

Chair's Notes November 2022

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 to find out what is to be discussed – there may be planning or other items that matter for you.

Speed Limit Reminders

You will have seen the new reminder devices now operating on Lockhams Road and the B3035. We are grateful to Dave Thorne, who is looking after them and processing the data they collect for us. This has already demonstrated the need for Police enforcement of speed limits – limits that are intended to keep us safe on the many rat-runs through Curdridge. We are hoping to sell the surviving accessories for the old Evolis reminder unit to nearby parishes who still use that brand.

Please Help Protect the Gap between Whiteley and Curdridge

The draft Local Plan for Winchester is now out for consultation – you can review it at <https://democracy.winchester.gov.uk/documents/s22797/Regulation%2018%20Consultation%20Plan.pdf> or (more simply) from a link on the Parish Council home page: <https://www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk/>

You may remember that many plots of land along the A3051 were offered to Winchester City Council (WCC) as SHELAA sites, which means only that their owners would be happy to sell them for development. When the SHELAA list was published, it appeared that the policy of protecting settlement gaps would avoid north Whiteley expanding to meet the village of Curdridge.

Unfortunately, this no longer seems to be the case. The draft Plan explicitly protects only a few gaps between settlements, and the gaps around Curdridge are not among those shown in the Plan under Policy NE7. It's not at all obvious why certain gaps were chosen, but not the gap between urban Whiteley and rural Curdridge.

The Parish Council has engaged a consultant to help make a case for this valuable open space between town and village to be added to NE7. It would really help if villagers used the consultation to make clear that this gap is something they really care about. We'll put the link on the Parish website to make it easy for you to respond.

There are other policies that discourage development between settlements, and those are probably what we will have to rely on to avoid ribbon development between Curdridge and Boorley Green.

Please make your views known to Winchester City Council.

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

With agreement reached between Winchester, Hastoe and the landowner, all we are now waiting for is the formal Planning Permission for the application submitted 16 months ago. I am not going to tempt providence by repeating last month's prediction that it would be granted by the time you read this, but as soon as it is, we will be able to get new quotations for the building and pursue available grant funding.

Eric Bodger

Appeals and Planning Decisions Notified by Winchester

Beech Tree Calcot Lane Curdridge

Conversion of agricultural barn to dwellinghouse. Ref. No: 22/01809/PNACOU. Prior approval details **REFUSED**.

Land to the North of Harfields Farm House Botley Road Curdridge

General-purpose agricultural storage building. Case No: 22/02189/APN. **No Objection raised**.

Brookside Wickham Road Curdridge SO32 2BA

Rear Extension. Ref. No: 22/01883/PNHOU. **Prior Approval Not Required**.

Bury Farmhouse Bury Farm Road Whiteley PO15 7PU

Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension and Proposed Two Storey Front Extension. Ref. No: 22/01703/HOU. **PERMITTED**

Brackenfield Wangfield Lane Curdridge SO32 2DA (actually on Frogmill track)

Two No: Replacements Dwellings & Garages. Ref. No. 22/01487/FUL. **REFUSED**.

Fairthorne Grange Farm, Foxwood, Botley Road Curbridge SO30 2HB

Change of Use of part of Barn to Class B8 and alterations to form a commercial storage facility. Ref. No. 22/01268/FUL. **PERMITTED**

North Whiteley Urban Extension, Botley Road, Curbridge

Formation of a temporary vehicular access between Parcels 12C and 14 (time limited for 24 months) to facilitate access to Parcel 12C until the main road to the parcel from 12B is completed and open. Ref. No. 22/01555/FUL. **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:

3 and 17 November, 1 and 15 December 2022, 5 and 19 January 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 which will also report meeting cancellations when necessary.