

Chair's Notes October 2022

Condolences to the Royal Family

I am writing this while mourning the passing of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Because of the mourning period, your Council cancelled its second September meeting, and will not meet again until 6 October.

We are – individually and collectively – so very grateful for the Queen's selfless service over all or most of our lives, and for the stability she provided through times of rapid change.

We offer our sympathy to the King and his family and have signed the national book of condolence. You can do the same by following the link on Parish Council's home page.

I attended a Proclamation of the King's accession in Russell Square, given by the mayor of Camden and deputy lieutenant of London. There was music, and blessings from a vicar, a rabbi, a Buddhist, an imam and a spokesman from the Humanist Society. It was a moving ceremony, with a good turnout. My presence in London meant that I missed the equally well-attended proclamation by our neighbours in Whiteley.

Behind the Scenes Actions

The Clerk and Councillors have continued with the usual background tasks. Before we heard the sad news of the Queen's death, had met to make plans for a new wildflower area in the Allotment recreation field. Work continues on the pond and cemetery. The dangerous jetty at the *Horse and Jockey* has been removed, and the area around it made good.

Dave Thorne has kindly agreed to look after the village's speed limit reminder (SLR) signs, and will be processing the data from the two new ones. This should provide evidence that it is worth enforcing the limits that were intended to keep villagers safe on the many rat-runs through Curdridge.

Please Help again about the Curdridge Boundary with Whiteley

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey mentioned in last month's magazine. Because of the lack of other publicity, Winchester City Council has re-launched the consultation, with a better process and notices to everyone in the parishes of Curdridge and Whiteley.

Unfortunately, this means that the previous responses will have to be discarded, and your views will need to be given again. I'm sorry for the extra work that creates for you, but it is important to get a clear result that preserves the character of our villages.

To summarise – we don't want the settlement of Whiteley to be split, particularly if it results in Curdridge becoming an appendage of North Whiteley. **Option 2** avoids that risk, and should be supported again. You should have received a flyer from the Parish Council explaining this in more depth.

Please go again, before 9 October, to <https://winchester.citizenspace.com/policy/community-governance-review-north-whiteley-phase-1/>

Bus Service

The cancellation of the 10:20 bus through Curdridge means that the first **official** opportunity to use a pensioner's bus pass isn't until 11:20, which is too late for most people. As a gesture of goodwill, the bus company has agreed to accept the pass on the 9:20 service.

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

We expect to have planning permission by the time you read this, which will enable the housing association to seek funding from Homes England for a contribution towards the costs of building these houses and apartments.

Eric Bodger

Appeals and Planning Decisions Notified by Winchester

Calcot House, Calcot Lane, Curdridge SO32 2BN

Proposed garden wall. Case No: 22/01321/HOU. *PERMITTED*.

The Coach House, The Lodge at Curdridge Lane, Curdridge SO32 2BH

Application Reference 22/01206/FUL sought to remove condition 4 on consent 17/00758/HOU (The annexe hereby permitted, as shown in drawing 03b shall be occupied in association with the dwelling). Council opposed this application. *APPLICATION WITHDRAWN*.

North Whiteley Urban Extension, Botley Road, Curbridge

Discharge of condition 6 of application 20/00108/REM (Scale drawings of build features). Case No: 22/01216/DIC. *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:

6 and 20 October, 3 and 17 November, 1 and 15 December 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 which will also report meeting cancellations when necessary.