

## **Chair's Notes January 2024**

### **Happy New Year**

On behalf of the Council, I hope you had a wonderful Christmas, and wish you all the very best for 2024.

### **Progress with the Planning Vision for the Parish**

Following the successful community consultation events about the future of our villages, we have been working through the responses received and the questionnaires. We have been delighted with the number of parishioners who have taken part and we will be publishing the outcomes early in 2024.

Smart Marketing, who facilitated the consultation and analysed the survey findings, have now produced a thick document containing the feedback, including all the comments you made. The next step is to identify the main themes and use charts to illustrate them and stimulate further discussion.

During January, every household will be receiving a summary of the feedback from the initial consultations, and an invitation to a second round of events that will help us to produce the Vision 2050 document and set out the road map for the production of a Neighbourhood Plan.

We will be looking for volunteers to help with the Neighbourhood Plan from the summer of 2024. Anyone interested should contact Cllr Carkeet ([Cllr.carkeet.cpc@gmail.com](mailto:Cllr.carkeet.cpc@gmail.com)).

### **Playground**

One theme that already stands out in parishioners' feedback is that the village needs a much better play area. Although the Parish Council owns some land in the village, we feel that it would be much better to support the Reading Room trustees in replacing the existing play area. This is in a focal point for the village, with excellent parking, and they already have a fundraising project involving the School Association and *The Cricketers*.

### **Co-option Vacancy**

I'm sorry to tell you that our most experienced Parish Councillor, Lynne Newton, has announced that she will be moving from the village in February, and will therefore be standing down from the Council. Lynne is well known to many of you, as she walks round the village and its footpaths, often with neighbours' dogs. She will be a hard act to follow. We will start advertising a co-option vacancy in January, looking for someone with as much enthusiasm and drive as Lynne as we work out new directions for the villages. The Council represents Curdridge and Curbridge, and we would welcome applications from people living anywhere in the parish.

### **Council Meetings**

All parishioners are very welcome at our meetings, which are held in the Reading Rooms at 7pm. You can check the agenda on [www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk/Agendas.aspx](http://www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk/Agendas.aspx) to find what is to be discussed; there may be planning or other items that matter to you.

We are holding a special meeting at 7:45pm on **Monday** 8 January, to approve the 2024-25 budget, and to learn more about Silverlake's plans for expansion. We have asked their advisers to make a short presentation, and to answer questions from councillors, so please come along.

Eric Bodger

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

### **Kitnocks Farm Cottage, Outlands Lane, Curdridge SO30 2HD**

Single Storey Rear Extension. Case Officer: Cameron Taylor. Case No: 23/02266/HOU.  
**PERMITTED.**

### **Land at Wangfield Lane and Vicarage Lane, Curdridge (actually at Botley Road and Wangfield Lane)**

New vehicular access to Paddock. Case Officer: Liz Young. Case No: 23/01775/FUL.  
**PERMITTED.**

### **Calcot, Calcot Lane, Curdridge SO32 2BN**

Conversion of existing ground floor garages into annexe accommodation. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Ref. No: 23/02444/HOU. **PERMITTED.**

### **Barn at Poplars Farm, Curdridge Lane, Curdridge**

Conversion of a listed barn to a dwelling and associated alterations: establishment of a residential curtilage, the conversion of 2nd ancillary barn and erection of new ancillary building; installation of ground solar panels (resubmission of 20/02762/FUL and 20/02763/LIS; amended proposal). Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case Nos: 23/01281/FUL and 23/01282/LIS. **PERMITTED.**

### **Appeal Notification:**

### **Land Adjacent Beechcroft, Vicarage Lane, Curdridge SO32 2DP**

Outline application: erection of two dwellings with details of access. Case Ref: 22/02161/OUT

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## **FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

We hold a Full Council Meeting at 7pm on the third Thursday of each month (except in August). When necessary, there will be a Planning meeting on the first Thursday, at which other urgent Council business can be conducted if required.

The next Full Council Meetings are on:

8 and 18 January; 15 February; 21 March 2024  
in the Reading Rooms.

If urgent business arises, an extra meeting might be required on 1 February and perhaps on the first Thursday of later months

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.