

## Curdridge Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Parish Council's Meeting  
held on Thursday 15 January 2015 at 7.00 pm  
in the Reading Rooms, Curdridge**

**Those Present:** Mr K Bundell (Chairman), Mr E Bodger (Vice Chairman), Mrs J Furby, Mr R Kemp, Mrs N Lockyer, Mrs L Newton and Mrs C Weaver.

**Apologies:**

**In attendance:** Mr D Murray (Clerk) and Mr R Humby (WCC and HCC) and Mr L Ruffell (WCC)

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no members of the public present.

#### **137 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

The Chairman declared a non-pecuniary declaration of interest as he was friends with the owners of the land next to the applicant's site. He suggested that he would neither partake in the debate or in any vote but continue to Chair the meeting. Mr Ruffell declared that as Chairman of the Planning Development Control Committee he could not stay for the discussion to ensure there were no issues of predetermination should it be referred to committee for decision.

#### **138 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF 18 DECEMBER 2014.**

The approval of the minutes was proposed by Mrs Furby and seconded by Mrs Lockyer and all agreed

#### **139 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF 8 JANUARY 2015.**

The approval of the minutes was proposed by Mrs Newton and seconded by Mrs Lockyer and all agreed.

#### **140 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.**

Mr Humby gave his report on the progress on the Wangfield Lane sewage issues and the rubbish. Firstly that Southern Water had informed officers that the drain had been jetted out and that the storm drains were working well. The bins had been vandalised and the rubbish had been cleared up. He also reported that he would be undertaking a tour of the area with Lisa Davis of Hampshire Highways.

The road safety meeting with Andy Smith and Martin Wiltshire was not possible in an evening, but during the day on 5 March was suggested.

Mr Humby also gave a briefing on the 41,000 miles of roads that had been gritted, that 655 potholes and 30,000m<sup>2</sup> had been resurfaced. In the Winchester District 2,000m<sup>2</sup> had been resurfaced and 70 potholes filled.

Mr Ruffell answered Members' questions of the collapsed storm drain on the A334 and also the trees at Smiths Yard being poisoned.

He also reported on the conclusion of the Boundaries Commission's preliminary report on the ward changes. Finally he mentioned both planning training opportunities on Tuesday afternoons and also the Mayor's Community Awards which had a closing date of 31 January.

**141 MATTERS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL'S PROPERTIES AND THE PARISH.**

**142 TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION**

Mr Reay gave his report to Members on the previous year's activities at the Allotments, which was deferred from the previous meeting due to the public interest on a planning application. 13 of the 17 plots were occupied as 2 individuals had moved away. Movements were occurring within the allotments. He reported that the Clerk had independently audited their accounts. He also mentioned the possibility of a small container to house petrol tools such as a mower on site. Members asked if the vacant plots were being advertised in the parish news – and suggested it might be an idea. Mr Reay asked about a notice board inside the gates. A comment was made about the steaming manure that had been delivered within the car park. It was explained that this was a private delivery for some allotment holders and was due to be moved.

**143 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE 2015-2016 BUDGET AND SET THE PRECEPT DEMAND FOR THE YEAR**

The Clerk presented his budget for the municipal year 2015-2016, including the reduction in the Council Tax Support Grant which had reduced from £1,099.04 to £956.88.

The effect of the budget was a £11 pa increase in the Precept for a Band D property in the parish. The main reasons for the increase was the overspend the previous year on non-budgeted items and the need to recoup those general funds. All the additional expenditure was in supporting the local services and facilities as well as supporting the Boorley Green Judicial Review application, to which there had been a moral duty.

Other additional items were the support of the Lunch Club for the most vulnerable and excluded elderly of the village and surrounding areas and funds for a lengthsman to be able to undertake additional tasks to improve/help maintain the parish. The budget was represented as one of good housekeeping to prevent unexpected spikes that would be excessive for the parish.

Members discussed the issues for about an hour and requested it be recorded how difficult the decision had been, balancing improving services, costs to residents and a previous reduction in the Precept.

It was proposed by Mrs Weaver and Seconded by Mr Kemp that the total budget be set at £30,706.88, with a Council Tax Support Grant of £956.88 giving a Precept demand of £29,750.00 an increase to £46.93 for a Band D property of 34.5% from the previous year of £22,105.96. This was agreed by all.

#### **144 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE RESPONSES TO THE CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS AS PER PLAN 043**

1. Mrs Newton 14/02846/FUL Comments by: 28 January Demolition of boiler shed and erection of attached single storey boiler housing unit to side of the property (RETROSPECTIVE) - HLOWWT, Beechcroft, Vicarage Lane, Curdridge

The agreed response to this application was to support. This was proposed by Mrs Newton and seconded by Mr Bodger. All agreed.

2. 14/02895/AVC Non illuminated directional and information signs for hand car wash: 1 no wall mounted information, 1 no floor sign for information, 2 no board mounted directional, 1 no wall mounted directional, 1 no post mounted directional - Pinkmead Farm, Botley Road, Curdridge.

The agreed response was to object to this application on the colour scheme, that signs should not be off-site, that continuity was needed and that it had a downgrading impact on the village in a rural setting. And that it had a huge impact in to an attractive area affecting the visual amenity.

3. 14/02945/FUL Replacement front boundary fence - Bats Hollow, Kitnocks Hill, Curbridge.

No objection if replacing an existing fence and its positioning.

The delegated decisions from the Planning Authority were noted.

#### **145 TO AGREE THE APPOINTMENT OF MRS NEWTON AS AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF THE HAMBLE VALLEY RIVER FORUM**

It was proposed by Mr Kemp and seconded by Mrs Furby that Mrs Newton be so appointed. All agreed.

#### **146 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE HCC WASTE SURVEY, IF ONE IS REQUIRED**

It was noted that no response was required.

#### **147 TO START THE CLERK'S APPRAISAL**

The Clerk was asked to send out electronic copies of his job description and contract. Responses by Members were required by the last week of February 2015 and to be sent to the Chairman and Mrs Weaver.

**148 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT**

**149 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE**

1. WCC New Work Areas for Tree Officers
2. HVRF Mrs Newton to be proposed as additional member/rep
3. WCC Precept Information
4. Stuart Raey – Manure in Allotment Car Park
5. HALC/DCLG Abolition of Public Works Loan Board
6. Open Spaces Balances £418.19 (going to WCC projects)
7. Defibrillator at the Reading Rooms
8. Older Persons Wellbeing
9. Waste Survey HCC PACT Meeting 21 January
10. HALC - Chairmanship skills workshop 2 Feb (deadline ASAP received 14/1)

**150 TO APPROVE THE FINANCE REPORT DATED 15 JANUARY 2015 AND SIGN THE CHEQUES**

The financial report was accepted, third quarter reports acceptance was proposed by Mrs Weaver and seconded by Mr Bodger, and the cheques were signed by Mrs Newton and Mr Kemp.

**151 PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Mrs Furby reported back on Vera young's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday; Mrs Newton reported on the new post box in Wangfield Lane and the dog bin issues and a toad/ducks sign was requested for Curdrige Lane

That being all the business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed ..... Chairman