

Clerk's Report to July 2011

The six week bus consultation ended on 27th June. In total, GCC received 2,400 completed questionnaires and had feedback from more than 1,000 people at the 32 road shows that took place around the county. The next stage is for evaluation of the feedback – both from the public and from the contractors who provide the services. The council has been carrying out a tendering exercise at the same time as the public consultation to determine what services the bus companies could provide. Officers are now working through both sets of responses before Cabinet make a decision on 21st July 2011. Changes will be introduced in September and October 2011.

As part of its Big Community Offer, Gloucestershire County Council received formal business cases for 20 locations – or 22 youth centres and library buildings, including Minchinhampton Library.

At the beginning of June the majority of Woodchester experienced a change in the day their refuse and recycling was collected to WednesdayS. On the first day feedback from GCC said that around 75%+ of residents correctly presented their refuse for collection, the following week nearly all did. Those that did not received a card, posted into their letterbox reminding them of the change. The clerk has received comments from residents that rubbish is collected very early, as a result some residents have put their rubbish out the night before which has resulted in rubbish bags being opened by dogs/foxes and rubbish being spread around.

A resident of Rooksmoor complained that the posts put in for the new notice board in Rooksmoor which did not go ahead had become obscured by weeds and had resulted in damage to a car when it reversed into it.

The clerk attended an NALC Communities in Action conference on 15th June and workshops covering Affordable Housing and the new community right to build, asset transfer and saving local facilities and neighbourhood planning.

Cllrs Brown and Lead attended a Planning training seminar held by GAPTC on 14th June.

The clerk and Cllr Wigzell met with the village webmaster, John Fairley on 30th June. At present only Cllrs Swait, Wigzell and Syrett have functioning village emails. John will look to migrate others over the course of the next few months. A potential volunteer has also suggested setting up a Facebook page for Woodchester which could provide the opportunity to directly interact with residents, raise awareness of village events and get feedback on things like notice boards.

The clerk has identified a currently uninsured Bench on Church Road by Berrymore.

The dangerous hole by the drain on Station Road has now been repaired.

Repair work to the houses in Southbank is being done.

Cheques signed/to be signed since last meeting June 9th,2011

Cheque Number	Description	Amount
578	Payment to Epicado for website hosting	£172.80
579	Payment to Ian Smith for village maintenance	£455.00
580	Clerk's salary 5.6.11-26.6.11	£277.50
581	Mileage for clerk to attend NALC conference	£27.80
582	Parking at NALC conference	£12.00
583	Stationery	£13.25
584	Printer cartridge	£9.74
585	Hire of Undercroft 4.8.10 – 6.6.11	£59.16

Planning Update

Planning Decisions Received

Consent has been granted for:

- 11/0871/LBC The Old Priory - Construction of a new bath house and swimming pool. Rebuild boundary wall.
- 11/0365/FUL Land adjacent to Station Road Industrial Estate, Station Road - Works in association with agricultural use, namely grading to create an access and associated works and provision of shed
- S.11/1134/TCA Southfield Mill House, Southfield Road – Fell Cherry tree, 3 Poplar trees and a Douglas Fir tree

Planning applications received

- S.11/0931/LBC Lower Court Cottage, Selsley Road – Erection of extension for disabled accommodation
- S.11/1152/TCA Woodchester House – Reduce height of Yew tree by 50%

Planning applications withdrawn

- S.11/1020/FUL Land at Inchdene, Atcombe Road – Erection of a dwelling and detached garage

Resident's correspondence

Following concerns raised about the build-up of materials at The Old Mill in Frogmarsh an officer from SDC visited the site and spoke with the complainant. He advised that whilst this small area of land does look untidy it is not something that SDC can use the full weight of Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act. However, in view of the concern from local residents and his observations as above he written a letter to the owner of the mill requesting that he tidy it up and remove any unwanted items. The clerk is also arranging a site visit with Ian Kear, SDC's Water Warden.

Correspondence received