

Chair's Notes May 2021

Elections

On 6 May, you will be able to vote to select a County councillor and a Winchester City councillor. Unless you are registered for a postal or proxy vote, you will need to do that at the Reading Rooms (with your own pen or pencil).

Parish Council Meetings

The Council will continue to work online up to and including the meeting on 6 May, which will be the Annual General Meeting. You can attend our meetings on Zoom without needing to leave home, by following the link included in the agenda. This will be posted on the PC website in www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk/Agendas.aspx

At the time of writing, the Government is still resisting a legal challenge to permit online meetings after that, despite the fact that Covid-19 regulations forbid meetings of more than six indoors, even after 17 May (the Council alone involves eight people).

We are also required to hold a Parish Assembly before 31 May, and plan to do this by starting it on Zoom on May 6th, and adjourning it until later in the year, when we can get together with parishioners for snacks and drinks in the Reading Room.

Winchester Local Plan

After discussions at the April Planning meeting, I submitted the PC's response to Winchester City Council's consultation on its new Local Plan. We supported the proposed South Hampshire Green belt, and have also submitted a request for the north eastern part of the Parish to be designated as "Green infrastructure" to prevent development on our side of the Hamble.

Planning and Enforcement

A frustration for Parish Councillors is that we have no powers to do more than advise on planning matters. When the Council objects to an application, it is just a single objection, so if you have a valid objection to a proposal, you should submit that to Winchester directly.

The same goes for reporting breaches of Planning – WCC can take enforcement action only with evidence from direct observation – either their own or via an eye-witness report. The Parish Council will encourage Enforcement to visit, but some violators are adept at concealing their actions during visits. Enforcement can act on observations by locals, so it is worth submitting a log of violations that you have actually seen or heard (when they act, Winchester can withhold your name if you fear retribution).

Eric Bodger

Planning Decisions and Appeals Notified by Winchester

Willowpool Lockhams Road Curdridge SO32 2BD

Proposed side extension to provide new bedrooms on ground floor and first floor. Case Officer: Cameron Finch. Case No: 21/00227/HOU. **PERMITTED**

Home Farm Reading Room Lane Curdridge SO32 2HE

Construction of one dwelling, relocation of grooms flat within the barn and use of the original grooms flat for ancillary equestrian purposes. Case Officer: Rose Lister. Case No: 21/00042/FUL. **PERMITTED subject to three pages of conditions.** The Parish Council had objected to the new house, which is in a field clearly visible from two roads.

Curdridge Grange Curdridge Lane Curdridge SO32 2BH

Application is for ground mounted solar panel installation for Curdridge Grange located in the agricultural field behind the property. Case Officer: Liz Marsden. Case No. 21/00328/FUL **PERMITTED.**

The Old Orchard Lockhams Road Curdridge Southampton Hampshire SO32 2BD

New rear/side extension. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case No 21/00474/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:

May 6: 7pm: Annual General Meeting (Zoom Online Meetings)

To comply with regulations, we will start the Annual Parish Assembly online at 6:45pm on Thursday 6 May, but adjourn until it is safe to meet parishioners in the Reading Room for snacks and drinks, with invited speakers.

May 20: Format to be announced on the Agenda

Meeting Agendas, including finalised date, time and venue (or link) for meetings are made available on the Parish Council website www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk and will include joining instructions when the meeting is online. The website will also report meeting cancellations when necessary.