

Chair's Notes June 2021

City and County Councillors

Following the elections on 6 May, we have the same team of Winchester City councillors, and a new County councillor – Hugh Lumby. I should like to thank Hugh's predecessor, Roger Huxstep, for all he did for our villages, and wish him and Anne-Marie all the best in their new home.

Parish Council Meetings

At our Zoom AGM on 6 May, councillors agreed to continue their current roles (see the minutes on the PC website for details). Our next meeting will be held in the Reading Rooms on 3 June. Although it is still illegal for more than six people to meet indoors, that rule does not apply to businesses or Council meetings, and the Government insists on our meeting in person. We will observe social distancing and wear masks, and if there is insufficient space in the Billiard room, we will move to the main hall. As usual, the agenda will be posted on the PC website in www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk/Agendas.aspx

We also held a formal Parish Assembly on Zoom on May 6th, and are planning a proper Parish get-together later in the year, when we expect it will be safe to meet parishioners for snacks and drinks in the Reading Room.

Southern Parishes Group

There are many common interests among the parishes in the south of Winchester district, so we meet every two months to share experience. Winchester council has been supportive, and the group is arranging joint training of parish councillors and WCC officers in Planning matters.

Our May meeting heard from Korine Bishop, Rural Policing Inspector responsible for strategy at Hampshire Constabulary. She gave us details of the subjects covered by her team, including – agricultural plant theft, poaching, dogs worrying livestock, hunting/shooting/fishing, crime incidents involving animals, and crime within Heritage sites and protected land and habitats. Her District Commander for our area is John Turton. The team uses sophisticated equipment to extend the reach of its staff, including drones with night-vision and thermal imaging.

The Pond

As I mentioned in March, the old water supply to the pond was condemned by Southern Water. Thanks to the generosity of a village resident Kevin Bull, we now have an attractive and standard-conforming supply – Kevin kindly donated his time, skill and materials to building a safe and controllable system. The council is grateful to Kevin for ensuring the Pond can remain an attractive Parish asset.

Affordable Housing

We have now heard from two people with a connection to the villages of Curdridge or Curbridge, who are interested in applying for these houses when they are eventually built. To get on the list, go to: www.helptobuysouth.co.uk (for shared ownership) or www.hampshirehomechoice.org.uk (affordable rent).

Eric Bodger

Planning Decisions and Appeals Notified by Winchester

Botley MOT Centre Bittings Industrial Estate Hillsons Road SO30 2DY

Change of use of a building B2 to sui generis use as an MOT testing station; re-siting of existing portacabin. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No: 21/00146/FUL **PERMITTED**

2 Kitnocks Cottages Wickham Road Curdridge SO32 2HG

Erection of Timber carport. Case No: 21/00691/HOU. **PERMITTED**

Grange House Chapel Lane Curdridge SO32 2BB

Proposed carport on the front driveway. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 21/00506/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:

June 3 and 24, July 1 and 15, 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.