



Curdridge Parish Council News

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CHAIR'S NOTES JULY 2018

As you may know, some time ago the bus company unilaterally changed the **bus route** through the village, leaving part of the village without a service and a highly dangerous bus stop opposite the Cricketers. The Parish Council supports the bus reverting back to its original route along Lockhams Road and Chapel Lane, as originally established by former PC Chair Marianne Small. However, if using Chapel Lane is shown by the bus company not to be viable, as they have argued, then Council would like the bus company to reconsider an alternative revised route along Lockhams Road, Wickham Road and Reading Room Lane. This should ensure that the bus route is safer for users and serves all parts of the village. We are lobbying the bus company and HCC who subsidise the route. Following the **Affordable Housing Project Drop-In** Event in March, we discussed the report drawn up by HARA (Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing) and others. There had been a lot of interest in and comment on the draft plans and it was confirmed that there are currently 8 applicants from Curdridge in need of local housing on the housing register and 10 local residents on the register for Help to Buy South. However, the PC were concerned that the options presented at the Drop-in event did not mirror their

recommendation of having a far more linear design with a very narrow road frontage and going further back on the site. Council requested that the architect draws up two further site layout plans for such an option, one with access from both St Peters Close and one with access from Botley Road. The PC will continue to pressing for a design that has as short a road frontage as possible and which will therefore intrude as little as possible into open countryside. It was also noted that WCC is currently considering parking and access issues at St Peters Close and may introduce parking bays where there are currently very wide verges, therefore keeping the road clear. The PC is constantly lobbying for **road improvement/traffic control** measures and is willing to spend some of our resources, which have been earmarked for the purpose, on suitable projects. The new kerb at the Lockhams Road-Curdridge Lane junction was our last such project. Our current agreed priority is for speed limit reduction and signage on Lockhams Road/Chapel Lane, where there have been a number of accidents. At the same time, together with

our WCC Councillor Roger Bentote, we are pressing for a 30mph speed limit and a pedestrian refuge/crossing-point on Station Hill. Unfortunately Highways have rejected our request for a 40mph speed limit on Kitnocks Hill on the grounds that there have been relatively few accidents and the need to prioritise more dangerous roads and junctions.

PLANNING DECISIONS

High Trees Botley Road
Curdridge SO32 2DS -
Garage with granny annex.
Case Officer: Robert Green.
Case No: 18/00514/HOU.
PERMITTED.

Home Farm Reading Room
Lane Curdridge SO32 2HE -
Construction of a replacement
dwelling and garage. Case
Officer: Liz Marsden. Case
No: 18/00656/FUL.
PERMITTED.

Barons Court Curdridge Lane
Curdridge Southampton
Hampshire SO32 2BJ - New
dwelling on garden to rear of
Barons Court with access off
private road. Case Officer: Liz
Marsden. Case No: 18/00693/
FUL. **REFUSED.**

Next Planning, Highway & Licensing Meetings (if sufficient business) 5 July, 2 August, 13 Sep 2018

Full Council Meetings 19 July, 16 Aug, 13 Sep 2018

Council Meetings start at 7pm and are held at the Reading Rooms.

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