

Chair's Notes October 2019

Minutes Available Sooner

Following the decision to make all meetings as Full Council meetings, we were able to approve the minutes of September 5th within two weeks, so they could be published without waiting the month that was previously needed.

Cemetery and Glebe Field

The tree that fell in the Glebe field destroyed part of the fence separating it from the cemetery. Your council arranged for remains of the tree to be removed, and the fence repaired. After that, councillors formed a working party to remove brambles from the edge of the cemetery so we can fill in the gaps in the yew hedge being grown there. Councillor Newton is missing from the photo because she was behind the camera.

Highways Improvements

Your Council's lobbying of Hampshire Highways has finally borne fruit, in the form of new signage at the dangerous junction of Chapel Lane with Lockhams Road.

New Speed Warning Device

At the same time, Highways installed the roadside socket that has allowed us to deploy our new speed limit reminder sign on Lockhams Road. You may have seen this sign previously near the Pound on Botley Road, and there are several other sites in the village where we are licensed to use it. By the time you read this, we should have a longer post at the Pound – the standard 3m post put the sign too low to maintain sight lines. The battery life of the sign depends on traffic volume, so we invested in a solar panel for the busiest stretch of road, avoiding the need to pay a contractor to change batteries.

We would welcome feedback from residents close to the Lockhams Road location if they find the display disturbs them at night. Although the unit can record speeds without flashing warnings, this loses the major benefit of warning motorists when they are speeding.

Curbridge

There have been several accidents and near misses on the bridge near the *Horse and Jockey*, and the council is grateful to Mr and Mrs Holt for conducting traffic surveys to show the need for action. There is currently a high level of HGV traffic using a bridge that is only wide enough for one large vehicle. This might be temporary, while the new accesses to North Whiteley are being constructed, but even if it is short-term, action is needed as a matter of urgency. Your council has asked Hampshire Highways to seek a solution.

Planning Enforcement

I have been involved in a focus group developing Winchester City's new Enforcement Plan. This should be in place by the beginning of November, and should make clear what the City will do to protect us from unlawful development.

Eric Bodger

Planning Decisions and Appeal Notifications:

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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:

3 & 17 October 2019, 7 & 21 November 2019 and 5 & 19 December 2019.

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.curdrige-pc.gov.uk (where meeting cancellation notices will also be displayed).

PLANNING DECISIONS

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