

Clerk's Report to 28th April, 2015

- **Bike Tracks** - An issue arose with the lease regarding a potential conflict with plans to give a status to the cycle track. Cllr. Baldauf and the clerk met with John Lane from Gloucestershire County Council on site. One option being considered for the cycle path is for a bridleway which would require a width of six metres. He gave agreement for the lease to be drawn up, but that the fence must not reduce the remaining width of the track to below six metres. The existing track is less than six metres in places, but anything put in place for the mountain bike trails should retain this width.

The clerk has been in contact with Helen Sewter from GCC Legal Services and the lease should be with our solicitor shortly.

Back on Track have been in contact to ask whether progress has been made on the lease. The clerk will let them know when we have a lease agreement in place.

In terms of funding, a grant of £500 has been received from the Jack Lane Charitable Trust.

- **Affordable Housing Survey** – More than 150 responses have been received by the GRCC. These will shortly be analysed by Karen Phimister who will produce a report to present at a Parish Council meeting.
- **Drivers exiting Frogmarsh Mill site** – Bottle Green have kindly erected a sign within the wall of Frogmarsh Mill requesting that drivers are cautious when leaving the site. The clerk has thanked Kit Morris.
- **Woodchester House** – The clerk met with Alun Mock to discuss issues relating to fencing at Woodchester House. The fence blocking the footpath has now been removed. Mr Mock explained the difficulty in catching wallabies which have escaped, but internal fencing will be used to try to lure them back.
- **Litter Pick** – Around 17 residents came out on the 29th March to help tidy up the village, collecting around 15 bags of rubbish. The chocolate brownies and tea were very welcome!
- **Highways** – Amey have been contacted about various issues in the village including an overhanging hedge in Paul's Rise and pot holes in Church Road.
Two residents of Bospin Lane have been in touch concerning the condition of the road surface at the bottom of Bospin Lane. The clerk has been in touch with Adrian Boyes (Amey) who has said the holes will be filled, but there are no plans at present for further work
- **Audit** – Audit notices are up inviting residents to inspect the documents prior to them being sent to Grant Thornton. Our internal auditor, Iain Selkirk will carry out his work at the end of May
- **Website** – Some changes have been made to the website following the meeting of the working party. The business directory needs to be updated and a request for local companies will be made in the next edition of the Woodchester Word
- **Facebook** – Facebook is now up and running. Information is on notice boards and will be advertised in the next edition of the Woodchester Word
- **Local Plan** – Hearing Sessions for Stage 2 of the examination will commence on 28th May and last until the 12th June. There is information on Stroud District Council's website with a schedule for discussion
- **Byelaws** – Information sent from the GAPTC concerning the power a Parish Council has to make byelaws was considered, particularly in terms of concerns from residents on issues such as dog fouling and speeding through the village. Unfortunately byelaws can only relate to land owned by the Parish Council.

Cheques signed/to be signed since the meeting of the 5th March, 2015

03.03.15	GAPTC Subscription renewal	728	£273.21
03.03.15	Village Hall Hire 2015 (plus additional hours from 2014)	729	£93.00
03.03.15	Hire of Undercroft Room 2014	730	£35.00
05.03.15	Maintenance 4 th Quarter	731	£480.00
29.03.15	I.C.O. Renewal	732	£35.00
29.03.15	Cotswold District Council – Printing Affordable Housing Surveys	733	£72.31
09.04.05	LeopardPress.com - Printing Woodchester Word	4	395.00
09.04.15	Miss Daisy – Refreshments for Litter Pick	734	£30.00
24.04.15	Notice Board Company – Notice Board for Rooksmoor	735	817.20
05.05.15	Clerk's Salary – 9 weeks @ £102.60 from 4 th March – 5 th May, 2015	736	923.40

Planning Decisions

Consent has been granted for:

- S.15/0145/HHOLD and S.15/0146/LBC – Yew Tree House, Atcombe Road, South Woodchester – Reconstruction of single storey kitchen extension and internal alterations
- S.15/0301/HHOLD – Roseclive, Bath Road - Alterations to include replacement of swept dormers with pitched dormers to the front elevation, new front bay window and open porch to main entrance, plus various window/door enhancements along with some internal alterations.

Consent has not been granted for:

- S.15/0324/CPE – Woodchester Garage (Adjacent), Bath Road, Woodchester – Lawful development certificate for a petrol filling station use
- S.15/0361/HHOLD and S.15/0363/LBC – Millbank, High Street, South Woodchester – Demolition of existing outside toilet and garden store at the rear, and the conversion of existing old store and washroom and demolished area into a granny annex.

Planning Applications Received

- S.15/0837/HHOLD – 2 The Garden, North Woodchester – Proposed front extension.
- S.15/0913/HHOLD – 18 Berrymore Road, North Woodchester – New rear extension and dormer window
- S.15/0608/HHOLD – Churches Mill, Station Road, Woodchester – Garden room/home office – Retrospective – started 20/02/2015

