

Clerk's Report to 25th December, 2012

- **CiLCA Training** – The clerk will attend a one day course on 18th January.
- **Footpath between Woodchester House Drive and Church Road** – A letter has been sent to the owner of Woodchester House asking that he clear the mud which accumulates on the footpath and possibly creates a ditch in the valley to prevent water accumulating.
- **Highways – Your Way** - County Councillor Brian Oosthuysen has been approached regarding £10,000 allocated to each County Councillor to be spent on work in their area. Brian will look at the poor state of Convent Lane and Cow Lane.
- **Rooksmoor** - A letter was sent to SDC regarding bonfires on the site to ask that appropriate action be taken. A reply was received from Paul Williams who has written to Rooksmoor Mills Ltd. and a copy was sent to the EA. A reply was received very quickly in which they reaffirmed their commitment to acting responsibly and protecting the environment. An assurance was given from Mr Williams that monitoring of the situation takes place whenever officers are in the vicinity.
- **Footpath MWO/20/1 from Atcombe Road to Convent Lane** – Following the heavy rain, a drain collapsed below the lake leaving a hole in the footpath. The landowner was concerned and put up barriers and signs warning of the danger. The owner of the lake constructed a temporary solution. Highways were informed of the damage to the footpath and contacted the landowner.
- **Broadband** – Following an enquiry from a resident, the clerk contacted BT concerning faster broadband for Woodchester. BT Infinity (fibre optics) will not be available for a number of years, but ADSL2+ is due to be in place from the Amberley exchange in 2013. More specific dates will be available in January. This will provide up to 24mb download speed.
- **Refuse Collections** – SDC sent a proposal that in bad weather when collections may not take place, bags are left for 48 hours to be collected. This for some residents is very difficult due to badgers and foxes. SDC replied that dustbins can be used throughout the year to place tied black sacks and collectors will remove the bags. A note to this effect has been placed on notice boards.
- **Mobile Library** – New Mobile Library times have been sent through, but it no longer stops in Woodchester.
- **Emergency Relief Grants for Flooding** – Details were received of this scheme providing £250 per application. Information was placed on notice boards.
- **Open Space/Playing Field Survey from SDC Development Services** – This was completed on behalf of the Parish Council. The purpose is to inform the Local Plan and future investment decisions.

Cheques signed/to be signed since last meeting on 6th September, 2012

15.11.12	Donation to Royal British Legion for 3 wreaths	642	£105.00
15.11.12	Epicado – 12 months website hosting	643	£288.00
15.11.12	GAPTC – CiLCA Training	644	£150.00
19.11.12	SLCC – Registration for CiLCA	645	£150.00
12.12.12	Ian Smith – Maintenance (3 rd quarter)	646	£455.00
1.1.13	Clerk's Salary from 31.10.12-1.1.13 (9 weeks)	647	£750.60

10.12.12	Epson Printer	647	£108.49
1.1.13	LeopardPress – Printing of Woodchester Word	648	£441.36

Planning Update

Planning Decisions

Consent has been granted for:

- S.12/1808/FUL – Land to the East of Church Road, North Woodchester – Erection of dwelling including vehicular access. Material Minor Amendment to the previous application S.11/2553/FUL.
- S.12/2137/TCA – Highcroft, Atcombe Road, South Woodchester – Reduce height and side of yew tress by 40%. Remove two branches from Lawson cypress and reduce overhang of walnut tree.
- S.12/2044/TPO – The Lawn, Selsley Road, North Woodchester – Raise crown of London plane to approximately 6m by removing lowest thickest branches and low dead branch.
- S.12/2175/TCA – Cotswold View, Frogmarsh Lane, South Woodchester – Reduce the height of ash tree, thin canopy and remove deadwood.

Planning Applications Received

- S.12/2217/HHOLD – Mistley, Frogmarsh Lane, South Woodchester – Erection of a UPVC hipped lean to conservatory to the rear of the property.
- An appeal for application S.12/0974/HHOLD – South Cottage, High Street, South Woodchester – Two storey rear extension (APP/C1625/A/12/2184461/NWF)

Correspondence Received

- Precept request form from SDC
- Clerk Magazine
- JobCentre Plus Drop-in Surgery posters
- Information from Lloyds Bank about online banking