



# Curdridge Parish Council News

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## CHAIR'S NOTES

### APRIL 2018

I am pleased to report that Curdridge Parish Council is in the process of hopefully obtaining grant funding from Hampshire County Council under their **Parish Lengthsman Scheme**. A Lengthsman is a traditional role concerned with looking after local highway matters, including footpaths, ditches and minimal pavement maintenance works. If our application is successful, our Lengthsman will be responsible for looking after our new village gates, clearing litter and leaves from parish council properties abutting the highway, some verge mowing, minimal maintenance of pavements and footpaths and other tasks as they arise. We have already been employing a grounds maintenance contractor to do some of these tasks (as well as other work), but this new grant funding will help stretch our own funds further.

We have also obtained Hampshire County Council grant funding via our Hampshire County Councillor's Grant Funding Scheme for the repair of the tarmac at the vehicular entrance to the **Church/Cemetery Car Park**. We are aware that other parts

of the car park surface are also in need of repair and we are hoping to use some reserve funds for that purpose, to ensure the car park remains safe for users. The parish council rents the car park from the Diocese, but is wholly responsible for its maintenance.

It has been reported to us that Hampshire County Council has recently obtained £10 million from central government towards the **Botley By-pass**. Hampshire County Council are in the process of mobilising other funds, but we do not yet have a firm date for finalising the project. The total cost of the by-pass - from King's Corner to Woodhouse Lane - will be £26 million.

Winchester City Council is considering introducing **kerbside glass collection** as part of its commitment to helping residents create a more environmentally friendly district.

Meanwhile, the parish council has a **Voluntary Litter Picking Group** for a similar purpose, who work hard and do a fantastic job of

keeping roadside litter under control within the village. If you're interested in joining/helping please contact Joanne Furby on 01489 782454 (or email Curdridge Parish Council – [clerk@curdridge-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@curdridge-pc.org.uk) and we will direct your enquiry to the group).

**Kevan Bundell**

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Curdridge Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting is on Thursday, 5th April 2018, following our brief Planning Meeting at the Reading Rooms.

The Annual Parish Meeting is the meeting for parishioners, at which the annual reports of our County Councillor, District Councillors, the Police and Parish Council are given, as well as other presentations. This year we are hoping to have a presentation by HCC, an update report on Affordable Housing and the Reading Rooms proposed development. Please check our notice boards and website for the Agenda nearer the time.

**Next Planning, Highway & Licensing Meetings (if sufficient business) 5 April, 3 May, 7 June 2018**

**Full Council Meetings 19 April, 17 May, 28 June 2018**

**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.**