

Chair's Notes February 2020

Parish Quay

The Hamble Valley River Forum has lobbied the Harbour Board to adopt the jetty, so we are hoping for an outcome that will preserve it for future generations.

Recycling

At the first Council meeting of 2020, our County Councillor, Roger Huxstep, brought us up to date on Hampshire's moves to continue cost-effective recycling services. Hampshire suffers a common problem of early adopters, in that it developed recycling ahead of most of its peers and now finds the equipment outdated. As a result, they can recycle plastic bottles, but not trays and punnets made of the same material. Severe Government funding cuts mean that it is not feasible to pay for new equipment during the lifetime of the old. There are places you can take other plastics, and one was mentioned near Wickham.

The Household Waste Recycling Centres have a net cost to the County, so it has been decided to introduce a free registration scheme so that Hampshire residents can use the centres without hassle. The goal is to avoid having Hampshire taxpayers funding service to neighbouring counties. To register up to three cars or SUVs at your address, go on-line at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/vehicle-registration> Although Portsmouth and Southampton are separate authorities, their residents can also register without charge.

The day after getting this news, I met a friend from Surrey who said he'd been using a Hampshire centre because it was easier to use than the nearest one in his own county!

Libraries

Roger also alerted the meeting to a consultation on the future of Hampshire's libraries. This is at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/library-consultation> and is open until early March. There are also some drop-in sessions in libraries threatened with closure – the nearest to us is at 2pm to 4pm on 11 Feb at Fair Oak Library). No library within Winchester district is under threat. Also of interest to villagers is the fate of Hedge End and Fareham libraries, which are safe, though their hours of opening are likely to be reduced.

North Whiteley

At the time of writing, the date for opening access from the A3051 through to Whiteley centre remains vague. The accesses at both ends have been formed, but the full link through the site isn't guaranteed until 2022. So we will probably be sharing the A3051 with new residents for some time to come.

The good news for wildlife is that Bovis has confirmed that bat boxes are already in place around the site, and that hedgehog routes are being included.

Speed Limit Reminder

We have looked at the possibility of getting a smaller unit for some of our monitoring sites, but the cost is prohibitive (nearly twice what we paid for our Evolis device).

Eric Bodger

Planning Decisions and Appeal Notifications:

Harfields Farm House Botley Road Curdridge SO32 2DU

Convert listed external barn serving as garage and workshop to house into accommodation ancillary to main house, new out buildings and carports. Demolish existing garden room. Case Officer: Liz Marsden. Case No: 19/02095/HOU & 19/020956/LIS. **APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN**

FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL:

Council has resolved to make all meetings Full Council Meetings. The first meeting in each month will be 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 will be primarily for Council business, finance business and urgent Planning business as required. The next Full Council Meetings are on:

6 & 20 February, 5 and 19 March 2020.

Council Meetings start at 7pm and are held at the Reading Rooms. Meeting Agendas, including finalised meeting date, time and venue for meetings are made available on the Parish Council website www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk (where meeting cancellation notices will also be displayed).