

Chair's Notes December 2022

Consultation on Winchester's Local Plan is open until 14 December

Winchester City Council (WCC) is preparing a Local Plan for development from now until 2039, including locations for new housing. You can respond to the consultation at <https://winchester.citizenspace.com/policy-and-planning/local-plan-regulation-18/>

This is your chance to **Protect the Gap** between Whiteley and Curdridge and have your say about other priorities in the district. The Parish Council has already asked for the Gaps policy to be amended to stop Whiteley encroaching closer to our village. Many plots of land along the A3051 were offered to WCC as SHELAA sites that their owners would be happy to sell for development. Although these SHELAA sites are not currently scheduled for housing we need the gap to be protected explicitly, to avoid the risk of development in future Plan updates.

To protect this vital piece of countryside, please use the consultation to tell Winchester City Council that the Gap between urban Whiteley and rural Curdridge should be protected within Policy NE7.

Road Closures for Coronation Street Parties

Yes, it's a long time until May 6th, but Winchester is expecting to be flooded with applications to close roads for street parties, so has set a deadline of Friday 3 February. If you are planning a street party and need to have your lane closed to vehicles, please apply in good time. Winchester might be able to consider late applications, but cannot guarantee it.

See <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/organising-an-event-in-winchester/special-event-road-closures>

Parish Boundary

Thank you to all who responded to Winchester's consultation about the governance of north Whiteley. There was strong support – over 70% – for Option 2, which moves the boundary so the whole north Whiteley development is in Whiteley. The Advisory group running the review has recommended this outcome to WCC Licensing and Regulation committee. If that committee endorses the change on 7 December, it will be considered by the full Winchester City Council, with a view to making an order to move the boundary. Time is tight, as Whiteley Town Council needs all north Whiteley residents to be on the correct electoral roll so they can vote in its elections next May. Curdridge and Whiteley councils are both confident that this timetable is achievable.

Speedwatch

Have you seen Lynne Newton's Speedwatch team at the Allotment entrance, noting down vehicles speeding along Botley Road? Drivers exceeding 45mph get a letter from the Police, and it seems to work, as few get caught a second time. All past village surveys have shown that fast traffic is a major worry to parishioners, and Speedwatch helps to deter speeding through the village.

We could run more checks if the team were bigger, so if you can spare an hour a few times a month, please offer your help to cllr.newton.cpc@gmail.com

You are welcome at 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 – there may be planning or other items that matter for you.

Eric Bodger

Appeals and Planning Decisions Notified by Winchester

Land to the Rear of Pinewood Cottage, Curdridge Lane, Curdridge (“Pink’s Farm”)

Four Storage Containers for Agricultural Storage. Ref No. 22/02063/APN. *No Objection raised.*

Harfield Farm, Harfield Barn, Botley Road, Curdridge SO32 2DU

Reinstatement of building following accident damage caused by vehicle. Ref No. 22/01920/LIS.
PERMITTED

Land At Reading Room Lane, Curdridge SO32 2HE

Proposed Detached Barn. Case Officer: Jordan Wiseman. Ref No. 22/01594/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:

1 and 15 December 2022, 5 and 19 January, 2 and 16 February 2023
in the Reading Rooms.

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.