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MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7 PM ON THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 2024 IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM CURDRIDGE

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Jonathan Carkeet

Cllr Philip Hedger

Cllr Sian Townsend (left at item 24.24.2)

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

Cllr Vivian Achwal (District Councillor)

Cllr Sudhakar Achwal (District Councillor)

Martin Tod the Leader of Winchester City Council

2 members of the public

Public Session

Miles Willshire advised Members that he wished to support the proposed development site at the top of Gordon Road, not as a representative of the applicant but as a member of the public, based on the developer's offer to install a play area at the Reading Room for circa £50,000. He asked Members if they would support this scheme based on this offer to support the community. Members said that they could not support any application without sight of a formal Planning Application and that they would require the applicant to demonstrate that they had carried out a consultation of all residents to establish support for such a scheme. The Council reiterated that any application that sought approval via the Rural Exception Rule required comprehensive consultation and support from across the community, and this was something that an Applicant had to lead. Members thanked Miles.

24.16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Paul Haskins and Cllr Lynne Newton and from Cllr Small and Cllr Lumby.

24.17 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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

Members noted the written reports to Councillors.

Cllrs Achwal wanted to make Council and residents aware of the warmer homes scheme: the PCM advised that she had requested this information to go onto the website and into the newsletter. They said they would also circulate some information to Members regarding WCC Rural Funding still being available. **ACTION: DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.**

24.19 To approve the Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 8 January 2024

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 8 January 2024. ACTION: PCM/CHAIR.

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

24.21.1 Coledown House Vicarage Lane Curdrige Southampton Hampshire SO32 2DP - Proposed single storey rear extensions (following demolition of greenhouse and external WC/stores), proposed front canopy porch. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 23/02800/HOU.

Cllr Bodger advised that this application would not be imposing or impact the locality adversely.

RESOLVED DO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

24.21.2 WCC Planning Appeal Notification - Jasmine Cottage Hillside APP/L1765/D/23/3331073

24.21.3 Eastleigh Borough Council - Land at Fieldfare Road, adjacent to the roundabout with Winchester Road - **Description:** Erection of 70-bed C2 Care Home with new vehicular access to Fieldfare Road **Application No:** F/23/96629.

Members discussed this application and felt that more care homes are required.

RESOLVED TO NOT OBJECT. ACTION: PCM.

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

24.22.1 Hillview Chapel Lane Curdrige Southampton Hampshire SO32 2BB - Erection of detached single storey summer house along with erection of raised patio area and changes to existing ground levels. (RETROSPECTIVE. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 23/00778/HOU. **PERMITTED. Noted.**

24.22.2 Land West of Yew Trees Harmsworth Farm Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire - - Design Appearance and Scale of all Buildings. Including Materials. -Layout of Foul Sewers and Surface Water drains. -Alignment, Height and Materials of all walls and fences and other means of enclosure. -The Provision to be Made for the storage and disposal of refuse. -The Finished Levels of the proposed Buildings -Landscape Scheme. - External Lighting. Case Officer: Cameron Taylor. Case No: 23/02323/REM. **PERMITTED. Noted.**

24.22.3 Bay Tree House Blind Lane Curdrige Southampton Hampshire SO32 2BL - Single storey rear extension and detached home office and pump room building to replace existing. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 23/02623/HOU. **PERMITTED. Noted.**

24.23 Finance

24.23.1 To approve Finance Report for Full Council 19 January 2024, Quarterly Report and cheque signing & payments

Resolved to approve the Finance Report, Quarterly Report and cheque signing.

ACTION: PCM.

Cllr Carkeet queried whether WCC had raised any queries regarding CPC's precept requirement for 2024-2025. The PCM confirmed they had not.

24.24 Correspondence & Telecommunications

24.24.1 HCC – notification of Future Services Consultation and information for parish councils. **Members agreed that they should individually respond to this consultation and then agree a Council response at the next Full Council Meeting. PCM to request a link to HCC consultation to go on the new website. ACTION: ALL/PCM.**

24.24.2 HCC – notifying that the consultation for the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan has begun and will run 9 January-5 March 2024. **Noted.**

24.24.3 St Peters Church – thank for grant donation towards Curdrige Parish Magazine. **Noted.**

24.24.4 WCC - Funding for Home Insulation and other Measures for Off Gas Properties (to be advertised on the parish website and in Parish Magazine). **Noted.**

24.24.5 HCC Newsletter. **Noted.**

24.24.6 WCC - Greener Faster Update: Open Forum / Grants / CLO Silver (to be advertised on the parish website). **Noted.**

24.24.7 WCC – advertisement for poll staff vacancies (to be advertised on parish website and notice boards). **Noted.**

24.25 Allotment Recreation and Cemetery/Glebe Field (Annual Tree Safety Inspections/Reports) – to discuss detailed inspection reports and decide upon action

Members discussed Cllr Newton's email making recommendations as CPC Tree Warden.

Resolved that Council will:

- i) request its current tree specialist company (who has proven to be reliable and competitive) to provide a quotation for carrying out the recommended tree works, to include the removal of tree 1807 Ash with Ash dieback (and notifications required by WCC). ACTION: PCM;***
- ii) Council will arrange for tree 1807 to be replaced in the next planting season with a small specimen tree, such as a Rowan or Crataegus (as recommended by Cllr Newton). ACTION: PCM;***
- iii) Council will continue with annual tree inspections to ensure tree safety in public areas, which will also allow for tree 1776 Turkey Oak (which is starting to suffer) to be monitored and replaced (when necessary) with a native Quercus Robur. ACTION: PCM.***

24.26 Neighbourhood Plan – update and to discuss grant application sources etc

This item was discussed at the start of the meeting to allow those leaving early to be present for the item.

Martin Todd was invited to give an update on WCC's draft Local Plan and development requirements within the Winchester. He explained that the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH - which had been set up to try to deal with the challenge of planning deficit) had prepared a Statement of Common Grounds which involved identifying Broad Areas of Search for Growth Assessments. This had identified several areas for possible development - South-east/east of Eastleigh Town (Eastleigh); Southleigh (Havant); East of Romsey (Test Valley); South-west of Chandler's Ford (Test Valley) and East of Botley (Winchester), with a speculative figure of 1,000 houses required across all sites. He said the Botley site would be contended, but it was quite worrying as the land East of Botley was all the land from Botley centre to Botley Train Station. These sites will be looked at through Local Plan processes current and future. WCC probably will not revise the current Local Plan, as there is currently not enough evidence to warrant this. There may possibly be some revisions between Reg. 18 and Reg. 19, but they probably will not include this item, as WCC will not be able to consult in time.

Cllr Carkeet felt that if WCC do not include a policy to protect the settlement gap between Whiteley and Curdridge this will put a great deal of pressure on this land, even though Whiteley has already taken an extra 400 houses to help reduce pressure. Martin advised that WCC had included a policy in the draft Local Plan to protect the settlement gap between Botley and Whiteley, but it does not specifically relate to Curdridge. Members asked if Martin would be able to request the officers to revise this to include Curdridge. He said that he would be happy to do so. Cllr Carkeet said that he would email Martin regarding the Local Plan revision to Botley/Curdridge and North Whiteley Gap. **ACTION: CLLR CARKEET.**

Cllr Carkeet then went on to advise that Curdridge Parish Council had recently carried out a consultation of the whole parish for its Vision Statement, working towards a Neighbourhood Plan, which had received a good response. The report is now being finalised to enable Council to report back to residents and it is hoped the next consultation stage will take place around the end of February 2024, to enable the Neighbourhood Plan process to be started at the end of Summer. It is hoped that a Neighbourhood Plan will enable Council to engage more positively with WCC.

Cllr Carkeet confirmed that the initial feedback had identified that residents did not want any large-scale development but felt that some development (particularly smaller homes) was required to enable families to move in to the village. Speeding traffic through the village is a high priority concern because there are no pavements or street lighting. Improving footpaths and public transport had also been identified, as well as protecting public open spaces within the parish and more community focus and promoting community.

Cllr Bodger said that these results very closely mirrored what residents had requested when the last parish consultation had taken place.

Cllr Hedger said that the school also required more younger families within the parish to enable it to be successful.

Martin told Members this process would be very positive for Council and would also enable WCC to understand what Curdridge wants.

Members thanked Martin for his time and said they really appreciated his input.

Cllr Carkeet updated Members that he has started the grant application process for the Neighbourhood Plan (and has been seeking advice). However, an application probably will not be successful this year, as Council is not far enough into the process to enable a strong case to be made. **ACTION: CLLR CARKEET.**

24.27 To note Parish Clerk's Update Report (previously circulated to Members) – noted.

24.28 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Cllr Newton Award Nomination- it was noted that Cllr Newton had accepted Council nominating her. PCM to complete online nomination and to place this item on the Agenda for 15 February 2024 to discuss (as this would be Cllr Newton's last meeting). **ACTION: PCM.**

Southern Water (burst water main and damaged road at Pinkmead – Cllr Burden said that lots of residents had complained to him that Southern Water had not given sufficient updates throughout this process and that HCC's diversion signage was too far along the road coming from Burrige, as it did not allow traffic to divert. Members requested the PCM to write to Southern Water to advise that residents had complained about the lack of sufficient updates and to write to HCC to ask that in future they are mindful of the positioning of their diversion signs (to give motorists time to divert). **ACTION: PCM.**

New Curdridge Parish Council website – Cllr Carkeet said it should be noted what a good job Smart Marketing had done of setting up Curdridge Parish Council's new website so quickly (to tie in with the current subscription ending). He said that the new website is very user friendly and enable residents to access information far easier. Smart Marketing has now taken over updating and maintaining the website from the Parish Council Manager, which will free up her time for other business. Members agreed.

24.29 Exempt Business - to pass a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for discussion of the following business where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business.

24.30 To receive WCC's update reports on Enforcement cases (if applicable) and decide upon any action required.

Cllr Carkeet to provide WCC with an update on an outstanding enforcement case. **ACTION: PCM.**

MEETING CLOSED 8.40 PM.