



Curdridge Parish Council News

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Annual Parish Meeting Report 2017 (abbreviated)

Sadly Cllr Christine Weaver had resigned during the current year and her expertise in finance would be greatly missed. She had also been heavily involved with the Speedwatch Scheme and supporting older residents within the parish.

Cllr Kevin Bull had filled her vacancy; the Chair again welcomed him to the Council and thanked him and Cllr Newton for their involvement in the proposed pond improvements.

He also thanked Cllr Newton for her involvement with the Botley to Bishops Waltham Trail and the good work the group are doing, working with HCC and negotiating with landowners.

He thanked Cllr Bodger for his input into planning matters, especially the Boorley Green development and Eastleigh Borough Council Local Plan and for liaising with the Wangfield Lane Action Group in relation to the Boorley Green development and he also thanked them for the good work they do.

He then thanked all Councillors (particularly Cllrs Cross and Kemp) for carrying out so many planning site visits, to enable Council to make informed decisions. He thanked Cllr Kemp for attending a WCC Planning Committee Meeting in relation to a retrospective planning application arising from an enforcement case.

Litter Picking – the Chair thanked Cllr Furby for overseeing the litter picking scheme, which is only made possible by the volunteers from the community, who he also thanked for their hard work.

Roads and Traffic – the Chair advised that Parish Plan Consultation Responses highlighted that the speed and volume of traffic through Curdridge was of great concern. Therefore Council is in the process of installing Villages Gates on the entrance roads into Curdridge in an attempt to slow traffic down.

Council also financially supports the Speedwatch Scheme, which is now overseen by Cllr Lynne Newton, who is assisted by Cllrs Bodger and Cross, together with volunteers from the community, whose hard work is also much appreciated.

Curdridge Lane/Lockhams Road Junction Improvements – the junction has now been remodelled and a new pavement installed by HCC with a financial contribution being made by Curdridge Parish Council.

Affordable Housing – the Chair advised that the need for affordable housing within the parish was another item highlighted by the Parish Plan Consultation and therefore Council

is working with Winchester City Council under the Rural Exception Sites Scheme to try to identify/acquire land within the village to build a very small number of affordable houses on. Negotiations are still taking place, but the results will be publicised when available.

Curdridge Show – the Chair advised that Council had applied to have a stall at Curdridge Show to enable local residents to raise any parish related questions they may have.

BT Telephone Box at St Peters Close – the Chair confirmed that Curdridge Parish Council had purchased this telephone box from BT for the sum of £1 to preserve it for future generations. The telephone service had to be disconnected by BT, but Council are hoping to identify an alternative use for the telephone box in the future.

The Chair thanked Jenny Whittle, the Parish Clerk for all her work in overseeing the various parish projects carried out by Council and in carrying out the general parish workload.

He also thanked Cllr Rob Humby (the County Councillor) and Cllrs Achwal, Bentote and Huxstep (the District Councillors) for all their hard work.

Next Planning, Highway & Licensing Meetings (if sufficient business) 6 July 2017, 3 August 2017, 7 September.

Next Full Council Meetings 20 July 2017, 3 August 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.