

Chair's Notes

April 2022

SHELAA

This is an acronym for Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment, and describes a process by which landowners can put forward sites they might consent to sell for building. There has been a lot of justifiable concern in the parish about the way that so much land has been put forward for potential housing development, including much of what makes us such a pair of open villages. The offers cover the period up to 2039, and can be seen at www.winchester.gov.uk/assets/attach/31510/Curdridge.pdf

These submissions are simply part of the public's input to Winchester's revised district plan, and it certainly does not mean that the land will be built on. Many of the offers have been made by agents with no more than lukewarm consent from the landowners.

Curdridge PC has taken the position that only two of the SHELAA submissions should be taken forward for development – the small affordable housing site next to St Peter's Close, and the proposed development around the Botley bypass near King's Corner (which is likely to become "the Pinkmead roundabout", ignoring the long connection with the Jenkyns family). These sites would see Curdridge grow by a quarter without damaging its character. There are also some small sites immediately next to North Whiteley that could be developed with minimal impact on our villages.

Today (16 March) Whiteley PC and I had a meeting with the Winchester City Council (WCC) officers who are developing the new District Plan. The outcome was fairly reassuring – the 380 SHELAA submissions across the Winchester Council area would exceed likely housing needs by a factor of 17, so most of them will not go forward. WCC remains committed to retaining gaps between settlements, and will need persuading to recognize the gap south of Curdridge. It also accepts that the presence of open land within Curdridge village is a vital part of its character, which makes it unlikely that such sites will contribute housing numbers in the revised District plan.

Parish Elections

The Parish Council is up for election on May 5th. If you are considering standing, you can contact ereg@winchester.gov.uk or download a guidance and nomination pack from www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-council-elections-england. Nomination papers for these elections must be completed and submitted by hand to the Returning Officer, City Offices, Winchester City Council, Colebrook Street, Winchester SO23 9LJ by 4pm on Tuesday 5 April 2022.

Parish Council Meetings

Meetings generally take place in the Reading Rooms at 7pm on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Please check the agenda on www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk/Agendas.aspx to find out what is to be discussed.

Affordable Housing – Botley Road, next to St Peter's Close

Fingers remain crossed that we will get formal planning permission in time for the mayor to cut the first sod on 21 April. If you see people wandering over the site that day, it's good news!

The contacts at Hastoe Housing Association for advice about applying for these properties are:

- for shared ownership: Sales & Marketing Manager, Sales@hastoe.com.
- for rental enquiries: Regional Development Manager, WestDev@hastoe.com

Eric Bodger

Planning Decisions and Appeals Notified by Winchester

Oakwood, Curdrige Lane, Curdrige SO32 2BH

Change of Use of an Agricultural building to a dwelling, including the installation of windows, doors and the replacement of the roof and exterior Cladding. Installation of water Drainage and electricity. Case officer: Rose Lister. Case No: 21/03276/PNACOU. Decision: Prior Approval details are REQUIRED.

3 Hillside Kitnocks Hill Curdrige SO32 2HJ

Single storey rear extension and alterations to window and doors to existing house. Case Officer: Peter Korankye-Gyabong. Case No. 21/02721/HOU.

The Glen Gordon Road Curdrige SO32 2BE

Proposed single storey rear and side extension. Case No. 21/03187/HOU. **PERMITTED**

Land Adjacent Beechcroft Vicarage Lane Curdrige

Outline planning permission for the erection of one detached dwelling on a plot of land with an area of less than 0.1 hectare, which forms part of a larger piece of land with an area 0.49 hectare, accessible from Vicarage Lane. The land in question is unused infill land between existing buildings on Vicarage Lane. Case No. 21/03302/OUT. **REFUSED.**

FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL:

Council generally holds two Full Council Meetings each month, on Thursdays at 7pm. The first meeting in each month is primarily for Planning business and urgent Council business as required (this meeting may be cancelled if there is not enough planning business). The second meeting in each month covers Council business, finance business and urgent Planning business as required. The next Full Council Meetings are on:

7 and 21 April, 5 and 19 May, 2 and 23 June 2022 in the Reading Rooms.

Because of the local elections, the 5 May meeting will be in the Committee room. Covid permitting, the 19 May meeting will be preceded by a Parish assembly in the Billiard Room, with refreshments. The second June meeting is on the fourth Thursday to allow for formal approval of Annual Audit Return.

Meeting Agendas, including finalised date, time and venue for meetings are made available on the Parish Council website www.curdrige-pc.gov.uk which will also report meeting cancellations when necessary.