

Chair's Notes February 2022

Parish Council Meetings

Although we intended to run our first-Thursday meetings informally on Zoom during the Omicron peak, the 6 January meeting had to be in person, so that we could approve the 2022-23 precept (funding Winchester collects to pass to the parish). This was set to leave the Parish part of Council tax unchanged.

Please check the agenda on www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk/Agendas.aspx to find out if a meeting will be in the Reading Rooms or online.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance

One of the less obvious consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic is that our local air ambulance is being called out almost twice as often as usual. That is because road ambulances are so much busier, and cannot always deal speedily with some of the most urgent cases. This means that there are occasions when they cannot provide the rapid hospital admission required, and have to transfer the emergency to the helicopter service provided by the air ambulance charity. This increases the number of airborne hours, which is a major expense for the organization.

Many of you will already have been signed up for donations in their four-month campaign, but if you haven't, and would like to donate, go to www.hiowaa.org/donate/

North Whiteley

Outline planning permission for North Whiteley was granted before Winchester raised the environmental standards that apply to planning decisions, and this limits the City's powers when developers submit details in "Reserved matters" applications. Even so, developers are building to high insulation standards, but are leaving the installation of solar panels to the purchasers of the new properties. The parish council has been consulted on the detailed applications for phases 7 and 8, and commented on several aspects. Many of the dwellings in these phases have adjacent parking or garages, which makes it easy to install electric vehicle charging. However, no cable ducts will be installed to remote parking spaces, making it expensive to add charging facilities later.

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

At the time of writing, we are still awaiting formal planning permission. Tender packs have been sent to eligible contractors, with responses due in early February.

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

Hastoe's information is at www.hastoe.com/media/1921/the-hastoe-way-brouchure.pdf

Allotment Recreation Ground

In addition to planting three native oak trees, your Council has approved improvements to the area round the bench, and is building a bridge across the ditch to provide safer access to the storage shed.

Eric Bodger

Planning Decisions and Appeals Notified by Winchester

Yew Trees Harmsworth Farm Botley Road Curbridge SO30 2HB

Design of the proposed dwelling and all other matters not approved under the outline planning application. Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 21/02459/REM. **PERMITTED**

Calcot House Calcot Lane Curdridge SO32 2BN

Retrospective planning application for the replacement of an existing boundary fence, with a new and increased in height close boarded fence along Calcot Lane. Case No: 21/02658/HOU. **PERMITTED**

Land at Wangfield Lane and Vicarage Lane Curdridge SO32 2DP

Change of use from agricultural use to private equestrian use and construction of stables and store. Case No: 20/01702/FUL. **PERMITTED**

Planning Appeal Notification: Beech Tree Calcot Lane - APP/L1765/X/20/3264178

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:

3 and 17 Feb, 3 and 17 March, 7 and 21 April 2022 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.