

## Clerk's Report January 2012

Repairs to the bus shelter on the A46 which was damaged when vandals set fire to it in July have been completed. An invoice has been sent to the insurer for reimbursement.

The bus shelter to the front of the Church of the Annunciation has been repainted after graffiti was discovered. This was organised by Peter Wilson, the Neighbourhood Warden, at SDC.

Following an announcement that as a result of the retirement of the sub postmaster the Amberley post office would be closing temporarily on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012, the owners of Amberley Post Office have requested a review of the decision to allow proper consultation prior to 9<sup>th</sup> January.

As a result of the recent ruling of the High Court that the County Council's November 2010 proposal to remove all mobile services from mid July 2011 to be unlawful, GCC will soon be undertaking a new review of library services and are due to meet on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012 to confirm the details of the new draft library plans and if they agree the consultation will start soon after. In the mean time the mobile library service must continue to be delivered.

Workers from HMP Leyhill 'Through The Gate' program recently spent a day clearing detritus and leaves in the Woodchester area. In total they collected in excess of 100 refuse bags of leaves for recycling.

Following the Parish Council's correspondence with GCC Highways the clerk received confirmation that they would be installing a dropped kerb opposite manor gardens to ease crossing for pedestrians. A date for the works will be confirmed.

Stroud District Council will begin the next stage of consultation of its Core Strategy/Local Plan process. This consultation will focus on the Council's proposals for its 'Preferred Strategy, including preferred locations for housing and employment growth over the 15 year plan period. The consultation will run for six weeks from Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012 to Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012. They have asked for assistance in publicising the consultation and specific events.

Following the Parish Council meeting in November where a resident asked for something to be done about sedge on the High Street in South Woodchester, the clerk wrote to Highways. No reply has been received yet.

## Cheques signed/to be signed since last meeting November 3rd, 2011

10.10.11	Payment to Leopard Press for Woodchester Word Printing	593	360.00
8.11.11	Clerk's salary 11.10.11-8.11.11	594	370.00
8.11.11	Printer cartridge	594	9.65
21.11.11	Ian Smith - Village maintenance 3rd quarter	595	455.00
21.11.11	Clerk wages - 9.11.11-23.11.11	596	185.00
2.12.11	Parish Online subscription	597	24.00
8.12.11	Payment to Leopard Press for Woodchester Word Printing	598	360.00
8.12.11	Clerk's wages - 24.11-8.12.11	599	185.00
8.12.11	4x2nd class stamps	599	2.16
14.12.11	Travel expenses for clerk	600	73.21

14.12.11	Clerk's broadband	600	112.50
14.12.11	Clerk's working from home allowance	600	76.00
14.12.11	Clerk's salary 8.12.11-14.12.11	600	92.50
20.12.11	Clerk's salary 15.12.11-21.12.11	601	92.50
20.12.11	Printer cartridges	601	34.57

## **Planning Update**

### **Planning Decisions Received**

#### ***Consent has been granted for***

- S.11/1574/HHOLD Haytor, Convent Lane – Removal of existing porch to be replaced with one and a half storey extension including landscaping and services. Replacement of flat roofs to dormer and extension with pitched roof
- S.11/2119/LBC Little Britain Farm – Additional internal alterations following permission S.09/1271/LBC

#### ***Consent has been refused for:***

- S.11/1547/FUL Land adjacent to The Cottage, Church Road – Erection of dwelling including vehicular access

### **Planning applications received**

- S.11/2141/HHOLD Elfwood House, Selsley Road – Retrospective application for the erection of a closeboard 8 foot fence along west boundary
- S.11/ 2425/FUL St Dominic's Roman Catholic Primary School, St Mary's Hill – Erection of stilted first floor extension to class 4
- S.11/2407/DISCON The Courtyard, Little Britain Farm – Conversion of barn to dwelling

### **Approved works to trees in a conservation area**

- S.11/1916/TCA 5 Manor Gardens, Woodchester – Fell Cherry tree to near ground level

### **Resident's correspondence**

A resident sent the PC a copy of a letter sent to John Longmuir at Stroud Planning. The resident discovered a neighbour was applying for an extension by seeing the planning notice. The notice was apparently put up on the 14 November and permission granted on the 14 December. No notification was sent to them by post so they do not feel they had the option to view the application. Cllr Lead is dealing with the matter.

The clerk received an enquiry about ownership of land which runs adjacent to and around the Woodchester football pitch on Selsley Road regarding potential grazing for rescue horses. This was confirmed as the owner of the Old Priory.

### **Correspondence received**

Available to inspect at meeting