

Chair's Notes September 2022

Council Meetings

The agenda for our next meeting can be found at www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk/Agendas.aspx.

Review of 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 is planning to re-launch the consultation, with notices to everyone in the parishes of Curdridge and Whiteley. I hope this won't require us all to respond again, but if it does, please make sure you act to preserve the character of our villages. We really 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.

The notice at www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk/ will keep you up to date with any changes the City council makes to the process. We plan to send out an explanatory leaflet as soon as Winchester's plans become firm.

Speeding

Speeding traffic was one of the main concerns raised when we sought villagers' views back in 2011, and the problem has only got worse since. Developments in Boorley Green and Whiteley have increased volumes, and the rat-run along Wangfield Lane now extends to Chapel Lane as well as Reading Room Lane. The Council has repeatedly asked for 30mph limits in Curdridge, Lockhams Road and Curdridge Lane, but Hampshire Highways has consistently refused them.

The County Council is now running a consultation about imposing a default 20mph limit in Hampshire villages [search for "hampshire consultation 20 is plenty"]. A meeting of the Hampshire Association of Local Councils supported Clanfield's suggestion that it would be better for parishes to be able to propose **appropriate** speed limits instead. This would allow us to get sensible limits through Curdridge and on the residential roads in Curdridge.

I recently saw the dire impact of a default 20mph limit throughout the towns and villages of the Scottish Borders Council, where those of us observing the law are left in no doubt as to what a nuisance we are. Resources are never sufficient to enforce limits that nobody sees as reasonable, so people take risks to overtake those sticking to 20.

Several members of your Council take part in Speedwatch sessions, but we are very short-handed, and Lynne Newton (lynne@acacia-active.co.uk) would be very pleased to have more volunteers. The volunteers get brief training from the Police, and then stand together in a safe place so that we can send in reports of vehicles that would have got a ticket if caught on a speed camera. The keepers of these vehicles get a letter from the Police, and we're told that anyone getting a third such letter has it delivered in a marked Police car.

Your Council has recently acquired two new speed limit reminder signs, and will be moving them around the village to warn drivers when they are speeding.

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

The developer and the landowner have both made formal complaints to Winchester City Council about the delays in handling the planning application submitted in June 2021 – despite the fact that the application addressed the concerns raised by Winchester at a pre-application meeting that we paid for.

Eric Bodger

Appeals and Planning Decisions Notified by Winchester

Poplars Farm Curdridge Lane Curdridge SO32 2BH

Use of land for B8 (storage) use having taken place in excess of 10 years. Case Officer: Legal. Case No: 21/00349/LDC. **REFUSED**.

Random Oak The Plantation Curdridge SO32 2DT

Garage at front of property rotated 90 degrees from original approved planning. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 22/01057/HOU. **PERMITTED**.

Myrtle Cottage Gordon Road Curdridge SO32 2BE

UPVC Conservatory erected in 2012 at the back of the house. Case Officer: Legal. Case No: 22/01196/LDP. **Lawful Development Certificate – PERMITTED**

Braeside, Lockhams Road, Curdridge SO32 2BD

Conifer – Fell due to the wind and safety reasons. To replant: 1 Magnolia, 2 Native English hollies, 3 corkscrew willows, 4 budula glowbosai. Case No 22/00563/TPO. **PERMITTED**

North Whiteley Urban Extension, Botley Road, Curbridge

Reserved Matters Application pursuant to Outline planning permission reference number 15/00485/OUT for the construction of 395 dwellings together with associated access roads, footpaths, car parking, landscaping, boundary treatments, bin/cycle storage and above and below ground utility infrastructure The Outline application was accompanied by an Environmental Statement. Case No: 21/01825/REM. **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:

1 and 15 September, 6 and 20 October, 3 and 17 November 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.