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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF CURDRIDGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7 PM ON THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2024
IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT CURDRIDGE READING ROOM CURDRIDGE**

Present:

Cllr Eric Bodger (Chairman)

Cllr Larry Burden

Cllr Paul Haskins

Cllr Philip Hedger

Cllr Sian Townsend

In attendance:

Jenny Whittle (Parish Council Manager - PCM)

3 members of the public

Public Session

Kevan Bundell was attending this meeting as a former Chair of Curdridge Parish Council to thank Councillor Newton for her service to the parish and to wish her well in her retirement. He added that he would also like to be on the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party, should Curdridge proceed with producing a Neighbourhood Plan. **ACTION: CLLRS**

CARKEET/HASKINS/HEDGER TO NOTE.

24.31 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Jonathan Carkeet and Cllr Lynne Newton, as well as from the County and District Councillors.

24.32 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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

The county and district reports to Members were noted.

PCM to request the County and District Councillors to prepare reports that they are happy to be placed on Curdridge Parish Council's website from March 2024 (i.e. containing no confidential information). **ACTION: PCM.**

24.34 To approve the Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 18 January 2024

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 18 January 2024. ACTION: PCM/CHAIR.

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

24.35.1 Poplars Farm Curdridge Lane Southampton Hampshire SO32 2BH – change of use of land to equestrian, erection of 11 looseboxes, ancillary structures and associated parking area. Case Officer: Cameron Taylor. Case No: 24/00017/FUL.

Members discussed this application and WCC Officer report(s).

Resolved TO OBJECT on the grounds of ecological impact; Council fully supports and endorses the concerns raised by WCC's Ecology Officer in their associated report. ACTION: PCM.

24.35.2 Harfields Farm House Botley Road Curdridge Southampton Hampshire SO32 2DU - Two no. double car ports (RETROSPECTIVE). Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 24/00067/HOU.

Members discussed this application and WCC Officer report(s).

Resolved TO OBJECT on the grounds of the lack of supporting documents associated with this planning application and the fact that the plans do not accurately represent what has physically been built on site; Council fully supports and endorses the comments of WCC's Ecology Officer. ACTION: PCM.

24.35.3 HCC – appeal notification Avery B, Shedfield Equestrian Centre, Botley Road SO32 2HN (Appeal Ref: APP/Q1770/C/23/3333869). All representations must be received by 8 March 2024.

Members discussed this appeal.

Resolved that the PCM will write to the Planning Inspectorate reiterating Council's previous objection. ACTION: PCM.

24.35.4 Land At Sherecroft Farm Botley Hill Botley Hampshire - Application Reference Number: 20/00494. Date of Decision: 03/02/2023. Condition Number(s): 4 Conditions(s) Removal: The applicant is seeking to amend plots 110 - 115 of the approved scheme because the homes consented under the original permission were proposed to be large executive homes for private sale and the applicant intends to deliver the whole site as affordable housing. As such, these typologies are no longer suitable and cannot be delivered. The amendments relate to the variation of condition 4 (approved plans) to revise the homes on plots 110 - 115 and retention of the Staddle Stone Barn.

Members discussed this application.

Resolved to make no comment.

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

24.36.1 Beech Tree Calcot Lane Curdridge Southampton Hampshire SO32 2BN - Change of use of redundant stable block to holiday residential occupation; Package Treatment Plant (AMENDED PLANS AND DESCRIPTION. Case Officer: Liz Young. Case No: 23/02422/FUL. **PERMITTED. Noted.**

24.36.2 Fairthorne Grange Farm Botley Road Curbridge Southampton Hampshire SO30 2HB - Re-profiling and landscaping works with Site Drainage improvements to allow increased equine use of land. Case Officer: Liz Young. Case No: 23/02377/FUL. **REFUSED. Noted.**

24.37 To adopt General Power of Competence (criteria - Clerk holds relevant professional qualification and has completed training in the exercise of GPC and two-thirds of Councillors have been elected); General Power of Competence eligibility must be reconfirmed at AGMs following ordinary elections to confirm Council meets the prescribed criteria and continues to meet the prescribed criteria when making any resolutions requiring General Power of Competence

Members discussed this item and noted the prescribed eligibility criteria for future reference.

Resolved to adopt General Power of Competence. ACTION: ALL.

24.38 Finance

24.38.1 To approve Finance Report for Full Council 15 February 2024 and cheque signing & payments

Resolved to approve the Finance Report dated 15 February 2024 and cheque signing & payments. ACTION: PCM.

24.38.2 To discuss and decide upon CPC Long Term Service Awards for Parish Councillors (subject to Council continuing to meet General Power of Competence criteria)

Members discussed this item.

Resolved that Council will make a Long Term Service Award of £250.00 to any Curdridge Parish Councillors remaining on Curdridge Parish Council for in excess of 25

years, subject to Council ensuring that it retains General Power of Competence to enable this. ACTION: ALL.

24.39 To formally note the expiration of Cllr Lynne Newton's resignation period and to recognise her long standing service to the parish as a Curdridge Parish Councillor
Members noted Councillor Newton's apologies for this meeting and all commended her for her hard work and service to the parish of Curdridge.

Resolved to make a Long Term Service Award in the sum of £250.00 to Cllr Newton and to invite her to CPC's AGM to formally note this achievement and award. ACTION: PCM.

24.40 Hampshire County Council Future Services Public Consultation – to consider Council's response (following all Members responding individually to this consultation).
Members discussed their various concerns. Cllr Bodger advised that his personal consultation response to HCC reflected these concerns.

Resolved that Cllr Bodger will forward his consultation response to the PCM for her to complete HCC Consultation on behalf of Council. ACTION: CLLR BODGER/PCM.

24.41 CPC Minibus (Sales Proceeds) – to receive and note signed statement from remaining Curdridge Area Transport Scheme representatives authorising minibus sales proceeds to be formally transferred to Curdridge Parish Council, subject to these funds being ear-marked for future community transport projects within the parish

Resolved to receive and note the signed statement (circulated by email to Members). PCM to file original paper copy under "Minibus" in the filing cabinet. ACTION: PCM.

24.42 Correspondence & Telecommunications

24.42.1 Sarah Spenceley, Chair of Governors, Curdridge Primary School – request for Council to consider requesting HCC to install a pedestrian crossing on Botley Road from St Peters Close across to the church/school.

Members discussed this item and noted that Council has previously requested HCC to install a pedestrian crossing from St Peters Close across to St Peter's Church Church; they feel very strongly about supporting this request as Botley Road is extremely dangerous to cross. The PCM reminded Members that a lot of residents crossing Botley Road next to Chapel Lane are also experiencing this issue and requested that Council also continues to lobby HCC to ensure their safety. Members agreed.

Resolved that the PCM will write to Hampshire County Council supporting Curdridge Primary School and requesting that a full traffic light controlled crossing be installed from St Peter's Close (across Botley Road) to St Peter's Church due to the continual danger to pedestrians crossing this road, particularly as this road is regularly crossed by parents with very young children going to and from the pre-school and Curdridge Primary School; children regularly going from Curdridge Primary School to the Reading Room for PE lessons; community groups and clubs and an aging population that includes many disabled residents. The bus stop at St Peter's Close also serves elderly and disabled residents and children from various schools who also have to cross this road and although there is a pavement on the church side of the road, there is only a small pavement area at the St Peter's Close pedestrian exit and bus stop, with the remainder of this side of the road being a narrow verge. HCC should note that the interim flashing lights currently in use are not sufficient to ensure public safety. PCM to copy Curdridge School in on email. ACTION: PCM.

24.42.2 Hampshire ALC Newsletter. **Noted.**

24.42.3 HCC - an update on the progress of the Winchester LCWIP. **Noted.**

24.42.4 HCC Newsletter. **Noted.**

24.42.5 WCC – Parish Connect Newsletter. **Noted; it was also noted that both the PCM and Cllr Townsend had forwarded WCC grant funding information to the Reading Room representatives.**

24.42.6 CPRE – Hampshire Hedge update newsletter. **Noted.**

24.42.7 Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust newsletter. **Noted.**

24.42.8 Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter. **Noted.**

24.42.9 Hampshire ALC - are delighted to announce they will be hosting their first stand alone in-person Annual Conference since 2019, on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at The Solent Spa and Hotel, Rookery Avenue, Whiteley PO15 7AJ. **Noted.**

24.42.10 Hamble Estuary Partnership – notice of meeting 27 February at 2pm. **Noted.**

24.42.11 WCC – update on who to contact for various parish updates. **Noted; Members found this information useful.**

24.43 Neighbourhood Plan – update and to decide upon action (if applicable)

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Members recently had a meeting with Smart Marketing to go through the draft report prepared following the public consultation. The next mailing to be posted to all households within the parish has been drafted and will also update on future events. It is hoped that residents will support a Curdrige Neighbourhood Plan being developed and that enough residents can be recruited to carry out this lengthy process. It was agreed Cllr Haskins (or Cllr Carkeet) will provide Cllr Bodger with an update for the next edition of the parish magazine. **ACTION: CLLRS CARKEET/HASKINS.**

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

PCM leaving update - The PCM advised Members that she has updated her PCM update reports to Members to include all outstanding matters to ensure the incoming PCM is aware of these. She has nearly completed typing up comprehensive guidance notes for most elements of her role and a CPC specific calendar of important date, which she will circulate to Members once completed.

Horse & Jockey (revised Licence terms – annual rent increase to £250) – Cllr Haskins advised that the landlord of the Horse & Jockey has now moved all of the items blocking pedestrian access to the car park (as required by Council) and therefore he and Cllr Carkeet feel they might not be able to negotiate the increased annual rent of £250. Members requested them to continue negotiating these terms with landlord as they believe that annual rent of £250 is still very reasonable for Council's parcel of land. **ACTION: CLLRS CARKEET/HASKINS.**

24.45 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Wickham Road/Botley Road – Cllr Burden reported that several road signs on these roads have been damaged/knocked over. Members requested the PCM to report this to HCC Highways. **ACTION: PCM.**

Speedwatch – Cllr Hedger updated Members that Cllr Newton has handed over the paperwork for Speedwatch to him and has provided him with training. He is hoping that Council can find an alternative volunteer to oversee the Speedwatch organisation ASAP as he has limited time availability. David Wright (one of the candidates applying for CPC's current Casual Vacancy) advised Members he would be happy to consider taking over the Speedwatch organisation, subject to receiving suitable training. It was agreed Cllr Hedger will liaise with him regarding this. **ACTION: CLLR HEDGER.**

Reports of strange behaviour by a member of public – Cllr Townsend has been made aware that several parents have witnessed a European male following women at the Reading Room Recreation Ground and behaving very strangely. This has been reported to the Police, but Members asked the PCM to update the Police that this has now happened to several mothers and request them to ensure that there is a Police presence at the Reading Room (particularly) during school run times. **ACTION: PCM.**

24.46 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.

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

24.48 Parish Council Manager vacancy - to decide upon action required.

The PCM updated Members that the vacancy application closing date has been extended to 12 March and re-advertised with Hampshire ALC and on CPC's website and notice boards. Members clarified that the application does not specify that the Certificate in Local Council Administration qualification is a firm requirement; the PCM confirmed the advertisement states "desirable" only. Cllr Bodger will keep Members updated regarding applications received.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.47 PM.