

Clerk's Report to 25th August, 2015

- **Highways** – Amey have now removed most of the Japanese Knotweed from the cycle path and Frogmarsh. They have been asked to return to deal with the remaining plants. Feint road markings at the top of Station Road have been reported as have the overgrown weeds outside St. Dominic's School.
- **Leyhill** – The Leyhill team carried out the following work in mid-July:
 - Widened the pavement south of the layby on the A46 by approximately one metre and also removed brambles and weeds on the bridge adjacent to the pavement.
 - Cut back the area at the top of the graveyard on Church Road and the brambles and weeds opposite, the road again has been widened by approximately one metre. They also removed nettles from the fence outside the small substation.
 - Strimmed and cut back the branches and also removed mud from the drain from the bottom of Frogmarsh Lane to the top of the hill.

The workers received positive comments from residents and the clerk sent an email to the organiser to thank him and his team for their excellent work.

- **Litter Bins** – A bin has been ordered for the bottom of Bospin Lane. Once it's delivered, the existing bin will be re-located at the corner of Church Road.
- **Notice Board at Rooksmoor** – The clerk has contacted Ironworks regarding the aluminium notice board which has been with them for some time. They will install it in the next couple of weeks.
- **Local Plan** – Following the hearings in May and June, the inspector recommended the Council undertake public consultation on further Post Submission Proposed Changes and the legality and soundness of these changes. The housing requirement has been increased from 9,500 to 11,400 to 2031. 450 of these are expected to come from the Stroud Valleys (was 300). They will also provide an additional 950 care home spaces and 58 hectares of additional employment land.
- **Southfield Road** – Clerk has been in contact with Alun Mock of Woodchester House to ask that trees overhanging Southfield Road be cut down. Their tree surgeon is away and will carry out the work on his return. In the meantime, one of the trees has been partially removed.
- **Hedge on Selsley Road** – The Neighbourhood Warden, Peter Wilson cut back the hedge as it was becoming difficult to walk on the pavement.
- **Housing Need Survey** – Several copies were dropped off at the Post Office and a copy has been added to the website and Facebook.
- **Woodchester Word advertising** – Invoices have been sent to nine companies which will bring in a revenue of £1075.

Cheques signed/to be signed since the meeting of the 2nd July, 2015

10.08.15	Grant Thornton – External Audit	743	£240.00
10.08.15	Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association – Membership renewal	744	£50.00
01.09.15	Ian Smith – Maintenance 2 nd Quarter	745	£480.00
01.09.15	Ann Bijkerk – Salary 01.07.15-01.09.15 (9 weeks), printer cartridges, laminating pouches, paper	746	£960.28

Planning Decisions

Consent has been granted for:

- S.14/1059/FUL – Convent of Poor Clares, Convent Lane, South Woodchester - Conversion (including extensions and alterations) of the Southern half of the Convent to Hotel, Live

Performance Space and Broadcast Studio and provision of a new Drive and Parking Areas
(Revised Site Plan Rcvd. 23.07.2015)

- S.15/1048/LBC – The Cottage, Selsley Road, North Woodchester – Replacement of doors and windows at the rear of the building
- S.15/1284/HHOLD – Ninfa Rooksmoor Hill - Installation of cattle grid and gate. New 2 storey garage. New steps and widened driveway. House:- 2 extensions, loft conversion and internal re-arrangement. Also new windows, dormers and flue.
- S.15/1000/ADV – Woodchester Mansion, Woodchester Park – The four signs proposed are two visibility (threshold) signs which are flag-shaped signs which will sit at the entrance to the site, and two Welcome & Orientation signs which are timber mounted flat panel signs
- S.15/1499/FUL – Woodchester Mansion, Woodchester Park - Renewal of temporary planning permission for an outside toilet block to rear of mansion
- S.15/1258/GDPE – Lodge House, Southfield Road - Rear garden room. Projection from rear - 4.5 metres. Height from ground level - 3.99 metres. Eaves Height - 2.225 metres

Refusal has been given for:

- S.14/2151/FUL – Land Adjacent to Woodchester Garage, Bath Road - Change of use from former petrol station to hand car wash facility and siting of store and temporary cabin.

Planning Applications Received

- S.15/1792/HHOLD – Eastways, The Headlands, North Woodchester – Second storey extension
- S.15/1804/HHOLD and S.15/1807/LBC – Millbank, High Street, South Woodchester – Removal of existing outside toilet and garden. Store at the rear and the conversion of existing store and washroom into a granny annexe