



Curdridge Parish Council News

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CHAIR'S NOTES FEBRUARY 2018

The Parish Council has been pursuing the possibility of an **Affordable Housing Scheme** for the village for some years. A lack of rental and smaller homes in the village means that younger families in particular find it difficult to find a home here. The idea of the scheme is to provide Housing Association homes at affordable rents for individuals and families who already have a connection - through family or work - to the village. Responses to the Parish Plan Questionnaire in 2011 showed that there was in-principle support for such a scheme among parishioners, and other villages in Winchester District have already successfully implemented such schemes with Council and Housing Association support.

I am pleased to report that progress has now been made to the point where we are holding a **DROP-IN EVENT IN THE BILLIARD ROOM AT THE READING ROOMS ON WEDNESDAY, 28 MARCH 2018 FROM 3.30 PM TO 7 PM**, where you can come and have a look at and comment on the outline plans and where anyone

with a local connection to the village looking for rental accommodation can register their interest. The plan is to provide about eight one to three bedroom homes on a strip of the field behind and adjacent to St Peter's Close, conveniently near to the Primary School and to the Reading Rooms and Recreation Ground.

In the meantime, please spread the word to anyone you know who might want and might qualify for one of these new homes, should the scheme proceed.

The **Curdridge Allotments** have proved very popular since the Parish Council helped establish them a few years ago. However, there are now a few vacant plots available - to Curdridge/ Curbridge residents only. Please contact Stuart Reay on 01489 784221 if you are interested in such things as digging, vegetables and a plot.

Kevan Bundell

HEDGE CUTTING REMINDER

Can we please remind property owners within the

parish, who own hedges within the curtilage of their properties which abut the highway, pavements/verges and footpaths that it is your duty to maintain these hedges and keep them well cut back from public pavements and highways. This is for reasons of pedestrian safety, as well as the safety of other road users.

Therefore we would be extremely grateful if you would kindly check any hedges that you own to ensure that they are well cut back from the highway.

Now is an ideal time to cut them back, as the 'Bird Nesting Season' is officially from February until August (Natural England) and it is recommended that vegetation works (tree or hedge cutting) or site clearance should be done outside of the nesting season. However, in reality the nesting period *may* start before this and extend beyond it, in some cases.

Your cooperation in this regard is much appreciated.

Next Planning, Highway & Licensing Meetings (if sufficient business) | March, 5 April, 3 May 2018

Full Council Meetings 15 March, 19 April, 17 May 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.