

Chair's Notes December 2023

Please Act Now to Protect Curdridge

Hampshire's consultation about traffic changes closes on 3 December, so you don't have long to make your views felt, at <https://hampshirecc.welcomesyourfeedback.net/BoorleyGreen>

The proposal that threatens Curdridge is “**Maddoxford Lane/Wallace Avenue Measures**”, which would make all traffic leaving the southern exit of Boorley Park turn east towards Curdridge. The short journey along Maddoxford Lane to the Botley bypass would not be allowed.

There are to be 1380 dwellings in Boorley Park, with the highest density at the end nearest the southern exit. The result will be heavy traffic along narrow and twisty Wangfield Lane. Traffic continuing east will cross the B3035 Botley Road at the already dangerous crossroads, and go on past the Reading Room.

The goal seems to be to divert traffic away from “old” Boorley Green, even though that has straight roads with good visibility, and contains fewer houses than would be affected. There are other traffic-calming proposals, but they do not affect us – other than by using money that could better be spent in villages like ours, without pavements next to their roads.

Progress with the Planning Vision for the Parish

Thank you to everyone who attended the events on 28 October and 13 November. Well over sixty residents came, giving very constructive thoughts about what makes our villages special, and how they should develop over the medium- and long-term. The result was a stack of Post-It notes covering many topics, capturing villagers' views that will strongly influence the Parish Council.

Smart Marketing, who produced our website <https://ourvillage2050.com/> will summarise the views, and work with the Council to produce a consolidated plan to be discussed with villagers in early 2024. This will capture your views of what makes our area such a good place to live today, and ideas how we can protect those qualities in the future.

Don't worry if you missed the events, as you can still give your views in one of the surveys on <https://ourvillage2050.com/survey/>. Much of the work so far has been done by Cllr Carkeet and colleagues, with Smart Marketing, but we hope to recruit a much wider cross section of villagers to build a successor to previous Village Design Statements. The most valuable outcome would be a Neighbourhood Plan, which Winchester would refer to when considering planning applications – it's not easy to get a Neighbourhood Plan approved, but the strong engagement of villagers over the last month gives me hope that we will be able to do it.

Council Meetings

All parishioners are very welcome at our meetings, which are held in the Reading Rooms at 7pm. You can check the agenda on www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk/Agendas.aspx to find what is to be discussed; there may be planning or other items that matter to you.

Eric Bodger

These QR codes can help you get to the consultation sites:

Boorley Green Consultation



To do the Survey



Planning Decisions and Appeals Notified by Winchester

Jubilee Cottage, Summerlands, Botley Road Curdridge SO32 2DS

Single storey rear extension. Case No: 23/02134/PNHOU. Prior Approval Not Required.

The Hollies, Curdridge Lane SO32 2BH

Change of use of land to accommodate three shepherd's huts, package treatment plant and three car parking space. Case No: 23/00999/FUL. *PERMITTED*.

Curdridge Hill, Lockhams Road, Curdridge SO32 2BD

Single storey side extension. Case No: 23/02189/HOU. *PERMITTED*.

Land Opposite Lockhams Hill, Lockhams Road, Curdridge

[at the top of Gordon Road] Erection of 7 Affordable Homes with private amenity space, off-road parking and associated works. Case No: 23/02098/FUL. *REFUSED*

Jasmine Cottage, Hillside, Kitnocks Hill Curdridge SO32 2HJ

The proposed extension and refurbishment of an existing early 20th century, detached, four-bedroom dwelling with a detached double garage to include the demolition of existing extensions on all sides. Case No: 23/02031/HOU. *PERMITTED*. [The applicant modified this proposal following Curdridge PC's successful objection to the original annexe design]

FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

We hold a Full Council Meeting at 7pm on the third Thursday of each month (except in August). When necessary, there will be a Planning meeting on the first Thursday, at which other urgent Council business can be conducted if required.

The next Full Council Meetings are on:

14 December 2023; 18 January; 15 February 2024
in the Reading Rooms.

If urgent business arises, an extra meeting might be required on 7 December and perhaps on the first Thursday of later months

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.