

Chair's Notes

September 2020

Meetings

At the Council's Zoom meeting on 3 September, we are due to make a decision on whether it is safe to return to physical meetings in the Reading Rooms. Please join us, and let us know your views. The agenda, with Zoom link, will be posted on the Parish Council site about the time you get this magazine: [www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk/Council Meetings Minutes.aspx](http://www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk/Council_Meetings_Minutes.aspx)

Wangfield Lane

It is now confirmed that the bridge is to be removed, which is bad news for those of us who live on this rat-run, as it will allow even higher vehicles to roar past our houses. I have asked Hampshire County Council to consider making a traffic regulation order (TRO) to stop heavy vehicles from using Maddoxford/Wangfield lanes as a through route, but I know they are loath to make TROs because of cost and the difficulty of enforcing them. Council will also be discussing this matter at its Full Council Meeting on 3 September 2020.

The information on one.network/ suggests the roadworks will be finished on 24 August, but that seems unlikely.

North Whiteley

The opening date for Bluebell Way seems to be slipping at calendar speed, so my suggestion last month that we might see it by the end of August now seems very over-optimistic.

Winchester are taking enforcement action to remove the unlawful Taylor Wimpey sign at the *Horse and Jockey*. Although Curdridge Parish Council owns the land it stands on, we were not asked for permission, and would not have granted it. Taylor Wimpey's action contrasts badly with that of Bovis, who sought planning permission for their signs by the A3051.

Bonfires

I was shocked to be told that "Bonfires are banned because of Covid-19." In practice, they're not actually illegal, but there are strong moral reasons not to light any at present. The presence of particulates in the air seems to make a Covid-19 infection much more severe – you'll have heard the concerns about this on urban bus and lorry routes, but bonfires can load the country air with particulates too – see www.winchester.gov.uk/environment/nuisance/bonfires

Affordable Housing

At an online meeting on 11 August, developer Hastoe reported that the Ecological survey of the site by St Peters Close is complete, and suggests that we should check for the presence of dormice in a nearby hedge, and check the field for reptiles. The land-owner happily consented to these studies, so don't be surprised to see sheets of metal among the maize – reptiles will be attracted to bask on them, facilitating a count. Now we know where the electric cables really are, the architect might have to move one of the houses planned at the bottom of the site a few feet to make it safe to erect scaffolding during building. The sewer through the site has been mapped, and causes no problems for our design.

Action Hampshire has interviewed the main participants in this development, and will post a short film on their web-site when we're a little further on. We decided to try to get photos of the work as it progresses, and St Peter's Church has kindly granted us access to the tower as a suitable vantage point.

Eric Bodger

Planning Decisions and Appeals Notified by Winchester

Brantwood Stables Brantwood Orchard Wangfield Lane SO32 2DA

Internal alterations to existing dwelling resulting in changes to fenestration (windows). Walls rendered. First floor attic rooms - 2 no. flat roof dormers added. Garden machinery store/double garage/log store added to south elevation. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 20/00978/HOU. **PERMITTED.**

Oakwood Curdrige Lane Curdrige SO32 2BH

Erection of a general-purpose agricultural storage building. Case Officer: Curtis Badley Case No: 20/01012/FUL. **PERMITTED.**

Greenclose Wangfield Lane Curdrige SO32 2DA

Retrospective application for the change of use from equestrian / agricultural use to the storage of touring caravans. Case No: 20/01196/FUL. **REFUSED.**

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:

3 September (Zoom Online Meeting), 17 September, 1 October, 15 October
(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.