

Clerk's Report to 22nd December, 2015

- **Bike Tracks** – Comments on the draft lease were sent to BPE Solicitors in order to finalise the wording along with a map showing access from the highway.
- **Gloucestershire Highways** – Several reports have been sent to Amey. The 30mph sign at Frogmarsh was followed up again. The query had been deleted from the system, but has now been re-instated. However it's likely to be April before the work is carried out. The vegetation surrounding the bridge over the cycle path between Paul's Rise and Bird's Crossing has been cleared. No response has been received as to whether or not the boards have been examined for rot.
- **Neighbourhood Wardens** – Peter Wilson has now left his job as Neighbourhood Warden to move to a similar role elsewhere. Dominic Everiss (Senior Neighbourhood Warden) is currently covering this area but Stroud District Council hope to appoint someone for this area in January. In the New Year Senior Community & Facilities Officer's and the Senior Neighbourhood Wardens will be asked to come around and meet with Parish and Town clerks in their respective areas. This will then be followed up by the seniors bringing the new Neighbourhood Wardens around to introduce them and then meeting up with councillors (District & Parish).
- **Local Council Tax Support Funding (LCTS)** – For the past three years Stroud District Council has paid to parish and town councils their share of the Local Council Tax Support Funding that it has received from the Government. Each year the amount paid to parish and town councils has been reduced in line with the reduction in Government funding that the Council has experienced. The Spending Review announced by the Government on 25 November will mean less funding for district councils, largely due to changes being made to the New Homes Bonus incentive funding.
Therefore SDC will cease to pay the Local Council Tax Support funding to parish and town councils for 2016/17. A decision on future funding will be made after the situation is made clearer from Government.
- **Fastershire** – We've been informed by a resident that Cabinet 3 at the bottom of Selsley Road now has "fibre to cabinet" so faster broadband is available. To take advantage of this upgrade residents need to change broadband package otherwise there is no improvement to your speed.
- **Stiles** – Two damaged stiles have been reported to the landowner who will ensure they're repaired.
- **Gloucestershire's Devolution Bid** – 'We are Gloucestershire' – Norman Kay, GAPTC representative attended a meeting on 26th November and gave his feedback. Gloucestershire representatives met the Minister in November. A decision is likely in January. The proposal is for a 'combined authority' to take on devolved responsibilities. There will be a government Governance Review in January about this. Concern was raised at this meeting that the Gloucestershire bid has been formulated with no consultation/participation of the GAPTC and that they should wish from now on to be consulted in a meaningful way. David Hagg accepted this and offered regular meetings to inform and consult.
- **Emergency Plan** – The Emergency Plan has been altered slightly to make reference to the role of the Neighbourhood Warden should he/she be deployed by Stroud District Council.
- **Gloucestershire Charter** – This is a consultation document between county and parishes. A working party has been set up to revise it.
- **Portable Toilet** - A letter was delivered to the owner of the snack bar on the A46. No response has yet been received.
- **Development at Southbank** – Following the meeting in November when a resident complained about the site being overgrown, the clerk has twice been in contact with Julian Kent, Stroud District Council. He will be in contact with the contractors in the New Year.
- **Maintenance** – Ian Smith has fitted the remaining bus shelter with a seat.

Cheques signed/to be signed since the meeting of the 12th November, 2015

12.11.15	Epicado – 12 months hosting	751	£288.00
12.11.15	Cllr. Swait – Tape for salt bins	752	£4.65
24.11.15	British Legion - Wreaths	753	£105.00
24.11.15	GRCC – Postage for Housing Needs Survey	754	£144.84
10.12.15	Ian Smith – Maintenance 3 rd quarter, seat in bus shelter, moving bins and supplying brackets	755	£600.00

Planning Decisions

Consent has been granted for:

- **S.15/2385/TCA** – The Round House, Frogmarsh Lane – Oak – fell to ground level. Maple – reduce height by 2m and side spread by 2.5m
- **S.15/2388/HHOLD** – The Rise, Cow Lane, Inchbrook – Erection of extensions and alterations
- **S.13/1894/CAC** – Rooksmoor Mills, Bath Road, Woodchester – Disposal letter - Demolition of existing mill buildings. Retention of part of roadside wall and mill culverts
- **S.15/2512/TCA** – Cotswold View, Frogmarsh Lane, South Woodchester – T1 – Ash – Reduce all over (3-4m) and lightly thin by 15%. T2 Norway Spruce – Fell by sections to near ground level
- **S.15/2562/TPO** – 5 Lawns Park, North Woodchester – Chestnut Tree – Reduce crown to 7m above ground (present overall height 12m)
- **S.15/2655/TPO** – 7 Lawns Park, North Woodchester – Ash Tree – Pollard branches to 7m above ground level. Height of tree 14m above ground level.

Applications Received

- **S.15/2805/HHOLD** – Dinglewood, Bospin Lane, South Woodchester – Detached garage for two cars with external stairs to bedsit above
- **S.15/2695/AGR** – Woodchester House, Woodchester House Drive – Erection of a steel framed agricultural building 12.2m x 18.3m
- **S.15/2445/TPO** – 20 Lawns Park, North Woodchester – Lime tree – remove branch 'A' and remove minor branches sprouting from main stems.
- **S.15/2692/FUL** – Q Park, Bath Road, Inchbrook – Installation of five flues
- **S.15/2867/FUL** – Land adjacent Treetops, Bath Road – Proposed new dwelling