

Chair's Notes

November 2019

Affordable Housing

Many parishioners will have attended the consultation at the Reading Rooms on 28 October, and seen the plans for eight new affordable homes on Botley Road next to St Peters Close. If Winchester gives planning permission, the land for these will be funded by allowing a single private house at the Botley Road end of the site, which is on a larger plot, to preserve the open aspect that is so characteristic of Curdridge.

You can see the planned layout on the attached picture. Although the Winterbourne stream at the bottom of the site is usually dry, the houses near it have been located so there is no risk of flooding even after the heaviest downpours. A new bridge is to be constructed to the Recreation Ground, providing safe pedestrian access to the Reading Room.

Broadband Progress

Those of us who live on Wangfield Lane found it hard to get home over two weeks around the end of September, when the road was dug up to provide ducts for BT Openreach optical fibres. There's no date yet for when locals will be offered ultra-fast fibre to the premises (FTTP), nor what it will cost. But it is clear that BT is on the way to remedying the slow and unreliable internet service the village gets over old overhead wires. It is to be hoped that fibre will soon be laid along Calcot Lane, as the residents paid the County some months ago to add this to the installation plan.

New Speed Warning Device

We have now received the long post that is needed to reinstate the speed limit reminder on Botley Road. In the meantime, we have gained experience and data on Lockhams Road. Only one resident complained of being disturbed by the display, which we addressed by switching it off overnight and pointing in the opposite direction. The device collects data in both directions, and we are looking for a way to collect data even when the display is off.

When the device was on Botley Road, we saw some horrifying high speeds. Things seem somewhat better on Lockhams Road, though the person doing 62 in the half-hour after 11pm on Sunday 29 Sept should feel ashamed.

Eric Bodger

Planning Decisions and Appeal Notifications:

Woodside The Plantation Curdridge SO32 2DT

Two-storey side extension after removal of garage; first floor rear extension over existing ground floor extension. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case 19/01607/HOU. PERMITTED.

Fir Tree Lodge Chapel Lane Curdridge SO32 2BB

Rebuild larger garage; enclose courtyard with a side extension; erection of new summer house. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case 19/01558/LDP. PERMITTED.

5 Hillside Kitnocks Hill Curdridge SO32 2HJ

Proposed single storey side extension. Case Officer: Marge Ballinger. Case 19/01798/HOU. PERMITTED

FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL:

Council has now resolved to make all meetings Full Council Meetings. The first meeting in each month will be 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 will be primarily for Council business, finance business and urgent Planning business as required. The next Full Council Meetings are on:

7 & 21 November 2019, 5 & 19 December 2019 and 9 & 23 January 2020.

Council Meetings start at 7pm and are held at the Reading Rooms. Meeting Agendas, including finalised meeting date, time and venue for meetings are made available on the Parish Council website www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk (where meeting cancellation notices will also be displayed).