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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Concerned at the threatened closure of a section of Church Road several residents filled the public gallery for the January meeting. During the period 12th to the 16th February an additional gas pipe will be laid when deep digging will block all vehicle access, in an area just before the church and thus drive heavy traffic down the narrow, overhanging, single carriage way of Post Office Lane towards Hop Garden Lane. To avoid this an alternative route could be redirecting South Mundham seekers to take Mill Lane in Runcton. It was agreed the Parish Council would make a formal request to Highways to place early signage to advise traffic to take this alternative route.

The serious business of the budget was examined once more. Efficient use of public monies is becoming vital now we have reached the final year of the grant via the 'Council Tax Reduction Grant' from CDC at £1113.23 and while the precept request stands at £36550.11. However this year we have prepared grants to the following, CAB £150, Community Transport £355, Manhood Peninsular Partnership £350, Bus Shelter cleaning £700, with the reserve of £5000 for the possible Runcton to farm shop pathway. Far more details can be found on the web and notice boards. In the future we will ask that applicants for grants express publicly their requests at the **Annual Electors Meeting**, this year it falls on **Monday March 5th at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**. This meeting welcomes everyone, though only registered parishioners may vote (if the need arises) but it is a time to hear reports of planning, finance and the ongoing A27 saga with a **guest speaker** from a local business explaining his/her contribution to our environment. The concluding aspect of the evening will be refreshments when it is hoped less formal questions maybe explored while suggestions are examined. As we shall be contributing to the big British Spring Clean on Sunday March 4th we would welcome your support to once again reduce the litter. Starting at 3.00pm from the Village Hall carpark your circuit may end at 4.00pm for the usual delicious home made cakes.

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