

Chair's Notes November 2023

Building a Planning Vision for the Parish

Thank you to all who attended Planning expert Steve Tilbury's training session on 5 October – it gave us all a good insight into how the Planning system works, and certainly deserved its applause at the end.

By the time you read this, you should have received a set of questions about how you would like to see our parish develop. We want these to spark discussion at the consultation events we are running at the Reading Rooms.

If you missed the event on the morning of 28 October, you will be very welcome at the evening session at 6:30 on Monday 13 November.

Our aim is to extend and modernise the Village Design Statement (VDS), which was based on responses to surveys in 2001 and 2011. The VDS defined the character of the parish at that time, and the update will capture villagers' views of what makes our area such a good place to live today.

The new survey and consultation will give us an up-to-date picture of what you think.

Unfortunately, some of the issues identified in earlier years are still with us, including heavy and speeding traffic. Please come to a consultation and tell the Parish Council what else do you want us to know.

In general, we have been spared massive development within the villages, though Curbridge was badly affected when the Government inspector expanded north Whiteley from the original plan of 3000 houses to 3500.

In Curbridge, we have seen infill and other forms of small-scale building, with just one larger development at Sherecroft. The Parish Council did not oppose this plan – it is partly funding the Botley bypass, which should reduce traffic through the village, and it also provides extra parking near the station. The development is very sustainable, being close to the railway station and the shops in Botley.

Winchester's emerging local plan does not impose extra housing on our parish. Their requirement for affordable housing in the area is satisfied by Sherecroft and the eight approved dwellings next to St Peters Close. These should bring younger people into the parish, and help sustain our school and village activities.

Council Meetings

All parishioners are very welcome at our meetings, which are held in the Reading Rooms at 7pm. You can check the agenda on 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

Planning Decisions and Appeals Notified by Winchester

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 No: 23/01515/HOU. **PERMITTED.**

Land Adjacent to Sharsted, Botley Road, Curbridge

Subdivision of the plot and construction of two detached houses with garages, parking, access and landscaping. . Case No: 23/01207/OUT. **REFUSED.**

Yew Trees, Harmsworth Farm, Botley Road, Curbridge SO30 2HB

Proposed erection of two no 3 bed semi-detached dwellings with carports. Case No: 23/01068/FUL. **PERMITTED.**

Mentone, Kitnocks Hill, Curdrige SO32 2HJ

Dropped Kerb to create drive in drive out driveway. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 21/00253/HOU. **PERMITTED.**

Lorentz, Botley Road, Curbridge SO30 2HB

A new three-bedroom detached dwelling; new access; septic tank. Case No: 23/00286/OUT. **PERMITTED.**

FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

We hold a Full Council Meeting at 7pm on the third Thursday of each month (except in August). When necessary, there will be a Planning meeting on the first Thursday, at which other urgent Council business can be conducted if required.

The next Full Council Meetings are on:

16 November, 14 December 2023; 18 January 2024
in the Reading Rooms.

If urgent business arises, an extra meeting might be required on 2 November and perhaps on the first Thursday of later months

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.