



Curdridge Parish Council News

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CHAIR'S NOTES

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Here's what I said at the recent Annual Parish Meeting :

Thanks to all Councillors for their time and hard work on a voluntary basis.

Particular hanks to Kevin Bull and Joanne Furby, who have now stepped down as Councillors. Kevin brought a new set of skills and knowledge to the Council which we much appreciated. Special thanks to Joanne, who has been a Councillor for more than ten years and whose incisive contributions and support I have valued very much.

Welcome to our two new Councillors, Steve Wallin and Sian Townsend.

Thanks to the Litter Picking Group and to Joanne for organising it.

Thanks to the Speedwatch Group and to Lynne Newton for leading it.

Thanks also to our District/County Councillors for taking up issues with WCC, HCC and our MP on our behalf. They have worked hard on our issues and their contribution is much appreciated.

As ever, the number one issue in the village is Traffic - our initiatives in in this regard have included the new Village Gates; the Curdridge Lane/Lockhams Rd junction and Speedwatch. We are reviewing the deployment of our speed limit reminder sign in view of its age and the costs of its deployment.

Church car park repairs : thanks to our County Councillor for a grant for the repair and re-

surfacing of the cemetery car park entrance. The work will hopefully be booked in the next school holidays to avoid causing too much disruption. The PC is also planning to carry our further necessary repairs to the car park surface and drainage and its putting money aside for that purpose.

Thanks to Eric Bodger for leading on the Boorley Green development issues, particularly the impact on Wangfield Lane. We are particularly aware of how dangerous its junction with the B3035 is.

Thanks to Lynne and Peter Newton and to Rory Kemp for opening up the Pound. We hope that parishioners will now find it a good place to sit and rest - as well as to watch the traffic hurtle off the B3035 and in to the Plantation.

Thanks to Kevin Bull and Lynne Newton for safety repairs to the Cricketers Pond barrier and to the savings made to the PC by their efforts. A new fence has just been installed at the Allotment/ Recreation Car Park. The old one fell down through old age.

Affordable Housing - We have been working on this since about 2010 and we are pleased to that the project has now reached the stage reported to us by Mags Wylie from HARA. The recent Drop-in showed that there is substantial need and support for an affordable housing scheme in the village.

Our thanks to John Clements for his grounds maintenance services for us for the last few years. We have now contracted a new, local grounds maintenance company to look after our properties around the village. We have also applied and are hopeful that grant funding will be obtained from the HCC Parish Lengthsman scheme. We will then have a part time Lengthsman to deal with at least some of our footpath and highway issues. HCC will provide £1000 and we have allocated some additional funds in order to cover the work we anticipate we will need done.

Finally, our thanks to Jenny Whittle, our Clerk, who works constantly to run the PC and its business. She is the boss who keeps us in order and prevents us from doing things we might like to do but mustn't. . . . ! She also maintains the PC Website. This is the place to go for reporting such things as potholes, flooding and fly-tipping.

Kevan Bundell

Next Planning, Highway & Licensing Meetings (if sufficient business) 3 May, 7 June, 5 July 2018

Full Council Meetings 17 May, 28 June, 19 July 2018

Council Meetings start at 7pm and are held at the Reading Rooms.

Contact details for the Council are published in this magazine.

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