

Chair's Notes

August 2021

My sympathy to all who suffered flooding in the extraordinary storm of 12 July.

Parish Council Meetings

We are now meeting again in person at the Reading Rooms, with the tables set further apart to maintain a safe distance between people. This arrangement will continue after the lifting of legal restrictions. The agenda will be posted on the PC website at www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk/Agendas.aspx as usual

The council has agreed to produce a newsletter to go to all parishioners. You will probably be familiar with much of its content from reading this page, but it's always good to have a compact summary, and it will also inform taxpayers who do not subscribe to this excellent magazine.

Parish Quay

We now have the paperwork to apply for the licences needed to remove the jetty behind the *Horse and Jockey*. Councillors agreed to form a working party to take down the structure, which can be dangerous unless constantly maintained.

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

The planning application was submitted at the end of June, though it has not yet appeared on the Winchester City website, so I can't give you a reference. All the required surveys have been supplied to Planning, and we are working on the S.106 agreement that defines responsibilities for Winchester, the developer and the landowner. It also sets out the eligibility criteria for future residents, so we hope to get it posted on the PC website as soon as it is agreed.

North Whiteley

At the North Whiteley Development Forum on 14 July, our County councillor succeeded in getting the issue of the parish boundary put on the agenda for the next forum. By then (November), there will probably be more houses occupied in North Whiteley than in Curdridge and Curbridge combined. However, it is a major step forward that the issue is to be discussed, as continuing delay leaves North Whiteley residents in Curdridge – a parish that does not have the resources to offer the kind of services that Whiteley Town council provides to its residents.

Grass Verges

Hampshire County Council has engaged with the parish on the scope and frequency of grass-cutting, including the areas that Winchester cuts on their behalf. There are safety reasons that sight-lines have to be cut frequently, but there are other areas where parishioners may wish to have fewer cuts. So if you take care of the verge outside your house and wish your flowers did not keep getting chopped down, please let us know, and we will see what can be done. Of course the contractors need clear and simple directions, so it is not possible to exclude one short section of a verge that needs to be cut.

Unfortunately, sight-lines are often obstructed by hedges rather than long grass, and it is the responsibility of landowners to cut hedges on their property. Hampshire does have the right to deal with a serious safety issue, but will only do this after the landowner has ignored a request to trim the hedge – they are then entitled to bill the owner for the work.

Eric Bodger

Planning Decisions and Appeals Notified by Winchester

Random Oak The Plantation Curdridge SO32 2DT

Demolition of existing dining room. Erect two-storey rear extension and raise eaves at the front of the property. Case Officer: Rose Lister. Case No: 21/00966/HOU. **PERMITTED.**

Ambergate Sherecroft Gardens Botley SO30 2TP

Single storey front and rear extensions to dwelling; balcony to first floor southwest side elevation. Garage conversion to incidental use by raising the garage roof to create a loft room and alteration to fenestration. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 21/00987/HOU. **PERMITTED.**

North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge Hampshire

Reserved matters application for 2 allotments and sports pitches. Case Officer: Robert Green. Case No: 20/01879/REM. **PERMITTED.**

St Michaels, The Plantation, Curdridge SO32 2DT

Single storey side extension. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 21/01228/HOU. **PERMITTED**

Curdridge Hill Lockhams Road Curdridge SO32 2BD

Single storey side and rear extension to existing dwelling. Case No 21/01725/LDP. **PERMITTED**

1 Horton Farm Cottages, Lockhams Road, Curdridge SO32 2BD

Erection of a single storey, rear elevation, oak framed garden room. Case No. 21/01185/HOU.

Midstrey Barn, The Plantation, Curdridge SO32 2DT

The construction and ongoing use of a summer house within the curtilage of the property and otherwise in compliance with part E(a) but was built without the benefit of any Class E PD rights due to a pre-existing planning condition that removed PD rights in Classes A-E inclusive. Case No. 21/01077/LDC. **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:

5 August, 2 and 16 September, 7 and 21 October in the Reading Rooms

No meeting planned for 19 August unless there is an emergency.

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.