

## **Chair's Notes**

### **January 2020**

The Parish Council wishes a happy New Year to all in the village.

#### **North Whiteley**

By the time you read this, the Parish will probably have some new residents who have just moved into the first houses sold in North Whiteley.

At the time the development was given the go-ahead, the plan was to transfer the land into Whiteley, and Whiteley Town Council committed to maintain all the green infrastructure and leisure facilities to be included in the development. They expected to do that with the council tax precept from the new houses. Unfortunately, staff turnover at Winchester erased that bit of institutional memory, and replaced it with a proposal to create a new parish. I have been working with our City councillors and the chairman of Whiteley Town Council to persuade Winchester to revert to the previously agreed plan, which provides proper funding for all the local facilities of Whiteley.

Until then, the new houses form a third settlement in our parish, alongside Curdridge and Curbridge.

#### **Speed Limit Reminder**

The sign warning drivers not to exceed 40 on Botley Road is now back in place, thanks to the efforts of Councillor Larry Burden. We needed a longer post to get the equipment above the sight line of vehicles coming out of Curdridge Lane. Since we couldn't get one of the right length, Larry cut a longer one down and mounted all the equipment. The plan for January is to install posts in the other monitoring sites, and start to move the sign around the village.

#### **Parish Quay**

Further to my notes in the December issue, we are still working to get the Hamble Harbour authority to adopt the jetty by the *Horse and Jockey*. We also know of a group of quay users who might club together to maintain the facility. The Council is not going to do anything to remove the jetty until every option has been explored.

#### **Speedwatch**

The Curdridge Speedwatch group is independent of the Council, but includes several Parish and City councillors, and is organized by councillor Lynne Newton. It was recently honoured as Police Support Volunteer Team of the Year for 2019. This follows awards earlier in the year from Hampshire and for the South East Region, and shortlisting for the National (Lord Ferrers) award. Lynne treated volunteers to celebratory drinks when we met for dinner in December.

Eric Bodger

## **Planning Decisions and Appeal Notifications:**

### **Land Off Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire**

Change of use for land for dog training purposes and ancillary sale of dog training equipment and dog food. Retention of existing building. Case Officer: Liz Marsden. Case No: 19/01828/FUL. **PERMITTED.**

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### **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:

9 & 23 January, 6 & 20 February 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](http://www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk) (where meeting cancellation notices will also be displayed).