

Chair's Notes

August 2020

Meetings

All our meetings are open to the public, and are easy to join using the Zoom link on the published agenda. However, we have not so far had public participation in these online meetings, so are considering when it will be safe to return to the Reading Room. We decided to stay online for the meetings on 6 August and 3 September and then to review this on 3 September. I would be pleased to hear the views of parishioners on whether you would be more likely to attend a physical meeting (to cllr.bodger.CPC@gmail.com).

Wangfield Lane

As I write this (17 July), Wangfield Lane has been closed for over a week, though the closure is still not showing on [one.network/](#) the usual source for roadworks and closure information. The railway bridge was struck by an eastbound lorry, which displaced the metal section, knocking many bricks off the supporting pillars. The Police immediately closed the road, as further brick-falls remain likely. For those of us who live on this rat-run, the result has been a delightful reduction in traffic, but there is a strong risk that the bridge will be removed rather than repaired (it carries the Bishops Waltham branch, a line long since abandoned).

North Whiteley

The beams for the bridge on Bluebell Way are now in place, and it is hoped to have the route into Whiteley open by the end of August.

Aerial Views of the Villages

At the Council meeting on 16 July, it was decided to store an aerial view of the parish every year or two, to provide a record of how our parish develops over time. Anyone can view the parish from the air using the Satellite layer in Google Maps (other online mapping is available). You can also wind the calendar back on Google Earth Pro to see earlier aerial shots.

Affordable Housing

Developer Hastoe has now received completed Land and Tree surveys, and is waiting for the Ecological survey to be returned. The land survey found discrepancies between SSE's plans and the actual position of overhead cables, and the architect will need to make minor changes to fit in with reality. There is also a discrepancy between Southern Water's record of four manholes on the site and the fact that only one showed up on the survey. Once SW remove the secondary cover on the manhole, we will send a transmitter down the sewer to plot the layout.

It is very desirable to hold a pre-application meeting with Winchester Planning to ensure that the application we provide meets all their requirements, and this is scheduled for August. We are hoping to get some relief from the standard £1000 fee for this, as Winchester is keen to encourage affordable housing in the district.

Your family members can register an interest at: www.helptobuysouth.co.uk (for shared ownership) or www.hampshirehomechoice.org.uk (affordable rent).

Eric Bodger

Planning Decisions and Appeals Notified by Winchester

Poplars Farm Curdridge Lane SO32 2BH

Change of use of land to equestrian, erection of 11 looseboxes with ancillary structures and associated parking area (retrospective). Case No: 20/00700/FUL. **REFUSED.**

Brindle Farm Botley Road Curbridge SO30 2HB

Permission for a holiday let barn (retrospective) Case No. 19/01281/FUL. **PERMITTED.**

Construction of a 3-car barn for owners use with accommodation over for use as a holiday let (Retrospective) Case No. 19/01282/FUL. **PERMITTED.**

Pound Copse Botley Road Curdridge SO32 2DQ

Change of use from domestic garage to self-contained holiday let. Case No 19/02561/FUL. **PERMITTED.**

Beech Tree, Calcot Lane, Curdridge SO32 2BN

Lawful Development Certificate for conversion of a building and use for C3 residential purposes 20/00849/LDC. **REFUSED.**

Home Farm Reading Room Lane Curdridge SO32 2HE (Appeal notified)

Appeal against refusal of Case No: 20/00185/FUL: Construction of two houses following demolition of equestrian business. Removal of Equestrian tie. Appeal Reference: APP/L1765/W/20/3251130

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 is primarily for Council business, finance business and urgent Planning business as required. The next Full Council Meetings are on:

6 August 2020 (Zoom Online Meeting),
[20 August No meeting], 3 September (Zoom Online Meeting), 17 September
(format to be announced)

The Annual Parish Assembly (informal meeting for parishioners with refreshments) has been deferred and will be rescheduled when the need for social distancing ends.

Meeting Agendas, including finalised date, time and venue for meetings are made available on the Parish Council website www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk and will include joining instructions if the meeting is online. The website will also report meeting cancellations when necessary.