

Chair's Notes

May 2022

2022-23 Council

The Parish Council election due to take place on 5 May is uncontested, as there were exactly seven nominations for the seven places. We will be welcoming two new faces to the Council – Philip Hedger and Jonathan Carkeet. Larry Burden, Lynne Newton, Paul Haskins, Sian Townsend and I are re-elected. The money saved by not having to hold an election will leave the Council with more to spend on services to residents.

Steve Wallin and Rory Kemp decided not to stand again. They have both worked hard for the village for years, and have kindly offered to help out when they have time.

Please come along to the Parish Assembly and Council meeting at the Reading Rooms on 19 May, where you can meet the new Council and enjoy some light refreshments while questioning us on our plans for the villages. As usual, our agenda is on www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk/Agendas.aspx

Curdridge Boundary

Winchester is reviewing the boundaries of Curdridge and Whiteley in what is called a “Governance Review”. This starts with a consultation involving two councillors from each parish, plus one other parishioner from each, plus four occupants of the North Whiteley development. Our district councillors will also be present. We have proposed Larry Burden and me from the council, and Kevan Bundell as a well-informed parishioner.

The need arises because the development is split between Curdridge and Whiteley, and the Curdridge part includes Whiteley’s school, playing fields and green infrastructure (which Whiteley Town Council is committed to maintain). Since Whiteley was conceived as a single place, Curdridge Parish Council hopes that the boundary will be moved so that the whole new development is in Whiteley. Other possibilities are a new parish, or leaving things as they are (with only some of North Whiteley actually in Whiteley, and the rest in Curdridge).

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The Council has now submitted its evaluation of the sites offered for house-building in the parish, as input to the new Winchester Local Plan covering the period up to 2039. The goal is to protect the character of the village, while assisting Winchester in meeting the requirements imposed on it by central Government. You can see what we said on the Parish website.

We have also asked that Winchester make an explicit statement in the revised District Plan, to protect gaps between settlements, whether or not those settlements are in different parishes. This clarification will avoid the risk of Curbridge and Curdridge coalescing, and would also protect the gap between Shedfield and Waltham Chase.

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

By the time you read this, we should have celebrated the next stage of this project, with the Mayor of Winchester (our local councillor Vivian Achwal) inaugurating the construction on 21 April. Confirmation of the event came too late for me to include a general invitation to the Reading Rooms in the April magazine, but I hope the invitations on our notice-boards and website were seen widely.

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

Eric Bodger

Appeals and Planning Decisions Notified by Winchester

Appeal against refusal of LDC for Beech Tree, Calcot Lane, Curdridge SO32 2BN

The appeal against the refusal by WCC of the lawful development certificate 20/00849/LDC at Beech Tree is being heard at the Mercure Wessex Hotel (Wykeham Suite) Winchester SO23 9LQ on 10 and 11 May 2022. Ref. No: 20/00054/REF. This is a public inquiry.

Ard Coille, Chapel Lane, Curdridge SO32 2BB

Proposed single storey rear extension. Case No. 22/00313/HOU. **PERMITTED**

Land At Wangfield Lane and Vicarage Lane, Curdridge

Discharge of conditions 2 and 3 of planning application 20/01702/FUL. [Details of the facilities for the storage of horse manure, including its location and its means of disposal from the site, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before the use of the stables is commenced.] Ref. No: 22/00407/DIC. **PERMITTED**

North Whiteley Urban Extension, Botley Road, Curbridge

Discharge of condition 5 of planning application 21/00488/FUL [Drainage and Flood management]. Ref. No: 22/00310/DIC. **PERMITTED**

North Whiteley Urban Extension, Botley Road, Curbridge

Reserved Matters application for 76 dwellings in respect of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale including access roads, cycleways, footpaths, car parking, amenity open space, landscape planting, cycle and bin storage facilities and all associated ancillary development (amended plans). Ref. No: 22/00012/REM. **PERMITTED**

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:

5 and 19 May, 2 and 23 June, 7 and 21 July 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 in the Billiard Room, with refreshments. The second June meeting is on the fourth Thursday to allow for formal approval of the Annual Audit Return.

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.