

## **Chair's Notes**

### **May 2020**

#### **The Strangeness Continues**

At the time I'm writing this, we are preparing to hold the Council's AGM via a Zoom Online Meeting. This is the meeting where councillors' roles are set for the following year, and where we make sure all our procedures are still fit for purpose.

Our virtual meeting on 7 May worked well, allowing us to get through the business just as quickly as we could have done round a real table in the Reading Room.

Future meetings are planned on the dates below. You can find our meeting Agendas (which include the Zoom Online Meeting invite and joining instructions for members of the public) on the "Meetings" page of our website [www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk](http://www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk)

We will wait until the lockdown is over and it is safe to reschedule the Annual Parish Meeting. This meeting is mainly a social event for parishioners to come along and chat to us (and our County & District Councillors if they are in attendance) about issues arising within the parish, whilst also enjoying some light refreshments.

#### **Sherecroft**

As part of the Botley bypass development, the current owners of land north of the A334 are proposing to develop areas near the future King's Corner roundabout for housing, car parking and commercial properties. This planning has involved public consultation, and the developers have been very receptive to feedback from the Parish Council. Recently, Highwood Planning Consultants responded to the three issues raised by Council in the same positive way that they have worked with us throughout the evolution of the application. In particular, they satisfied us on all three points we raised: 50 space car park near Botley station, electric car charging provision, and an emergency access (in the highly unlikely event that the main entrance is blocked). The Council is happy that these are to be incorporated into the scheme.

#### **North Whiteley**

Winchester has proposed a parking restriction on parts of Bluebell Way, to prevent parking near the junctions. Whiteley Town Council is supporting this, and I believe the proposal is reasonable. The opening of Bluebell Way has been delayed by the lockdown, but it should be open by the time you read this.

#### **Affordable Housing**

There is now agreement on details of the land to be transferred to build eight affordable homes just north of St Peter's Close, and we are waiting for the Hastoe housing association directors to sign. Winchester has agreed for a direct footpath to the bus stop, and the next stage is surveying. We will be having another Zoom project meeting in June, after which I should know more.

In the meantime, your family members can register an interest at:

- Shared ownership – [www.helptobuysouth.co.uk](http://www.helptobuysouth.co.uk)
- Affordable rent – [www.hampshirehomechoice.org.uk](http://www.hampshirehomechoice.org.uk)

## Thanks...

To the Parish Council Manager, councillors and others who have stepped up to help vulnerable parishioners with supplies or food and medicines. I hope everyone in Curdridge and Curbridge is keeping well, and looking forward to village life restarting.

Eric Bodger

## Planning Decisions and Appeals Notified by Winchester

Greenclose Wangfield Lane Curdridge - retrospective planning application ref 19/02373/FUL for the change of use from equestrian / agricultural use to the storage of touring caravans. **REFUSED.**

Charden, Chapel Lane, Curdridge - Two storey side extension; single storey front extension (after demolition of existing double garage). Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 20/00423/HOU. **PERMITTED.**

Pinewood Lockhams Road Curdridge SO32 2BD - Erection of 3 Bay Oak Framed Garage to provide space for more car parking and as a storage/workshop room. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 20/00503/HOU. **PERMITTED.**

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### FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL:

Council generally holds two Full Council Meetings each month. 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 is primarily for Council business, finance business and urgent Planning business as required. The next Full Council Meetings are on:

4 June 2020 at 7pm (via Zoom Online Meeting); 25 June 2020 at 7pm (via Zoom Online Meeting); 2 July 2020 (via Zoom Online Meeting)

Annual Parish Assembly (informal meeting for parishioners with refreshments) has been deferred and will be rescheduled when the Covid-19 lockdown ends.

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) and will include joining instructions if the meeting is online. The website will also report meeting cancellations when necessary.