

## Chair's Notes September 2023

### **Taking the Planning Vision forward**

Last month, I told you that planning expert Steve Tilbury has been helping us list all the planning policies that are applicable to the village. You can see his summary on the Council website at [www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk/Policy\\_Documents.aspx](http://www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk/Policy_Documents.aspx) (near the bottom of the page).

We have asked Steve to lead a two-hour training session to explain how the policies impact on us. This will be at a meeting open not just to Councillors but to Parishioners as well. An invitation will be posted on the Council website as soon as the date has been set. We want to establish a vision for the villages' future, and to ensure that the Council's focus fits that vision, parishioner consultation will be a key part of the process.

### **Cricketers' Pond**

You'll have noticed that our village pond is less beautiful than it used to be, since Hampshire Highways cut a gully for water to drain into it from the road. Highways claim they have a legal right to do this, but the result has been bad for biodiversity, reducing the number of animals and plants.

Thanks to hard work by Sian Townsend and others, our Council has approved a plan to revamp, renovate and re-establish the plants and creatures to bring the pond back to its former glory. The plan includes widening the bank beside the bench, providing more soil to absorb pollutants from the road.

In September, you will see councillors Sian Townsend and Paul Haskins, working with Rob Edwards, waist deep in the pond clearing sticks and branches. This is the first stage of the plan. We will concentrate on one section of the pond first, then if it works as we hope, we move on to the next section.

Sian has suggested a way in which we could all help, if we use onions. The net bags that onions are often sold in can be filled with Elodea densa plants and thrown into the pond to help oxygenate it. They will also bind the silt, make it more solid and less likely to disperse into the water. This improves water quality and helps creatures and plants thrive. So please drop off your empty onion bags to Sian at Badgers Holt, Lockhams Road.

### **Council Meetings**

Our next full meeting is not until 21 September, so there might be a need for a meeting on 7 September if there is urgent Planning business to consider. 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](http://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

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

### **Jasmine Cottage, Hillside, Kitnocks Hill, Curdridge SO32 2HJ**

The proposed extension and refurbishment of an existing early 21st century, detached, four-bedroom dwelling with a detached double garage to include the demolition of existing extensions on all sides, the internal reconfiguration of the main dwelling, the addition of both single-storey extension and two-storey extensions, and the addition of an annex to the existing double garage. Case No: 23/00841/HOU. *REFUSED*.

### **Heatherlands The Plantation, Curdridge SO32 2DT**

Additional floor to existing dwelling. Case No: 23/01530/PNADD6. *Prior Approval Not Required*.

### **The Hollies, Curdridge Lane, Curdridge SO32 2BH**

Additional floor to existing dwelling. Case No: 23/01530/PNADD6. *Prior Approval Not Required*.

### **2 Parklands, Wangfield Lane, Curdridge SO32 2DA**

Demolition of existing garaging/storage outbuildings with the erection of an oak framed garage with storage above, extension of existing driveway to serve garage. Case No: 23/01313/HOU. *PERMITTED*.

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## **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:

21 September, 19 October, 16 November, 14 December 2023  
in the Reading Rooms.

If urgent business arises, an extra meeting might be required on 7 September  
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](http://www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk) which will also report meeting cancellations when necessary.