

Chair's Notes February 2022

Volunteer Wanted

We are looking for a Curdridge or Curbridge resident to join two councillors to represent our village on the "North Whiteley Community Governance Review Advisory Group." This has been set up by Winchester City Council to advise which parish should contain the new housing in North Whiteley. The group will meet at least once every two months, so it's not a major commitment of time, though there will be research to do between meetings.

At present, the development area lies almost entirely within Curdridge parish, and now has almost as many houses as our villages put together. When the development is complete, it will outnumber the villages by more than six to one.

Whiteley was conceived as a whole, and many of its facilities lie within the development area: schools, sports pitches and green infrastructure. Whiteley Town council was planning to look after those that are not Hampshire or Winchester's responsibility, but that would be complicated if they were outside its boundaries.

Curdridge PC would welcome a transfer of the area to Whiteley, but any change requires that all affected parties be consulted – Whiteley, Curdridge, and the occupants of the new houses. This will be achieved through the group we'd like you to join.

The group will include our district councillors, one of whom will chair it. There will be two parish councillors from Curdridge and two from Whiteley, plus an individual from each. The new residents will be represented by four individuals living in development area.

Options are:

- setting up a new council for North Whiteley;
- moving the boundary so that the new housing is in Whiteley;
- leaving the housing within Curdridge.

My personal view is that it would be damaging for the character of Curdridge to retain North Whiteley. The chief characteristics of Curdridge are its open landscape and low-density development, which makes it very different from Whiteley. If North Whiteley were to make up 85% of our parishioners, it would be very hard to resist high-density development in the area between Whiteley and Curdridge.

If you would like to be considered as a Curdridge representative, please give your details to Jenny Whittle at clerk@curdridge-pc.org.uk

Parish Council Meetings

Meetings generally take place in the Reading Rooms at 7pm on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Please check the agenda on www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk/Agendas.aspx to find out what is to be discussed.

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

At the time of writing, we are **still** awaiting formal planning permission! Tender packs have been sent to eligible contractors, with responses due before you read this.

The contacts at Hastoe housing association for advice about applying for these properties are:

- for shared ownership: Sales & Marketing Manager, Sales@hastoe.com.
- for rental enquiries: Regional Development Manager, WestDev@hastoe.com

Hastoe's information is at www.hastoe.com/media/1921/the-hastoe-way-brouchure.pdf

Eric Bodger

Planning Decisions and Appeals Notified by Winchester

Yew Trees Harmsworth Farm Botley Road Curbridge SO30 2HB

Design of the proposed dwelling and all other matters not approved under the outline planning application. Case Officer: Nicola Clayton. Case No: 21/02459/REM. **PERMITTED**

Calcot House Calcot Lane Curdridge SO32 2BN

Retrospective planning application for the replacement of an existing boundary fence, with a new and increased in height close boarded fence along Calcot Lane. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 21/02658/HOU. **PERMITTED**

2 North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road, Curbridge

Construction of a shared foot/cycleway (public right of way - section 1.17A). Case Officer: Simon Avery. Case No: 21/01508/REM. **PERMITTED**

Woollams Botley Road Curdridge SO32 2DQ

To instal an in-ground swimming pool of 10m x 4m x 1.2m to 1.6m deep pool system (actual visible and usable length is 9m as we will install an integrated safety cover). The property is a holiday let business and we feel an addition of a simple, elegant pool will serve as an attractive feature within a lawned area of the garden. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 21/02690/HOU and 21/02691/LIS **PERMITTED**.

Beggars Roost Gordon Road Curdridge SO32 2BE

Retrospective - Extension to height of boundary wall from 1.0m to 1.5m and installation of gates. Case Officer: Peter Korankye-Gyabong. Case No: 21/02726/HOU. **PERMITTED**

Fairthorne Grange Farm, Foxwood Botley Road Curbridge SO30 2HB

Construction of an equestrian "Sand School". Case No. 21/03028/FUL. **PERMITTED**

Brackenfield Wangfield Lane Curdridge Southampton Hampshire SO32 2DA

Application to convert an agricultural building to residential C3 use. Case 21/03180/PNACOU. Prior approval required and **approved**.

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:

3 and 17 March, 7 and 21 April, 5 and 19 May 2022 in the Reading Rooms.

Because of the local elections, the 5 May meeting will be in the Committee room. Covid permitting, the 19 May meeting will be preceded by a Parish assembly with refreshments.

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.