

Curdridge Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Parish Council's Meeting
held on Thursday 19 February 2015 at 7.00 pm
in the Reading Rooms, Curdridge**

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

Apologies: Mr R Kemp, Mrs N Lockyer, Mr R Humby (WCC and HCC) and Mr L Ruffell (WCC)

In attendance: Mr D Murray (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

There was one member of the public present.

152 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations made.

153 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF 15 JANUARY 2014.

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

154 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF 5 FEBRUARY 2015.

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

155 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.

There were no reports due to apologies being sent.

156 MATTERS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL'S PROPERTIES AND THE PARISH.

At 7.09 the meeting was adjourned for public participation.

Mr Morgan was offered the floor. He spoke about the fly-tipping that had been in the field at the end of his garden for the last 2 years that was visible from his house and asked what could be done about it. He said that he would offer to help cover the costs of its removal. Members expressed that they understood his frustration and that it had been mentioned to the farmer several times before. The Chair thanked Mr Morgan for his very generous

offer. Mrs Newton also said that there was some Japanese Knotweed present.

At 7.14pm the meeting reconvened.

157 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE TO REQUEST THE CLERK TO WRITE TO MRS MADDISON UNDER THE POWERS OF GPC WITH REGARD TO THE RUBBISH IN HER RENTED OUT FIELD

The Chairman said that he was happy to convey the offer to the farmer concerned. If there was no reply within two weeks from the farmer then the Clerk should write to Mrs Madison, the owner of the land, and if it was still not cleared then the Council should involve planning enforcement. This was proposed by Mrs Weaver and seconded by Mr Bodger and all agreed.

158 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE PLANNING APPLICATION DEFERRED FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 15/00099/FUL TANGLEWOOD, LOCKHAMS ROAD SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION

Mrs Furby reported on the application which was for a very small extension onto a utility room that would not be overlooked. She proposed that the application be supported and this was seconded by Mr Bodger and all agreed.

159 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE APPEAL LODGED FOR THE CHAPEL, CURBRIDGE

Members discussed the appeal and the hypocrisy of it being refused consent to become a residential dwelling due to there being no need when there were plans for a 'needed' 3,500 houses, some within about 200m of the restored chapel. It was proposed by Mr Bodger and seconded by Mrs Newton that the appeal be supported as the change to a residential dwelling would help the sustainability of the hamlet, it was in a line of continuous development, the dwelling already exists and it had been expressed by residents of Curbridge that they supported a change to residential use. All agreed.

160 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE PROVISION OF ROADSIDE SIGNS IN CURDRIDGE LANE FOR THE MIGRATION OF TOADS AND DUCKS

It was clarified that Curdridge Lane was the site for the Toad sign and Botley Road/Calcot Lane for the ducks sign. It was proposed by Mrs Newton and seconded by Mrs Furby that Highways be approached in the first instance. Mrs Newton mentioned Frogmill Track and the need for a 'Pedestrians have the right of way' sign. It was agreed that residents needed to be consulted over the proposals and also Alison at HCC Rights of Way dept.

161 TO NOTE THE AUTHORISATION OF THE BYELAWS BY THE RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT AND THEIR ENFORCEABLE DATE OF 19 FEBRUARY 2015

The byelaws being approved and the applicable from date were noted, as was the erection of the byelaws signs at the appropriate sites by John Clements.

162 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

163 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE

1. CPRE new membership pack
2. Play Area Inspection – signed up for
3. Pound Copse – Enforcement Reply – tabled for digestion before response
4. Reading Rooms – guidance request signage
5. Highways Response Plantation sign
6. PCC – COMPASS update – Rural Areas policing priorities 2015
7. Receipt Sealed Byelaws DCLG!!
8. Mayor's Community Awards
9. HALC update
10. Receipt of County Cllr's Grant Flood equipment - £450

The response from enforcement was noted and it was suggested to look on street view with respect to the sign.

164 TO AGREE THE CONTINUING ANNUAL GRANTS FOR THE READING ROOMS UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1875 S164 OF £1,000; AND THE PARISH NEWS FOR £250

This was proposed by Mr Bodger and seconded by Mrs Furby and all agreed.

165 TO APPROVE THE FINANCE REPORT DATED 19 FEBRUARY 2015, CHEQUE SIGNING AND PAYMENTS

This was proposed by Mrs Weaver and seconded by Mr Bodger and all agreed.

166 PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Mrs Furby had no report.

Mrs Weaver reported back on the SiD having used the speedwatch equipment three times. Slight teething problems were reported with the build quality of the legs and how they slot in, and that a carry-case would be helpful. However it was reported as a good purchase.

Mr Bodger reported on the Neighbourhood Planning seminar he attended.

Mrs Newton reported on the Country side Access Plan and commenting on support for the Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail; the sewers in Wangfield Lane were still a problem; the leaking water on Station Hill; and an attempted break-in at MJC Tree Surgeons.

Mr Bundell reported on the Water at the bottom of Outlands Lane/A3051 and that the pipe taking water into the ditch was blocked. He enquired of the Clerk if the memorial benches had been ordered, to which the reply was negative as there had been no other feedback on which benches to purchase or what to get engraved on them. It was agreed that the 1.8m Warwick Teak FSC benches at £429 each should be ordered and state "In Memory of (name) Parish Councillor 19.....to 20....."

It was suggested that Caroline Dibden of CPRE be invited to a meeting. The defibrillator training was mentioned and Mrs Furby said that she had already received training. The rubbish found in the cemetery car park was mentioned and it was proposed that the Clerk write to the offender. Mr Bundell said he would draft a letter for the Clerk to finalise.

Finally the Clerk's appraisal was confirmed as having a deadline for comments to come back by the 2 March from Councillors.

That being all the business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed Chairman