

## **Clerk's Report to May 2011**

Following a request from Nailsworth Town Council, the clerk has written to GAPTC asking them to lead negotiations for a policy of consultation with town and parish councils.

The annual litter pick was held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Over 30 adults and children came along to help and collected around 30 bags of rubbish were collected. A scruffy toy dog was also found on the cycle path but has not yet been claimed.

Following correspondence from 2 residents about litter and the general state of the village the following action has been taken:

- Public Spaces arranged for a street clean in the areas of Church Road, Selsley Road and Berrymore. They also asked for the litterbins in Woodchester to be emptied.
- The Dog Warden has added Woodchester to her patrol list and will speak with any dog walkers she sees. Dog waste bins and litter bins should be emptied on the same day as the household waste, if they are not please advise the clerk who will liaise with SDC.
- A working party from HMP Leyhill undertook community work in April in the Woodchester area. This included sweeping and digging out of footpaths.

Further to a letter from a resident regarding barriers on footpaths in Woodchester, a representative from GCC Highways visited the site and will raise an order to install the barriers to the correct Department for Transport standard, although they cannot confirm when this work will be carried out.

The overgrown hedges along the A46 up to Rooksmoor have now been cut back following correspondence from a disabled resident who reported the problem.

The clerk received a request to look into activities at the Rooksmoor Industrial Estate. Car scrapping, land fill and burning of waste were reported. The clerk liaised with SDC's Enforcement Officer and the Environmental Health Team and can confirm the following:

- There does not appear to be any evidence of car scrapping on site. The business operating out of the unit is a budget MOT centre and mechanics – one of the authorised uses on site. There were no obvious scrap vehicles on site at the time of their visit and the operator assured the Officer that any cars that were beyond repair were sent to an authorised scrap dealer.
- The 'landfill' is just recent rubble from a stone mason and some rubbish from around the yard that have been piled up next to some much older and overgrown mounds of rubble. The Officer was told that all of it is to be cleared and taken away in skips. Whether or not that takes place the activity itself does not amount to a change of use requiring planning permission at the moment. The County Council are actually the Local Authority for tipping and waste disposal matters so if the activity persists or increases it may be worth contacting them.
- A bonfire notice was served in February. There are 2 businesses that do burn waste during the week, one of them is a wood burning heater company and the other a building company. The situation will be monitored by an Environmental Health Officer on a regular basis.

A resident of the High Street, South Woodchester, wrote to one of the councillors about the traffic situation on Bospin Lane and the High Street and parking. Following meetings with the local PCSO and a representative from GCC Highways the clerk can provide the following update:

- Regarding parking on High Street/Bospin Lane, this is a police issue. GCC Highways would not consider erecting bollards as they are trying to reduce street furniture.
- The erection of 'No Parking' signs above and opposite the junction, unless by or with the proper authority of the local landowner would have no legal force
- Stephen Wadley and his fellow PCSOs have agreed to visit the area more frequently and if obstruction was occurring take appropriate enforcement action to have the obstruction removed.
- Where possible, please could councillors and residents report as soon as possible to the PCSO officer on duty any incidents or accidents resulting in injury or damage to persons or property as a result of careless parking in the area.
- Land Registry has no records in respect of the land to the front of the drive of Tower House.

The Governors of St Dominic's school have asked the PC to see if Highways could provide and put up some 20mph signs or slow – children crossing signs on St Mary's Hill up to St Dominic's. Highways are currently looking into what can be done.

GCC Highways have confirmed that the parking problem at Frogmarsh is a police issue. The clerk has asked the local PCSO to monitor and take action where necessary.

The work that was recently done to make crossing the A46 safer has been completed. GCC Highways won't erect another bollard on the other side of the road as this would reduce the width of the footpath or put up signs because of their 'reduce street furniture' policy. The Bowmen of Minchinhampton who run the Archery club have confirmed that they are only responsible for the field within the boundary of the fence. They believe that the council are responsible for maintaining the area up to 'their' fence from the road. Adrian Boyes has agreed for the job to be put on the flailing list but as it is now the nesting season it won't be done till the autumn.

The clerk recently sent a letter on behalf of Cllr Hamilton regarding the state of the pond in Lawns Park. This should have been discussed at Parish Council meeting and both Cllr Hamilton and the clerk apologise that the correct procedure wasn't followed.

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

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
555	Land Registry	£5
556	The Information Commissioner	£35
557	Clerk's household expenses	£104
558	Clerk's broadband	£150
559	Clerk's mileage	£68.71
560	Clerk's salary 3.3.11-31.3.11	£370
561	Printer cartridge	£35.71
562	Stamps	£8.76
563	Ian Smith – Maintenance	£430
564	Ian Smith – Notice boards	£100
565	Rebecca Koos – Refreshments for litter pick	£19.75
566	Leopard Press – Woodchester word printing	£360
567	Epicado – domain renewal for 2 years <a href="http://www.woodchestervillage.co.uk">www.woodchestervillage.co.uk</a>	£18
567	Clerk's salary 1.4.11-29.4.11	£370

## **Planning Update**

### **Planning Decisions Received**

*Consent has been granted for:*

- 11/0350/LBC Goring House, Selsley Road - Internal repairs including new concrete floor and new raised timber floor to room. External repairs including rebuilding the chimney stack
- A Certificate of Proposed Lawful Use/Development for S.11/0246/CPL The Glen, Rooksmoor Hill - Erection of an old fashioned country Cotswold cottage picket fence and gates
- S.11/0170/VAR Land at the Old Coach House, Lager Lane – variation of condition 1 of approved application S.07/2008/FUL to extend the time period for the commencement of development. Erection of new dwelling. (Extant permission)

### **Planning applications received**

- 11/0871/LBC The Old Priory - Construction of a new bath house and swimming pool. Rebuild boundary wall.

### **Resident's correspondence**

The clerk was asked to find out if there was any law against horses fouling roads and pavements by a resident in Rooksmoor. The clerk checked with Environmental Health and confirmed that is no law about horses relieving themselves either on the road or the pavement as even though it can be unpleasant it doesn't pose a health risk as it is made of vegetable matter and so decomposes naturally.

### **Correspondence received**

SMP Playgrounds promotional leaflet

SDC e-news – March 2011

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Archaeology Service Newsletter – March 2011