

## **Chair's Notes**

### **March 2023**

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

Twenty months after our application went in, Winchester City Council has approved plans for eight affordable homes for rent or shared ownership on the southeast side of the B3035. The land was provided in return for consent for a self-build house, placed so that the view from the road will be in keeping with Curdridge's typical low-density appearance.

The project involves Hastoe Housing as developer, assisted by the landowner (Rob Medway), Curdridge Parish Council and Winchester City. It was initiated by Mags Wylie as Senior Rural Housing Enabler at Action Hampshire. The 2011 village questionnaire identified this site as one of the top choices of parishioners.

The delay in getting permission means that the original builder's quotation expired, so Hastoe now has to go out to tender again. In the meantime, construction costs have escalated, so we will need a larger grant from Homes England to get the homes built. The challenge now is to choose a new contractor and get work started on site as soon as possible.

A legal agreement sets out who is eligible to live in the homes, with top priority going to people with a strong connection to the village. This should include children brought up here whose parents are current residents.

The contacts at Hastoe Housing Association for advice about applying for these properties are:

- 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)

#### **Curdridge-Whiteley Boundary**

It is now agreed that the new housing in north Whiteley will be part of the Whiteley Town Council area. The new boundary leaves the existing village of Curdridge within Curdridge Parish.

One effect of the change is that residents of north Whiteley will vote in Whiteley rather than at the Reading Rooms. Curdridge PC members were elected last year, but Whiteley Town Council comes up for election this May, as does one of the Winchester City Council seats in our ward.

#### **News from Hampshire County Council (HCC)**

Hugh Lumby, our County councillor, confirms that Hampshire is committed to pushing ahead with the Botley bypass. This should provide much needed relief, especially around Curdridge.

HCC has approached the bus company about the proposal that the new 69 bus between Botley Station and Whiteley should stop near the Reading Room.

The site for the new secondary school in Whiteley will be made available this summer. The new school, with 900 places, is expected to be ready for the start of the 2027 academic year.

HCC has received a pre-application enquiry in relation to a possible expansion to the rear of Silverlake garage.

#### **You are Welcome at 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](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.

Eric Bodger

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

### **Land to the South of Botley Road Curdridge Hampshire**

The construction of one private self-build plot, five two-bed houses, one three-bed house and two one-bed flats with associated landscaping and access. Ref. No: 21/01787/FUL. *PERMITTED*.

### **Woodside, Botley Road Curbridge SO30 2HB**

Proposed 2 storey side and front extension. Proposed new roof with loft conversion. Associated internal rework. Proposed two car garage and gated front boundary. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 22/01752/HOU. *APPLICATION WITHDRAWN*.

### **Land West of Yew Trees, Harmsworth Farm Botley Road Curbridge**

Construction of Dwelling. Case No: 22/00158/OUT. *OUTLINE PRERMISSION GRANTED*.

### **Buckswood Cottage, Botley Road Curbridge SO30 2HB**

Proposed Erection of two 5-Bedroom Detached Houses and a Detached Garage. Case No 22/01940/FUL. *APPLICATION WITHDRAWN*

### **Land Opposite Lockhams Hill, Lockhams Road Curdridge**

Erection of 4 detached dwellings (2 x 3 bedroom and 2 x 4 bedroom) with private amenity space, off-road parking, soft landscaping and associated works. Case Officer: Rose Chapman. Case No: 22/02618/FUL. *APPLICATION WITHDRAWN*.

### **Green Close, Wangfield Lane SO32 2DA**

*Notification of Appeal* against an Enforcement Notice – Green Close, Wangfield Lane - APP/L1765/C/22/3313363.

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

We generally hold 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:

2 and 16 March, 6 and 20 April, 4 and 18 May 2023  
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.

## **Time to get walking again!**

With Spring on its way, we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Hampshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/hants> has lots of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said ‘There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Hampshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you’.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.