

Chair's Notes August 2022

Council Meeting

This is the month when we hold only one meeting. You will be very welcome at our meeting at 7pm on August 4th in the Reading Rooms. This will consider Planning and general business. Please check the agenda on www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk/Agendas.aspx for details of what is to be discussed.

Review of Curdridge Boundary with Whiteley

Thank you to all who have responded to protect our villages from being overwhelmed by the new housing in North Whiteley. At the time of writing, Winchester has not moved the "Governance Review" forward, so I am seeking an extension to the consultation period. The options being considered are described on the Winchester Council website, with a link that allowed you to give your views, at winchester.citizenspace.com/policy/community-governance-review-north-whiteley-phase-1/

Curdridge Parish Council recommends **Option 2**; to move the boundary so that the whole of the North Whiteley MDA (major development area) is in Whiteley. This is in line with Winchester's stated intention when the MDA was given Planning permission, and reflects the fact that Whiteley was conceived as a whole, with its town centre located fairly close to the middle of the contiguous settlement of Whiteley and the MDA. Many of Whiteley's facilities are located in the MDA – School, Playing Fields, other recreation and green infrastructure. Whiteley Town Council is contracted to maintain the infrastructure, which would be complex to fund if these areas were in a different parish.

The character of North Whiteley is very similar to that of Whiteley, but drastically different from Curdridge. The most worrying options (3 and 4) are those that leave all or most of North Whiteley in the parish of Curdridge – if one of those were adopted, Curdridge and Curbridge would make up less than 13% of the housing in the parish, effectively disenfranchising those living in our villages.

Postal addresses and Winchester services are not affected by the parish boundary.

Curdridge Show

Thank you to all who contributed to the Show on 16 July. Although the Reading Rooms are entirely independent of the Parish Council, there are many people involved in both, and the spirit of co-operation is an important part of the village character.

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

We are still waiting for Winchester City Council to approve the legal agreement that sets out who is eligible to live in the homes. Top priority goes to people with a strong connection to the village.

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

Appeals and Planning Decisions Notified by Winchester

North Whiteley Urban Extension, Botley Road, Curbridge

Reserved Matters Application for the public open space at Hangman's Copse and Sawpit Copse.
Case Officer: Robert Green. Case No: 21/01016/REM. **PERMITTED.**

Land At Sherecroft Farm, Botley Hill

Confirmation of Nitrate Mitigation Purchase to meet condition 25. Ref. No: 22/01078/DIC.
PERMITTED.

The Cricketers Inn, Curdrige Lane SO32 2BH

(Retrospective) New timber garden building constructed within the front garden of the pub for ancillary use to the existing pub; the structure will include a pizza oven and seating for customers.
Ref. No: 22/00502/FUL **PERMITTED**

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:

4 August, 1 and 15 September, 6 and 20 October 2022 in the Reading Rooms.

No meeting is planned for 18 August.

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