

Chair's Notes February 2023

Whiteley Bus Route

The new bus service to Whiteley and beyond is now up and running from Botley Station. The bus turns round by running along Reading Room Lane. At Councillor Newton's suggestion, we have asked if an additional stop could be provided by the Reading Rooms, to provide a service from Curdridge to the shopping centre in Whiteley. Hampshire County Council is actively trying to persuade the bus company to add this stop.

Curdridge-Whiteley Boundary

The second consultation about the planned move of the boundary raised no issues, so there is no need for the Licensing and Regulation Committee to review it. The full Winchester City Council will consider the recommendation on 18 January, with a view to making the order that moves the boundary so that the whole of the north Whiteley development is covered by Whiteley Town Council.

Contentious Planning Applications

The Parish Council has to be consulted about Winchester planning applications, but can only take a position in matters that are legally relevant to Planning. We can raise objections when an application goes against the local plan, or fails to protect landscape or wildlife, and we can also suggest conditions that prevent intrusion on neighbours or on the street scene.

Two recent applications have put the Council in the difficult position of having to tread a fine line between opposing interest groups. Our goal is to support everyone in the parish, but this can be very difficult. For example, a large number of parishioners want to have a viable pub in the village, but the success of the Cricketers has created parking issues in the area, and neighbours are concerned about the noise generated.

Similarly, the application to build four new houses at the top of Gordon Road will take away a view that those in the area have long enjoyed. At the same time, it would allow four new families to share the joys of living in the village. Curdridge has been lucky in not being forced to accept areas of new housing, despite pressures from central government, and the parish council has strongly opposed most of the sites offered under the SHELAA process.

Reading Room Heating

With the aid of a grant from the Parish Council, the Reading Room heating system has been repaired, and modified to make it more efficient.

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 to you.

Street Parties for the Coronation

You need to apply immediately to Winchester City Council if you require a temporary road closure. <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/organising-an-event-in-winchester/special-event-road-closures>

Eric Bodger

Appeals and Planning Decisions Notified by Winchester

Woodland Cottages, The Plantation Curdridge SO32 2DT

Construction of a garden annexe for ancillary accommodation (amended drawings; corrected T1 position). Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 22/01716/HOU. **PERMITTED.**

Burhlea, Sherecroft Gardens Botley SO30 2TP

Single storey side extension, two storey front extension, dormer and loft conversion over garage, new porch, new garden room. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case Nos: 22/01760/HOU and 22/02695/LIS. **PERMITTED.**

Oak Tree Cottage, 5 Botley Road Curdridge SO32 2DS

Proposed two storey side extension. Case no. 22/02532/HOU. **PERMITTED.**

Brackenfield, Wangfield Lane Curdridge SO32 2DA

Redundant agricultural buildings have previously been approved for conversion to one dwelling under Winchester city council reference 21/03180/PNACOU. These buildings are located within a site area of 0.4 ha in a semi-rural location adjacent to a large vacant garden centre complex and a commercial yard, as well as scattered residential properties. The proposals are to convert these buildings into two dwellings, within the existing footprint and building volume. All proposed habitable rooms have access to adequate natural daylight. Case No 22/02798/PNACOU. **Prior Approval Not Required.**

Lower Wangfield Farm, Wangfield Lane Curdridge SO32 2DA

Minor alteration and repair and maintenance following flooding of the property. Case No 22/01921/HCS. **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:

2 and 16 February, 2 and 16 March, 6 and 20 April 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.