

## **Chair's Notes May 2023**

### **Curdridge Transport Crisis – Could You Help?**

Since the loss of the X9 bus service, living in Curdridge has become even more difficult for non-drivers. Hampshire has subsidized a new service (Stagecoach 49), but this doesn't connect with buses to Southampton, or with trains to Fareham and Winchester. The result is isolation for young and old, and a real problem for those who cannot shop online.

Curdridge PC is custodian of some funds from the former minibus group, and is seeking ways to help non-driving villagers to get to the shops. We could hire Bishops Waltham's minibus three Tuesdays a month, but lack anyone to drive it (former drivers are now over 70, at which age the class D entitlement fell off our licences).

We have checked if local taxi firms could offer a regular service, but none can commit to providing this. In any case, the retained funds would not last very long unless passengers made substantial contributions.

If you are under 70 and a driver, could you spare time on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday mornings of each month to drive the BW minibus? If you could, please volunteer to Lynne Newton. If we had a driver and deputy, it might be possible to introduce a fortnightly service to get Curdridge residents to the shops in Hedge End or Whiteley.

### **Coronation Picnic, Monday 8 May**

Curdridge Parish Council has rented the Reading Rooms on the Coronation Bank Holiday, for a village picnic on the Recreation ground. If the weather is poor, we'll be able to move into the main hall.

Please bring your sandwiches, cakes and celebratory drinks and join us at 1230 on Monday 8<sup>th</sup>. You will also be able to buy food and drinks from the Reading Room charity.

### **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.

Please come to the Annual Parish Assembly, which will be held on 18 May. It provides an opportunity to ask questions of your councillors, meet other residents and to socialise over snacks and drinks.

Eric Bodger

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

### **Land to the Northeast of Greenclose Wangfield Lane SO32 2DA**

Change of use of existing agricultural barn to create three dwellinghouses. Case Officer: Rose Chapman. Case No: 23/00405/PNACOU. *APPLICATION WITHDRAWN.*

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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:

4 and 18 May, 1 and 22 June, 6 and 20 July 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.