



Curdridge Parish Council News

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CHAIR'S NOTES

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Thank you to all those who came and talked to us at our **Curdridge Parish Council stand at the Curdridge Show** last month. This was the first time we've had a stand at the Show and it was a great success. We collected ideas for the use of the old phone box at the end of St Peter's Close and we identified some potential candidates for the current vacancy on the Parish Council. We also shared our stand with colleagues from the Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing (HARAH). They were looking for anyone with a connection to Curdridge who might have an interest in an affordable housing project in the village. Please let us know if that includes you or anyone you know. If you go down to the woods behind the Horse and Jockey at **Curbridge** you will find that the National Trust are putting in new boardwalks. Curdridge Parish Council gave a grant of £657.50 towards this as part of our efforts to maintain public footpaths and encourage access to the countryside. We always look for every opportunity to make our funds go further and on this occasion we were able to claim £352.50

grant funding from the Open Spaces Fund run by Winchester City Council. Some of you will know that the **bus route** through the village was changed some time ago so that the bus no longer goes down Lockhams Rd and Chapel Lane but goes straight from Curdridge Lane down the Plantation and on to Botley. This means that half the village is missed and that the stops at the top of Gordon Road and Kitnocks Hill are now left redundant. This was a unilateral decision by the bus company on the grounds that overhanging branches on Chapel Lane were damaging the buses. Councillor Newton has been leading our attempt to get the bus re-routed to Curdridge Lane - Lockhams Rd - Kitnocks Hill - Reading Room Lane - and so to Botley. The bus stop opposite the Church - much used by residents of St Peter's Close - would be moved to Reading Room Lane.

Some residents of **St Peter's Close** have approached us recently about parking issues. The problem is that this residential road designed for an earlier age can no

longer cope with the number of cars being parked there. This is particularly problematic in St Peter's Close where many elderly live and emergency services could have difficulty reaching their homes. We have asked our Winchester Councillors to look into what might be done to increase off-carriageway parking.

Kevan Bundell

PLANNING DECISIONS

Pro Skill Training Ltd Unit 2B Bury Farm Botley Road Curbridge Southampton - MOT bay to existing business B2 Planning. Case Officer: Sara De Barros. Case No: 17/00293/FUL. **PERMITTED**
Fieldfare Lockhams Road Curdridge SO32 2BD - Erection of a single-storey conservatory at the rear of the property. Case Officer: Curtis Badley. Case No: 17/00372/HOU.

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Jasmine Cottage Hillside Kitnocks Hill Curdridge SO32 2HJ - All Weather Riding Arena. Case Officer: Lisa Booth. Case No: 17/00513/FUL.

PERMITTED.

Next Planning, Highway & Licensing Meetings (if sufficient business) 7 September; 5 October 2017; 2 November
Next Full Council Meetings 21 September 2017; 19 October
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.