

## **Chair's Notes November 2021**

### **Parish Council Meetings**

We are now meeting again in person at the Reading Rooms, with good ventilation and wider spacing than before the pandemic. As usual, the agenda will be posted on noticeboards and on the PC website at [www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk/Agendas.aspx](http://www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk/Agendas.aspx)

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

Unfortunately, the Planning officer responsible for eight affordable homes has left the City Council, causing a delay in getting approval. You can track progress by searching for 21/01787/FUL on [planningapps.winchester.gov.uk](http://planningapps.winchester.gov.uk). We are still hoping that work can begin in 2022, with people able to move in a year later. The mayor of Winchester, our local councillor Vivian Achwal, has agreed to preside over a ground-cutting event in April 2022.

Several potential residents have reported that they have been unable to include their connection to Curdridge at the registration sites: [www.helptobuysouth.co.uk](http://www.helptobuysouth.co.uk) (for shared ownership) or [www.hampshirehomechoice.org.uk](http://www.hampshirehomechoice.org.uk) (affordable rent). The developer has kindly supplied an email address where you can tell them about your connection – [westdev@Hastoe.com](mailto:westdev@Hastoe.com)

### **Outcome of Annual Safety Inspection**

Councillors visited the council's assets in September, to find out if there are any risks to users that need to be fixed. The assets include the Pond, the Pound, the Cemetery and its car park, the Allotment Recreation ground, Glebe field, and some notice-boards and benches (but not the Reading Room or surrounding land, which is run by a charitable trust).

The Allotment Recreation car park suffered from Hampshire Highways' use while they were resurfacing Botley Road – quite a bit of the gravel stuck to their tarmac pile. We are therefore adding and spreading more gravel, to make the area safer. At the same time, we identified areas for improvement on the land itself – the benches will be repainted, and we hope to remove the ditch and berm behind them to create a wildflower area without any trip hazards.

These inspections are used as an opportunity to identify actions that can make the village more attractive, even when there are no apparent risks. The footpaths in the Cemetery will be renewed, making graves accessible by wheelchair, and safer for pedestrians. In the longer term, we hope to improve the viewing area at the pond, though we did not find any current safety issues.

### **Stuart Reay**

Your Council owns the Allotments, but does not have the expense of managing them, thanks to the efforts of the Allotment Association. For many years, this was admirably done by the late Stuart Reay. Julie Hindley, who looked after the Association following his last illness, said that the Allotments might never have come into existence without Stuart's drive and hard work. He will be sadly missed, and it is planned to commemorate his life by planting further trees in the Allotment Recreation ground.

Eric Bodger

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

### **Meadowland Vicarage Lane Curdridge SO32 2DP**

Two-storey side extension and a two-storey rear extension. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 21/01793/HOU. **PERMITTED.**

### **Spring Vale Kitnocks Hill Curdridge SO32 2HJ**

Construct an Orangery on the west side of the house. Construct a 4 bay wooden garage less than 4 metres high near to the old garage that is becoming dilapidated and to be able to store cars and household items. Case No: 21/01979/LDP Lawful Development **PERMITTED.**

### **Harfields Farm House Botley Road Curdridge SO32 2DU**

Add first floor to listed barn serving as garage and workshop, in order to provide bedrooms and games room/gym ancillary to the main house. Relocate existing pool and garden room/plant room. New car port. (Amended Plans) Case Nos. 20/00115/HOU and 20/00116/LIS. **PERMITTED.**

### **North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge (Reserved Matter)**

Construction of a flood alleviation channel and flood alleviation bund (the outline application was not an Environmental Impact Assessment). Case No: 21/01455/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:

4 and 18 November, 2 and 16 December, 6 and 20 Jan 2022 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.