

Chair's Notes

October 2020

Meetings

At the Council's Zoom meeting on 3 September, we decided it is not yet safe to return to physical meetings in the Reading Rooms, and will continue meeting on Zoom throughout October. You can attend these meetings without needing to leave home, by following the link included in the agenda. We had a good turnout of parishioners at the first September meeting, mainly driven by concerns that the removal of the Wangfield Lane railway bridge will lead to even larger vehicles using this route as a rat-run. The agenda for each meeting will be posted on the Parish Council website www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk/Council_Meetings_Minutes.aspx

Church Lane

The Parish Council is responsible for the trees on the Car Park land that we rent from the Church, so had to respond quickly when a large tree fell across the road and into the churchyard. We arranged emergency tree works, and cooperated with Hampshire Highways to remove the fallen tree. Fortunately, the stump fell back into its original position, and has been shortened to make it safe, avoiding an ugly gap in the boundary of the car park.

As well as blocking the road, the fallen tree also damaged a shed on the Church land, and the Council has agreed to provide a replacement, as the old shed was beyond repair.

Bus Shelter

You will have noticed the destruction of the bus shelter on Botley Road, caused by a hit and run collision. The Council felt that we should not simply replace it with another metal shelter, as these clash with the rural nature of the village. The plan is to get a wooden shelter that fits in better with the surroundings, which include the nearby lych-gate at the Church.

Hedgehogs

We are lucky that hedgehogs are sometimes to be seen in the village (though I haven't seen one in our garden for over a year). This useful insectivore is in serious decline across the country, and Roger Huxstep, our County Councillor, has passed on a request to report any sightings on the big hedgehog map at <https://bighedgehogmap.org/map-your-hedgehog-sighting>

Affordable Housing

The project to build eight affordable houses on the site just north of St Peters Close is moving on slowly. The developer has paid for a pre-application meeting with Winchester Planning, and the architect has submitted a very coherent set of plans and details. The steering group will meet in October to push on towards a formal planning application.

Eric Bodger

Planning Decisions and Appeals Notified by Winchester

Curdrige Hill Lockhams Road Curdrige SO32 2BD

Single storey side and rear extension. Case 20/01898/LDP. Covered by the permitted development rights for householders September 2019. **PERMITTED.**

Ridgeway The Plantation Curdrige SO32 2DT

Extend garage roof. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 20/01413/HOU. **PERMITTED.**

Homelands Chapel Lane Curdrige Southampton Hampshire SO32 2BB

Erection of a new detached dwelling and detached garage with associated car parking along with alterations to existing access onto Chapel Lane. Case Officer: Rose Lister. Case Nos: 20/01158/FUL and 20/01298/HOU. **PERMITTED.**

Wangfield House Wangfield Lane Curdrige SO32 2DA

Two storey extension to annex. Case Officer: Curtis Badley. Case No: 20/01239/HOU. . **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 is primarily for Council business, finance business and urgent Planning business as required. The next Full Council Meetings are on:

1 October, 15 October (Zoom Online Meetings)
5 November, 19 November (format to be announced)

The Annual Parish Assembly (informal meeting for parishioners with refreshments) has been deferred and will be rescheduled when the need for social distancing ends.

Meeting Agendas, including finalised date, time and venue for meetings are made available on the Parish Council website www.curdrige-pc.gov.uk and will include joining instructions if the meeting is online. The website will also report meeting cancellations when necessary.