at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/> leaders-community-grants

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations - have occurred across the county in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, from communities to care homes and including the lighting of beacons at the start of the four day holiday. In related news, Hampshire's Record Office in Winchester is one of six landmark sites across the UK that have been awarded listed status by the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to commemorate Her Majesty's 70-year reign. The award-winning building, designed by the County Council, was opened by Queen Elizabeth II in 1993.

Grants available - to help communities in need Local groups are being urged to apply for grants that will help them support those in most need in their communities. £300,000 is being made available for projects that will help those facing food and fuel poverty, particularly in rural areas, up to September 2022. The latest community grants are funded by the £7.12million Household Support Fund, provided to Local Authorities by the Department for Work and Pensions to support vulnerable households, especially with the cost of food and energy bills. The deadline for applying for a community grant is 29 July 2022. Organisations wishing to find out more should go to the [connect4communities](https://connect4communities.org.uk/) website for the full guidance and application form.

£0.25 million investment fund for community energy projects - an investment fund, to support community run renewable energy projects in Hampshire, is to be established by Hampshire County Council. The 'Revolving Community Energy Fund' will invest up to £25,000 for any individual community project being launched in Hampshire as part of the Community Energy Pathways project. The aim of the fund is to stimulate significant community investment in renewable energy across Hampshire. Investment in a share offer will enable a community to operate a renewable energy scheme and earn income. Once a scheme is operational, it should then attract additional shareholders and/or secure borrowing against the assets of the existing scheme, enabling it to be extended to a wider community base. For more information, email climatechange@hants.gov.uk

Councillor Hugh Lumby Meon Valley Division hugh.lumby@hants.gov.uk.

Cllr Lumby also advised Members that HCC would shortly be sending out a consultation on their 20mph review. He suggested that Council includes Speedwatch data and Speed Limit Reminder Sign data in their consultation response to HCC.

22.133 To approve the Minutes of the AGM on 19 May 2022

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 19 May 2022 for signing. ACTION: CHAIR/PCM.

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

22.134.1 The Cricketers Inn Curdridge Lane Curdridge (Amended Plans 12/05/22) - (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.

Cllr Carkeet had put forward a possible motion recommending conditions WCC could consider adding to any permission; the Chair read this out for the benefit of the public.

All Members of the public present wished to speak on this item.

Andrew Burgess the applicants' planning consultant advised Members that Winchester City Council's Planning Officer had provided their report to the Planning Committee, which recommended some planning conditions to be attached to any planning permission granted, mainly relating to operational hours for the building (Monday to Thursday 12-8.30pm; Friday & Saturday 12-10 pm and Sunday 12 to 8 pm), but it did not contain any condition regarding noise monitoring following a comprehensive noise survey having been carried out by Clark Saunders (a highly respected company). However, he said the pub licence contains quite strict operational conditions and these should not be broken. He said the three landlords of the pub had originally considered letting the pub to the Greene King chain, but had then changed their mind to run it independently in order to retain the community nature of the pub. They bought the pub in January 2020 and spent over six months renovating the pub at a cost of over £530,000. They had re-opened in July 2020 and have already received numerous awards (Pub of the Year at the South Prestige Awards; Bronze Award for Pub of the Year by the Beautiful South Tourism Awards; short listed for National Pub & Bar of the Year in 2022 Awards). Already the pub has increased general staffing from 2 members of staff to 28 members of staff and this building will create one new job cooking pizzas which he said demonstrates that thankfully the business is thriving.

Two of the landlords were also present and apologised that they had not communicated with neighbours better, but they are struggling with their workload and can no longer spare time to knock doors (as they did to begin with). Having liaised with Winchester City Council from the outset they had believed that this building would be allowed under Permitted Development rules, but sadly this changed after they had committed themselves to the project.

Mr and Mrs Marshall (neighbours) spoke to say that although they support the pub in principle, they object to this development based on the increased noise and traffic; when they moved to the village 8 years ago they had hoped the pub would remain a quiet local pub. They believe that peak times for the pub will create noise when they would like to sit quietly in their garden.

Two residents from Church Lane spoke in support of this application and said the pub has become an important community asset that welcomes families and brings residents together. They understood neighbours' concerns regarding noise, but feel that various community facilities create much more noise and traffic for adjacent neighbours, such as the church with services and regular bell ringing, the two schools, the Reading Rooms (particularly Curdridge Show) and other community fundraising events.

Another two neighbouring residents also spoke in support of this application, as they likewise feel that the pub is a valuable community facility and should be supported. They understand concerns regarding possible noise, but feel the landlords have been very mindful of neighbours as far as noise is concerned.

Two neighbours (farmers) also spoke in support in this application. They believe that residents should be more tolerant and supportive of existing local businesses when they move into the village, as they have suffered similar objections from new neighbours moving into the village who do not want them undertaking farming practices that were in place long before the new residents moved into the village.

Cllr Haskins said that he stood for a successful village pub, but it was important for all parties to manage the downsides of any buildings work and listen to the concerns of village residents. To ignore the concerns would not resolve the issues and it was in the interest of the pub to manage these concerns positively. He had noted that there was a real danger, that the decision of the pub owners, to build and use the new facility, without planning permission having yet been agreed, sent a message to the village that planning rules can be ignored. He said it could appear that the owners of the pub don't care or support the planning processes put in place to protect all parties concerned. He then asked questions with regards to noise management, food smells and parking. The pub landlord stated that under licensing laws, the pub is able to apply for outside events, including music, and thus not breach any planning rules. Cllr Haskins commented that whilst it might be legal, it didn't address any of the concerns raised by the immediate neighbours of the pub - namely noise, parking and food smells from the new outside pizza oven. He restated that having a successful pub for the village, is beneficial for Curdrige, and part of this success is the Cricketers management team being proactive to address the concerns of the pub's immediate neighbours.

Cllr Hedger asked whether the new structure would result in an overall increase in existing seating capacity. Landlords advised that it will not be an increase, and that if and when large events occur the pub would be closed to the general public. Cllr Hedger noted for context, that all the key institutions in the Parish emit regular noise and cause additional traffic, viz. the Church, the School, the Kindergarten School, the annual Show. He said he supported the application as the conditions being proposed to manage and monitor possible additional noise and traffic were reflective of some residents' understandable concerns. Members generally agreed. Cllr Hedger also noted that it was unfortunate that most of the objectors were not able to be present in order to a) make representations in person and b) witness the very fulsome and balanced discussion with regard to both those residents who have objected and those who have supported the application.

Cllr Haskins and Cllr Newton raised the issue about the amplified music playing at the Cricketers Pub to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. Andrew Burgess responded to advise that the pub landlords had applied to Winchester City Council for a Licence to hold this event and the landlords confirmed that the bands had stopped playing outside at 6.30 pm, in order to respect neighbours.

Having discussed this item for nearly an hour at this meeting and considered all input from supporters and objectors Members proceeded to a vote.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT to the proposed application and ask that in the event that Winchester City Council are minded to grant planning permission, consideration is given to including the following planning conditions which would ensure the proposals are delivered in accordance with the permitted documentation:

i) the Applicant has provided a noise assessment as part of the application and provided supporting statements at paragraph 9.4 that the noise levels will be provide "a

modest reduction". Therefore we ask that this is formalised by way of condition to ensure such noise parameters (as defined by the Applicant's noise assessment) are not exceeded.

ii) the Applicant has stated in their letter of 19 April 2022 that there is no material difference in capacity of the pub and therefore this should be given to monitoring by way of Car Parking Management Plan which monitors the parking and provides local residents with the opportunity to raise concerns with WCC should the garden building increase vehicles / parking.

Members duly note that the applicants will retain their public right to make independent Licence Applications to Winchester City Council for events.

5 Members voted to support this resolution (including Cllr Carkeet via Zoom attendance) with 2 Members voting against (Cllrs Haskins and Newton). ACTION: PCM.

22.134.2 Eastleigh Borough Council has received an application for Holly Tree Farm, Maddoxford Lane, Botley, SO32 2DB - Description: Outline planning application with all matters reserved (except for access) for demolition of two dwellings and associated domestic outbuildings and stable block; demolition of car repair garage, sheds and cabins and clearance of scrap yard use; creation of new access on to Maddoxford Lane; construction of up to 221 dwellings and Scout Hall and associated pedestrian accesses, emergency vehicle link, parking, drainage, pumping station, hard landscaping, soft landscaping, play areas, ecological enhancements and diversion of public right of way (Botley Footpath 026/3/1).

Members discussed this application and their concerns.

Resolved TO OBJECT as this application is in conflict with the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan as it does not comply with key Planning Policies, specifically: Strategic Policies S3, S7, Development Polices DM1 and DM13.

Furthermore, the previous Appeal Decision (reference: APP/W1715/W/20/3265838) on the adjacent Maddoxford Lane site provides robust reasons why Eastleigh Borough Council should reject the application, including:

- This proposal will damage the established boundary between the village of Curdridge and Boorley Green, and should not be supported for the same reasons stated at paragraphs 14 of the Appeal Decision, specifically "Development on the eastern part of the site, including the proximity of development to Maddoxford Lane, would also harm the character and appearance of the countryside. Consequently, the proposal would conflict with Policies 1.CO and 59.BE of the Local Plan and draft Policies S1, S7 and DM1 of the draft Local Plan, which together seek to protect the countryside, limit urbanisation, and take full and proper account of the context of the site."

- In accordance with Paragraph 37 the Inspector states "the proposal would conflict with Policies 1.CO and 59.BE of the Local Plan because it would conflict with the strategy for the location of new development, would harm the character and appearance of the countryside, and would to a limited extent result in an unsatisfactory design and layout. Although I have found no conflict with policies relating to parking, noise and the provision of infrastructure, I consider the proposed development would conflict with the development plan when taken as a whole." These reasons are equally applicable to the proposed Holy Tree Farm planning application and should therefore be grounds for refusal.

It may be that EBC will be minded to grant planning permission, in which case, Curdridge Parish Council request that this application is referred to the Planning Committee and the Applicant is required to provide a Construction Logistics Plan to ensure that no construction vehicles utilise Wangfield Lane and provide a community

liaison representative to work with Curdridge Parish Council to minimise nuisance and disruption to residents on Wangfield Lane. ACTION: PCM.

22.134.3 Winchester City Council has received an application from Curdridge Reading Room and Recreation Ground Charity, Curdridge Reading Room, Reading Room Lane, Curdridge, Southampton, Hampshire, SO32 2HE for a New Premises Licence for Curdridge Show, Curdridge Reading Room and Cricket Ground, Reading Room Lane, Curdridge, Southampton, Hampshire, SO32 2HE. The purpose of the application is to provide licensable activities as detailed below:-

Live Music, Recorded Music and Performances of Dance	Saturday	11:00 to 17:00 19:30 to 00:00	<i>Indoors and Outdoors</i>
Anything of Similar Description to Live Music, Recorded Music and Performances of Dance	Saturday	11:00 to 17:00	<i>Indoors and Outdoors</i>
Late Night Refreshment	Saturday	23:00 to 00:00	<i>Indoors and Outdoors</i>
Opening Hours	Saturday	11:00 to 17:00 19:30 to 00:00	

For one event, for one day, per calendar year.

Members discussed the fact that this application was for Curdridge Show and fully supported it.

Resolved DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

22.134.4 Land West of Yew Trees Harmsworth Farm Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire - Construction of dwelling. Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 22/00158/OUT.

Application deferred to Full Council on 23 June. ACTION: PCM.

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

22.135.1 HCC – **notification of withdrawn application** - Land restoration of former landfill site at Former Raglington Landfill Site, Shedfield Equestrian Centre, Botley Road. Shedfield SO32 2HN (application number 21/02707/HCS). **Noted.**

22.135.2 Planning Inspectorate – notification of Appeal Decision APP/L1765/X/20/3264178: Beech Tree, SO32 2BN. **APPEAL DISMISSED. Noted.**

22.136 Finance

22.136.1 To formally ratify grant funding of £195.70 for Anne Small and Miles Wilshire in conjunction with St Peters Church for funding their Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration (with no criteria to attend).

Council formally approved making a grant donation in the sum of £195.70. ACTION: PCM.

22.136.2 Curdridge Parish Council Cemetery – to consider/approve quotations to renovate and extend current gravel pathway and relocate two benches.

This item was deferred to Full Council on 23 June to allow for an additional quotation to be obtained. ACTION: PCM.

22.137 Correspondence

22.137.1 HCC - Hampshire PFI Street Lighting Contract - Notification of Changes to Street Lighting Energy and Maintenance Charges, and Variable Light Control 22/23. **Noted.**

22.137.2 Vanessa Hancock, Acting as Curdridge Show Coordinator – permission to use Curdridge Parish Council car parks and Allotment Recreation for overflow parking during Curdridge Show on Saturday, 16 July 2022 (as per previous years). **Members agreed that Curdridge Show may use the Curdridge Parish Council Cemetery Car Park and the Allotment Recreation Car Park, but Members would need to monitor the ground**

conditions nearer the time if the show co-ordinators require the use of part of the Allotment Recreation itself for further parking. ACTION: PCM.

22.137.3 Mags Wylie, Action Hampshire - Update to Parish Councils: Changes to the Hampshire Homes Hub Service. **Noted.**

22.137.4 Eastleigh Borough Council – notification that on Monday, 25 April 2022 Eastleigh Borough Council formally adopted their Local Plan (2016-2036). **Noted.**

22.137.5 Winchester City Council – closure notice for Hangmans Copse and Sawpit Copse on 14 June 2022 to allow a multi-agency site inspection. **Noted.**

22.137.6 HCC – regarding Operation Resilience (Hampshire County Council's programme to make Hampshire's roads more resilient to the effects of extreme weather and heavy traffic) – HCC have carried out a high textured, carriageway micro-asphalt surface treatment on Curdrige Lane, Curdrige, between the junction of Sandy Lane and the junction of Lockhams Road. The nature of the material means that occasionally, following the treatment, adjustments to iron works are required. HCC's engineer has visited site and found a number of manhole covers and frames that will require replacing. The works are programmed to start 6th June 2022 and are expected to last 1 day, during which the road will need to be closed to vehicular traffic, from approximately 09:30 – 16:00hrs. The road will be open outside of these hours. These timescales are weather dependent and works programmes are susceptible to change. There may be times when we have to postpone works at very short notice; based on the latest weather forecasts, this can occur just prior to works commencing. **Noted.**

22.137.7 Hampshire Association of Local Councils – updated schedule of training available for members. **Noted; Members to notify the PCM if they wish to be registered on any courses. ACTION: ALL.**

22.137.8 Winchester City Council – notification of (Virtual) Local Parish Briefing – 21st June 2022 at 3.00pm. Clerks and 2 Members from each parish able to attend. **Noted; PCM and Chair to attend this meeting. ACTION: PCM.**

22.137.9 Southern Water - Water for Life - Hampshire: Ofwat publishes Gate 2 recommendations. **Noted.**

22.138 To note Parish Clerk's Update Report (previously circulated to Members)

Lloyds Bank Account – Cllr Haskins queried whether Council will be reviewing this based on Hampshire ALC being unable to offer financial advice. The PCM advised that she had consulted the Internal Auditor about investments entered into by other parishes and he will provide information regarding this as soon as he finishes the rush of end of year auditing currently taking place. The PCM will then add this item to an Agenda. **ACTION: PCM.**

22.139 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Future Agenda Items – Cllr Haskins wished to confirm which Agenda items requested would be on the next Agenda. The PCM confirmed that Reading Room Management; Cricketers Pond Management and Parish Quay Licence Review would all be on the next Agenda. It was agreed that Members would consider suggestions for the future management of the pond to improve this community facility. **ACTION: ALL.**

Parish Council future priorities and plan – Members requested that this item please be added to a future Agenda, but when other business is lighter, to allow an in depth discussion of how it can consult parishioners to establish their perceived priorities.

North Whiteley (boundary review) – CPC's Community Governance Review representatives attended a multi-agency meeting, where one of the items was to elect four public representatives from new North Whiteley residents to be on the panel, but sadly no residents attended and so the meeting was deferred and will now be held face to face shortly.

22.140 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

22.140.1 To receive WCC's update reports on Enforcement cases and decide upon any action required. **There were no new enforcement cases arising.**

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.04 PM.