

## **Chair's Notes June 2019**

### **Annual General Meeting – 16 May 2019**

The deadline for these notes is before Curdridge Parish Council's AGM, so I might no longer be chairman by the time you read this. The AGM is largely concerned with internal business, including the distribution of responsibilities such as Tree wardens, managers of the Cemetery, etc., as well as appointing chair and vice-chairs.

### **Boorley Green**

At the time of writing, we have not heard of any further growth in plans for Boorley Green. Your Council commented on a plan for a children's nursery within the main development, which will be a welcome addition. Our only concern was the narrowness of the access road, and lack of space for vehicles to turn – it is inevitable that parents will be entering to drop off their children at the same time as others are leaving after dropping off, and the access is so narrow that this two-way traffic will pose a risk to anyone approaching on foot.

### **Missing Post Box**

After the post box at the Plantation was knocked down by a vehicle, Royal Mail decided not to replace it. They cited regulatory requirements that require them to have a box with half a mile of 98% of all delivery points, and have proved resistant to all appeals by the Council to reconsider. When pressed, they took the line that the location made it dangerous to empty the box, but seem uninterested in the danger to residents trailing down Curdridge lane to the next box near the Cricketers. Clearly the 98% criterion is not met in Curdridge, but I suppose coverage in urban environments helps them achieve it nationwide. As a foreign-owned private company, Royal Mail is hard to influence, but complaints from those affected might add weight to the Council's efforts.

### **Winchester Southern Parishes**

Curdridge Parish Council works with nine other parishes in the south of Winchester district to share ideas and concerns, and to present a unified face to the City and County. Our May meeting will be briefed by Winchester on fly-tipping – a general concern in rural areas. The Southern Parishes group covers an area from Owslebury in the NW to Denmead in the east, and Whiteley to our south. At present, Bishops Waltham is kindly providing administration for the group.

### **The Phone Box**

The work on the old telephone kiosk by St Peter's Close has produced a very successful village box exchange, which also features some games and DVDs. For the moment, we have left the "Telephone" signs at the top of the box, to preserve the authenticity of the Giles Gilbert Scott design. Please let me know if you think this is the right course, or if it will cause confusion.

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Eric Bodger

### **Planning Decisions**

Kitnocks House Wickham Road Curdridge SO32 2HG - First floor dormer extension, providing three bedrooms with ensembles. Case Officer: Liz Marsden. Case No: 19/00638/FUL. **PERMITTED.**

### **Future meeting dates for Curdridge Parish Council**

Planning, Highway & Licensing Committee Meetings (if there is sufficient business): 6 June 2019, 4 July 2019, 8 August 2019 (combined with Full Council), 5 September 2019

#### Full Council Meetings:

23 May 2019 at 8pm in the Main Hall (Annual Assembly – Meeting for Parishioners), 27 June 2019, 18 July 2019, Recess in August, 19 September 2019.

Council Meetings start at 7pm and are held at the Reading Rooms. Meeting Agendas (including finalised date, time and venue for meetings) are made available on the Parish Council website.