



Curdridge Parish Council News

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I had a meeting with important people - including our City Councillors - in Winchester recently to discuss the matter of the **proposed lighting along the A3051** from Kings Corner/Pinkmead down to where the new Whiteley Way will come out just above Curbridge. The North Whiteley plans include a cycle and pedestrian path to run alongside the road and Hampshire CC want it lit with five metre tall lamp posts. The PC supports the plan for the new cycle/pedestrian path, but we have opposed lighting. Our position is that such lighting is an unwelcome and unnecessary intrusion into a rural area, including into the official Heritage Landscape of Fairthorne Manor. We are lobbying hard, but the matter will be decided at the next meeting of the North Whiteley Forum - of which I am a member - at the end of March. If you are interested in helping us oppose this lighting proposal please send me an e-mail (kbundell@yahoo.co.uk) and I will keep you informed of developments. And then please come to the Forum meeting to make your views known.

I must thank Councillor Rory Kemp for representing the PC at a recent meeting of Winchester's Planning and Development Committee. We have been concerned at the scale of basement excavations going on at **Broadlands**,

Chapel Lane. This was done in advance of receiving planning permission and therefore without an agreed plan for the removal of some hundreds of lorry loads of spoil. The Committee passed the retrospective application, but we hope we have alerted the Planners to the issues that may arise when basements are proposed. Thanks also to Roger Duckworth - who also spoke at the Committee - for keeping us informed about this development.

I regret to have to report that Councillor **Christine Weaver** is a councillor no longer. She has been a valued part of our team but she has now decided to step down to make time for other activities. I am particularly grateful to her for bringing her finance and accounts expertise to the Council, but she has also given her time to the Speedwatch group and to helping with a range of activities for our elderly residents. I wish her well in her 'retirement'.

Meanwhile, I am happy to report that **Kevin Bull**, of Cricketers Cottage, has volunteered to join us and has been - by due process - co-opted to the Parish Council. Kevin

has lived in the village for three years and is a builder/developer by profession. We look forward to him bringing his particular knowledge - and obvious enthusiasm - to the Council.

Kevin Bundell

Planning Decisions:

Kitnocks House Wickham Road Curdridge SO32 2HG - Extension to existing residential care home. Case Officer: Liz Marsden. Case No: 16/03137/FUL.

PERMITTED.

Street Record Calcot Lane Curdridge Hampshire - Erection of new single storey business unit for use class B1 within existing industrial estate. Case Officer: Lisa Booth. Case No: 16/02733/FUL. **PERMITTED.**

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Our Annual Parish Meeting is to be held at 7pm on Thursday, 20 April 2017 at the Reading Room. Please feel free to come along and listen to presentations by representatives from the County and District Councils and Hampshire Constabulary and to raise any questions you may have.

Next Planning, Highway & Licensing Meetings (if sufficient business) 2 March 2017; 6 April 2017, 4 May 2017.

Next Full Council Meetings 16 March, 20 April, 18 May. Council Meetings start at 7pm and are held at the Reading Rooms.

Contact details for the Council are published in this magazine. Approved Minutes are available on the Parish Council website.