

### **Clerk's report for period until June 10th, 2010**

Cllr Hamilton attended a Chairmanship training course on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

Cllr Wigzell will be attending a Standing Order's training course on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

The Finance Committee met on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June. The Parish Council's finances were reviewed. It was agreed that the clerk should set up a separate bank account specifically for income received for the Woodchester Ward. The Parish Council have already authorised the purchase of dog bins. All councillors confirmed they are happy with spending and it was agreed to meet in October with a view to getting the precept approved at the Parish Council meeting in November.

Cllr Wigzell has approached Dennis Brown Fencing about the possibility of putting simple wooden benches into the village's bus shelters.

Highways have provided a map showing paths from Water Lane to The Priory and confirmed that if there is no path shown, then it is not a definitive path recorded on the 'definitive map'. If necessary the clerk will investigate with a separate contact who deals with Modification Orders to ascertain if a claim for a new paths or an upgrades has been made. If the Parish Council, or an individual, wish to claim a new right of way then this could either be done with the person responsible for Modification Orders or the landowner could be approached to see if they would dedicate the path.

The Sheltered Housing Review started approximately 3 years ago and was stopped around October 2008. In September 2009 the Review recommenced and the Project Team identified three possible options for the long term future for sheltered in the Stroud District. The United Sheltered Accommodation (USAP) suggested a fourth option. In order to ensure that a fair and comprehensive consultation is carried out the Council will appoint an independent adviser who can explain the pros and cons for each of the options for current and future tenants in order to establish the preferred option. Tenant Participation Advisory Service (TPAS) will give an introductory presentation on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Front line staff representatives, Group Leaders and Project Board Members will be invited. Information regarding the review will also be sent to other stakeholders. Further updates regarding the progress of the Review will be provided. It is anticipated that the first consultation meetings will commence in the next 3 – 4 weeks and a letter has been sent to all sheltered housing tenants advising them of the situation.

SDC are now in the fourth week of the new collection rounds and endeavouring to get things back to normal as quickly as possible. To date, residents will have experienced the collection of their refuse at least three times - this week being their fourth; 50% of residents will have received a collection of their recycling materials twice and the other half will be receiving their second collection this week.

There have been a number of issues brought to their attention through helpful calls from local residents; one such example has been the isolated instances where new waste and recycling calendars/leaflets were not delivered or the wrong ones delivered. There have also been issues that have resulted in waste being placed out for collection on the wrong day, week or even time. SDC have appreciated the need for residents to be given time to

readjust to their new collections - in many instances, the contractor has returned and cleared the waste - it must be said however, many callers appreciated the difficulties being experienced at the time and were happy to hold onto their waste until their next collection.

Call numbers to SDC have now significantly subsided; the vast majority of this has been due to the detailed work Council officers have done with the contractor to identify problems ie missed collections and to ensure as far as possible they do not recur - this has had the desired effect albeit there have been some that have needed extra attention. SDC feel we are nearing the end of the transition period and are therefore asking for your input. They ask us to let them know:-

- Of any problems that you have been made aware of that have not yet been resolved
- Generally how many calls you may have received about the difficulties experienced by residents over the past few weeks
- Whether you feel the changeover is going well or not so well
- Your comments on the process used to inform you of the changes and the level of information given to residents

The clerk and Cllr Lead are due to meet with Chris Riley, the Stakeholder Manager at Gloucestershire Highways to discuss an underpass/crossing point on the A46.

### **Resident's Correspondence**

A resident of North Woodchester has emailed the clerk correspondence they have been engaged in with SDC, GCC and the Parish Council about the removal of wooden fences and their replacement by wire fencing with rows of barbed wire in the following places:

- a) The path leading to the entrance to the field from Selsley Road by the phone box opposite Southfield Road
- b) The quite steep, uneven path leading to the cycle track from the field east of The Old Priory
- c) the footpath leading down to the field immediately west of the grounds of The Old Priory

The resident feels these areas are narrow, uneven and slippery, particularly in wet weather, and is concerned that someone will lose their footing and instinctively reach out to the fence for support as not everyone walking here is sure footed and there are several elderly people from the village who are very worried about this.

In addition to the above, there have been cases of paths that have been in use for many years that have suddenly been barred by heavy duty fences and more barbed wire such as the one that which crosses the copse from Water Lane where the stream crosses the road through the culvert to the top of the footpath leading up from the field west of The Old Priory

**Cheques signed/to be signed since last meeting June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
506	Refreshments for Annual Parish Meeting	£32.04
507	The Good Councillor's Guide for Cllr Hamilton	£15.95
508	Chairmanship training course for Cllr Hamilton	£80.00
509	Mileage for Cllr Hamilton to Chairmanship training course	£11.20
510	Standing Orders Training for Cllr Wigzell	£30.00
511	To Epicado for website hosting	£169.20
512	To Ian Smith for village maintenance	£430.00

**Planning Update**

**Planning Decisions Received**

None

**Planning Applications Received**

S.10/1196/COU1475 Applegarth, Park Lane – Permission to change the use of a garage to a single apartment for a bed and breakfast/holiday let.

S.10/1050/TCA, The Nog, Rooksmoor Hill – works to fir trees.

**Correspondence received**

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