



Curdridge Parish Council News

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Chair's Notes - January 2017

As I never tire of mentioning, the number one matter of concern in the village is that of **traffic** - amount, speed, danger and accidents (officially known as RTAs - Road Traffic Accidents). The end of last year was dominated by traffic matters at the two ends of Lockhams Road. After much lobbying and with the assistance of our County Councillor and others, we succeeded in getting the **junction of Lockhams Road and Curdridge Lane** altered so that vehicles are now obliged to slow down as they turn into Lockhams Road.

The particular issue here was the danger to pedestrians walking around the corner to get to the bus stop or across to the Cricketers. Unfortunately Hampshire Highways failed to put a notice up to say that the junction had been altered and many drivers were taken by surprise, ending up on the opposite carriageway as they turned. I hope that by the time you read this things will have settled down and no RTAs will have occurred. Meanwhile, there were two accidents within a week at **the junction of Chapel**

Lane and Lockhams

Road. In each case drivers coming up Chapel Lane had not noticed that they were approaching a cross-roads and should give way. They drove straight across, colliding with another vehicle and ending up in Mr and Mrs Lockyer's garden. These were not the first such incidents. The white lining and signs for this junction have now been renewed, but we are still (at the time of writing) awaiting a visit from Hampshire Highways to see what more can be done to prevent further accidents. We were not at all happy that they would not come out immediately to see what temporary measures could be put in place and will raise this with our County Councillor to see if policy can be changed in this regard.

The problem is that Highways don't have the resources to do all that we would wish of them - and this is only going to get worse as Local Government budgets continue to be reduced by Central Government.

Happy New Year !

Kevan Bundell

Dog Fouling

We have all been to public open spaces where some dog owners do not pick up after their dogs and it reflects badly on all dog owners. Wwww.gov.uk says "You can be given an on-the-spot fine if you don't clean up after your dog. The amount varies from council to council. It's often £50 and can be as much as £80. If you refuse to pay the fine, you can be taken to court and fined up to £1,000. Registered blind dog owners can't be fined". You can report dog fouling on open spaces to your local council".

Planning Decisions

Tamarind House The
Plantation Curdridge
Southampton Hampshire
SO32 2DT - 1no. oak (T1) -
Remove the decayed limb
over the garage, reduce
remaining crown by 5 to 6
metres to healthy growth.
Case Officer: Ivan Gurdler.
Case No: 16/01981/TPO.
PERMITTED.

Next Planning, Highway & Licensing Meetings (if sufficient business) 5 Jan 2017; 2 February 2017; 2 March 2017.

Next Full Council Meetings 19 Jan 2017; 16 February 2017. 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.