

## **Chair's Notes January 2022**

### **Parish Council Meetings**

Meeting in person at the Reading Rooms had been working reasonably well, with good ventilation and wider spacing than before the pandemic. But this had a disruptive effect on our first November meeting, when the Council manager and a councillor were absent, self-isolating with Covid-19. Fortunately, both have made a good recovery, and could have attended a virtual meeting if these were still permitted. Because of the Omicron variant, we decided not to go ahead with the planned drinks and snacks for villagers after the 16 December meeting, and will wait until May, when we hope to hold an open Parish meeting.

Advice from the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) is that councils should consider empowering the Council manager to act on the outcome of informal meetings conducted virtually if formal (in person) meetings cannot be held. That does not allow any new proposals to be voted through, but could protect the continuity of council services if a surge of Covid-19 infections makes it too dangerous to meet in person. Curdridge hopes to avoid such measures, but if they become necessary, any informal meetings will be held in public on Zoom.

### **North Whiteley**

At present, many of the costs of providing services in North Whiteley are being borne by the developers, but your Council needs to make provision to cover this expense in the future, as these new houses are within our parish. We are confident this can be done without increasing what residents pay as the Parish share of Council tax.

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

The new Planning officer at Winchester issued draft conditions that will apply when permission is granted. They are not onerous or unusual. The City's legal department has appointed an officer to formalize a S.106 agreement, which will define eligibility following principles already agreed between the Parish and WCC's representative.

Chris Meadows, the new representative of Hastoe (the housing association that is developing our site) has hit the ground running, and is in the process of seeking tenders from potential builders. It is unlikely that serious work will begin before the summer, but we still hope to hold a kick-off event in April, while our local City councillor is mayor.

We now have contacts at Hastoe for advice about applying for these properties:

- for Shared Ownership: Sales & Marketing Manager, [Sales@hastoe.com](mailto:Sales@hastoe.com).
- for rental enquiries: Regional Development Manager, [WestDev@hastoe.com](mailto:WestDev@hastoe.com)

Hastoe's standards are at [www.hastoe.com/media/1921/the-hastoe-way-brouchure.pdf](http://www.hastoe.com/media/1921/the-hastoe-way-brouchure.pdf)

### **Allotment Recreation Ground**

Council has approved the purchase and planting of three native oak trees to complete the line of oaks along the southern side of the field, and has made a grant to the Allotment Association for them to plant a walnut tree as their tribute to the work of Stuart Reay in setting it up.

Eric Bodger

## **Planning Decisions and Appeals Notified by Winchester**

### **Mast Rear of Bridge Farm Industries Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire –**

Proposed EE Ltd telecommunications mast - Comprising of the installation of 1No. 27.5m high Swann 1S lattice tower with 6No. antennas, 2No. 0.6m dishes, 3No. ground-based equipment cabinets and ancillary development thereto. All located within a 1.8m chain-link fence on an 8mx6m compound. Additional installation of planting scheme. Case Officer: Robert Green. Case: 21/01799/FUL. **PERMITTED.**

### **North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire**

Reserved matters application for public open space in the southern part of the overall site. Case Officer: Robert Green. Case: 21/02198/REM. **PERMITTED.**

### **Brackenfield Wangfield Lane Curdridge SO32 2DA**

(AMENDED PLANS 03.11.2021) Change of use of an existing agricultural building to a 3 bedroom private residential dwelling. Case Officer: Amy Winch. Case: 21/02249/FUL. **PERMITTED.**

### **Heathers Outlands Lane Curdridge SO30 2HD**

Summerhouse in garden (retrospective). Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case: 21/02402/HOU. **PERMITTED.**

### **2 Hillside, The Copse Kitnocks Hill Curdridge SO32 2HJ**

Double storey side extension with hipped roof. Case: 21/02518/HOU. **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:

6 and 20 Jan, 3 and 17 Feb, 3 and 17 March 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](http://www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk) which will also report meeting cancellations when necessary.