

Chair's Notes

July 2023

Speeding Traffic

The existence of so many through routes in Curdridge has made speeding a major worry for villagers – surveys in 2001 and 2011 showed it as one of the top concerns, and of course traffic has got much heavier since then.

The Council has bought two more speed limit reminder devices, which will allow us to monitor Wangfield Lane and Curdridge Lane as well as Lockhams and the sites on the B3035. An extra post is being installed outside the Allotment recreation ground. This is on a straight stretch where speeding is common, despite the dangerous junction with Reading Room Lane nearby. Dave Thorne looks after the units, moving them when appropriate and downloading statistics regularly.

Although a small minority of drivers completely ignore the warnings provided by these units, most people slow down when they find they are speeding.

Public Transport

We are still working with Hampshire County Council to persuade Stagecoach to alter the number 49 route so that it visits the same stops in both directions. In the meantime, Lynne Newton is seeking ways to support non-driving parishioners with urgent transport needs.

Burial Concerns

The Council cemetery is almost full, so the clerk and several councillors held an on-site meeting with the vicar and church warden, to determine if space could be found in the Church burial ground. Although the Home Office has not formally declared the churchyard “closed”, it is clear that no space is available except where the ground is too wet for burials.

The Council cemetery has adequate space available for the interment of cremated remains, in the area near the trees lining the Botley Road. This area cannot be used for burials because of tree roots and the level of the water-table.

There will be fewer Parish Council Meetings

We are trying to reduce the number of council meetings, and hope to eliminate most of the meetings on the first Thursday of each month, except when there is urgent Planning business to consider. Full meetings take place in the Reading Rooms at 7pm on the third Thursday of each month (though not in August, when the clerk takes a well-deserved holiday). All parishioners are very welcome at our meetings. You can check the agenda on 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.

Eric Bodger

Planning Decisions and Appeals Notified by Winchester

Merrion, Gordon Road, Curdridge SO32 2BE

Proposed garden room to end of garden. Case No. 23/00567/LDP. Lawful Development Certificate
PERMIT

Acorn Cottage, Kitnocks Hill, Curdridge SO32 2H

Proposed ground floor extensions (central porch and south east elevation); proposed first floor terrace (south east elevation) with external staircase; other internal alterations including an incidental annexe. Case No. 23/00717/HOU. **PERMITTED.**

Cricketers Pond, Botley Road, Curdridge SO32 2DU

Removal of existing rear extensions and construction of new rear extension. Case No. 23/00035/HOU. **PERMITTED**

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:

20 July, 3 August (Summer recess: 17 August), 21 September, 19 October 2023
in the Reading Rooms.

An extra meeting might be required on 7 September

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.