



# Curdridge Parish Council News

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## CHAIR'S NOTES

AUGUST 2018

### New Chair

I am grateful to my colleagues for electing me chair of the Parish Council and of its Planning Committee, succeeding Kevan Bundell. Kevan is going to be a very hard act to follow, and I should like to express my appreciation for all he has done for the Council and the village. Steve Wallin was elected vice-chair, and Sian Townsend is vice-chair of Planning.

### Phone Box Project – Can you help?

The old telephone box near St Peter's Close is one of a disappearing part of our heritage, from a design by the eminent architect Sir Giles Gilbert Scott. The Parish Council decided to save it from destruction by buying it from BT for £1, but we were conscious that there would be further costs to come. As in many other villages that have saved their phone boxes, we hope to turn it into a place for people to swap books. The idea is that villagers will be able to leave unwanted books or DVDs and take others; but if you have a better use for the space we'd be very happy to consider other suggestions. Before this mini-library can start, we need to put the box into good order, and would welcome help from anyone with the necessary skills. There are a few panes to replace with acrylic sheet, and all the painted surfaces need to be prepared and repainted. If you are able to offer any time for this project, please let the Parish Manager know. Any necessary materials will be provided.

### News from the June Meetings

Following the drop-in event at the Reading Rooms, architects are

designing a small development of affordable homes opposite the church. If this is to qualify as a 'rural exception site', it has to minimize impact on St Peter's Close and the rural aspect of the village. Two owners of parcels of land in the village notified us that they are proposing their land be added to Winchester's stock of potential building sites, though these are outside the areas that can be built on under the city's existing plan.

The Council's 2017-18 accounts were audited, approved, and submitted to Whitehall.

District Councillor Roger Bentote is still working on ways to improve broadband speed on Outlands Lane and Calcot. There may be a solution for Outlands, but part of Calcot is connected to a distant cabinet, rather than to the one near the church.

County Councillor Roger Huxstep warned that Hampshire will need to save another £80M by 2021, and has to bridge a £140M budget gap by next April. The County is consulting on two areas of potential saving, and you can have your say until 5 August at [www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/](http://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/)

publictransportandstreetlighting  
There is some good news from Highways; pavements alongside Botley Road have been cleared of encroaching vegetation, though there are still some overhanging hedges that need trimming by their owners. Two new flamethrower-wielding pothole busters (nicknamed 'Dragon Patchers' can

repair up to 150 holes per day, and will be tackling the backlog of damage that affects so many of Hampshire's roads.

Bloor Homes is seeking permission to build 102 homes south of Maddoxford Lane, in expectation of a change to Eastleigh's Local Plan that would designate the area west of Maddoxford Farm as residential – at present, it forms a strategic gap between Boorley Green and Curdridge. If that change goes through, there will be houses opposite the playing fields planned for Boorley Park, and Curdridge will be left hosting almost the whole strategic gap. The Parish Council believes this aspect of Eastleigh's draft is unsound, and will seek to have it changed by EBC or the government inspector (who rejected their last submission). You can read the details and have your say at <https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy-and-implementation/local-plan/emerging-local-plan-2016-2036>.

### Planning Decisions

Beggars Roost Gordon Road Curdridge SO32 2BE –  
Extension of the existing garage.  
Case Officer: Curtis Badley.  
Case No: 18/01058/HOU.  
Members discussed this application.

**Resolved DO NOT OBJECT.**

**Next Planning, Highway & Licensing Meetings (if sufficient business) 2 August, 13 Sep 2018 (Full Council), 4 Oct 2018**

**Full Council Meetings 16 Aug, 13 Sep, 18 Oct 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.**