

Chair's Notes January 2023

Curdrige-Whiteley Boundary

Before Christmas, you should have had a letter from Winchester City Council (WCC) that set out the plan to move the parish boundary to bring the whole north Whiteley development into Whiteley Town Council's area. At the consultation in September and October, over 70% of respondents wanted this to happen (and only 13% wanted the new housing to remain in Curdrige).

This proposal was agreed by WCC Licensing and Regulation Committee on 7 December. The rules of Community Governance reviews require a second consultation on the recommendation, and this is open until 6 January. You can help the process by responding to say you are happy with the plan. Eleven Curdrige properties right on the border are being asked if they would like to move into Whiteley, but they will stay in Curdrige unless they press for a minor diversion of the agreed boundary.

The results of the second consultation will go back to the Licencing and Regulation Committee in January, after which we hope the full Winchester Council will make an order to move the boundary. The intention is that this will take effect in April, allowing the voting register to be changed in time for elections to Whiteley Town Council in May 2023.

Helping the Reading Rooms

At a very cold meeting on 15 December, the Parish Council agreed to make a grant to cover urgent repairs to the heating system in the Reading Rooms. This should make the building much more comfortable and welcoming for groups hiring the facilities. Along with the pubs and the church, the Reading Rooms form a vital meeting point in our spread-out village, and deserve our support.

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

Agreement has been reached between Winchester, Hastoe Housing Association and the landowner, so all we are waiting for is formal consent to the planning application submitted in July 2021. I am not going to tempt providence by repeating October's prediction that it would be granted by the time you read this, but as soon as it is, we will be able to get new quotations to build the houses, and pursue available grant funding.

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.curdrige-pc.gov.uk/Agendas.aspx to find out what is to be discussed – there may be planning or other items that matter to you.

Coronation Street Parties

By the time you read this, there will be just a month left to apply to Winchester City Council if you need a temporary road closure. You can apply online at: <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/organising-an-event-in-winchester/special-event-road-closures>

Eric Bodger

Appeals and Planning Decisions Notified by Winchester

Midstrey Barn, The Plantation Curdridge SO32 2DT

Application to remove condition 12 on Consent for Midstrey Barn, This was created by redevelopment of Bosky Dell (Ref No. 03/02619/FUL). Condition 12 restricted use of the garage to storage of bicycles and parking of cars. An expanded garage block for Midstrey Barn was approved under a minor amendment filed in April 2007 under reference 18436/01. The applicant took up residence in May 2007 with construction of the garage completed shortly after occupation. Since November 2007 to the present day, the garage has been used for storage and as a hobby workshop for bicycle maintenance, DIY construction projects and the construction of a private light aircraft from kit components, contrary to Condition 12. Case Officer: Legal. Case No: 22/02110/LDC. **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:

5 and 19 January, 2 and 16 February, 2 and 16 March 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.