

Chair's Notes March 2019

Welcome to Councillor Larry Burden

Following the resignation of Kevan Bundell, your council was one member short. There was no demand for an (expensive) election, so we advertised for someone who could be co-opted until the next formal elections come round in 2022. We were delighted when Larry Burden applied, as he is someone who has long been active in the service of the village. Larry is a trustee of the Reading Rom charity, and all who have worked on the annual show will have depended on his tireless efforts behind the scenes to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

Larry was co-opted at the full Council meeting in January, and formally signed the declaration in time to join our February Planning meeting.

Between our Villages

You will have noticed the tree clearance in preparation for the new footpath and cycleway beside the A3051 south of King's Corner. This is being provided as part of the infrastructure for the North Whiteley development, and will also improve access from Curbridge and Fairthorne.

What's SHELA?

Like all districts, Winchester has to keep a record of pieces of land whose owners have submitted as plots they would like to offer for development. This list is called SHELA, and can be viewed by following the Curridge link on <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/evidence-base/housing/shlaa-strategic-housing-land-availability-assessment> Almost all the sites in our area conflict with WCC's policy on development in the countryside, but it is still necessary to ensure that the descriptions are accurate. Several sites offered form the open space between Curbridge and Curridge, but are not currently flagged as Settlement Gaps. The council resolved to make Winchester aware of that discrepancy.

Meetings

The February Planning meeting was well attended by villagers interested in two agenda items.

One was Winchester's offer for sale of a bit of land near Tebourba Way on Outlands Lane This has been used as a layby in a way that disturbed the peace of the family living behind it, who wish to resolve the issue by adding it to their garden. Winchester granted the change of use to private garden, so the land can now be sold and enclosed. The city has very properly offered the sale by tender, though it seems obvious that it is only of value to the adjacent property.

The other group were concerned about a planning appeal against a decision by Winchester to refuse an application for a back-land development your council had also opposed. The council stands by its original comments, and has nothing further to add, though interested parties can of course apprise the inspector of any new information if they wish.

Speedwatch

Councillor Newton reported two pieces of news from the Speedwatch Group. After several years of lobbying, new stretches of 40mph road can be monitored. Also, the group has been awarded Police Support Volunteer Team of the Year for 2018/19.

Eric Bodger

Planning Decisions

There are no new Planning decisions for this period.

Future meeting dates for Curdridge Parish Council

Planning, Highway & Licensing Committee Meetings (if there is sufficient business):
7 March 2019, 4 April and 2 May 2019

Full Council Meetings:

21 March 2019, 18 April 2019 and 16 May 2019 (the Annual Parish Meeting)

Council Meetings start at 7pm and are held at the Reading Rooms. Meeting Agendas are made available on the Parish Council website.