

Clerk's Report to 24th April, 2014

Dog bin in lay-by on A46 – This has been ordered and should be installed in the next couple of weeks.

Elections changes - From 2016 voters in Stroud District will elect their district councillors once every four years rather than under the current annual system. Currently, a third of the 51 district councillors who represent 30 district wards, are elected each year for a four year term, with no scheduled district elections held in the fourth year when Gloucestershire County Council elections are held. The move will now mean that, from 2016, all councillors would be up for election at the same time once every four years. Parish and town councils will also move to the new timetable.

Reports to Highways – Several reports have been made concerning potholes, damage to the bridge over the Nailsworth stream and a damaged barrier between Paul's Rise and the cycle path.

Parish Report – Groups and organisations have been contacted to ask if they would write a report for the Annual Parish Meeting. They have been asked to send them to the clerk by 9th May.

Sunken manhole at Frogmarsh – This has not been repaired as it is not considered deep enough to be a safety hazard by Gloucestershire Highways.

Annual Parish Meeting – A mistake was made in the Woodchester Word. The venue for the Annual Parish Meeting will be the Endowed School and not the Village Hall as stated.

Notice Board – The notice board in the High Street, South Woodchester has suffered from the damp conditions and the lock has rusted. It will hopefully be repaired shortly.

Woodchester Word – Invoices have been sent to advertisers in the Woodchester Word for 2014.

Financial Regulations – There has been a repeal of s.150(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 which means it is now legal for Town and Parish Councils to use internet banking. This has created the need for revised financial regulations.

Audit 2013/14 – Notices have been displayed inviting residents to examine the Parish Council accounts before they are audited. The clerk will meet with the internal auditor at the end of May and the audit statement must be with the external auditors by 9th June.

Cheques signed/to be signed since last meeting on 6th March, 2014

04.03.14	Epicado – Domain Renewal (two years)	691	£42.00
04.03.14	Chairman's Allowance	692	£70.00
04.03.14	Cllr. Warnes – Travel to Amey Meeting	693	£6.30
17.03.14	Ian Smith – Maintenance 4 th Quarter	694	£455.00
30.03.14	Clerk – Telephone and household expenses	695	£20.00
05.04.14	ICO Renewal	696	£35.00
05.04.14	R. Koos – Refreshments for litter pick	697	£30.00
10.04.14	Endowed School, - Hire of hall	698	£10.00
29.04.14	Clerk Salary 5 th March – 29 th April 8 weeks @ £88.40	699	£707.20

Planning Update

Planning Decisions

Consent has been granted for:

- **S.14/0028/HHOLD** - Woodlands, Station Road - Erection of extensions with terrace (removal of existing conservatory and outbuildings)
- **S.14/0106/LBC** - St Marys Church, St Marys Hill, Inchbrook - Restoration of Wayside Cross.
- **S.14/0401/LBC** - Woodchester Mansion, Woodchester Park - To refurbish an existing room within the Mansion. To improve educational facilities by providing a multifunctional quiet work room.
- **S.14/0373/TCA** Woodlands, Station Road - T1 Beech - crown raise to 4m. T2 Wych Elm - fell. T3 Apple - crown thin 15%, remove watersprouts & shape. T4 Norway Maple - fell. T5 Goat Willow - pollard to 3m. T6, T7, T8 Apples - Crown thin 10%, remove watersprouts & shape. T9 Ash - crown raise to 7m. **S.14/0177/TCA** - Cotteswold, High Street, South Woodchester - Felling, pruning, removal and replacement of various trees (T1,T2, T3, T4, T6, T8, T9, T10, T11, T12, T13 and T14).
- **S.14/0274/TCA** - Southfield Mill, Southfield Road - Coppice Alnus, reduce dead Aesculus to 6ft, fell leaning Fraxinus excelsior, fell multi-stemmed Acer psuedoplatanus, fell bramley tree.
- **S.14/0272/TPO** - Atcombe Court Lodge, Frogmarsh Lane, South Woodchester - Remove the lowest two branches over the lane and also two thinner secondary branches. The largest limb over the lane to have the drooping secondary branches removed to crown raise as much as is practicable. This same approach to be used on the large limb over the kissing gate.

Refusal has been given to the following application:

- **S.14/0061/TPO** - Oak Tree Cottage, Selsley Road, North Woodchester - Reduce Oak tree by up to 3m in height and width (TPO 544).

Planning Applications Received

- **S.14/0516/HHOLD** – Ninfa, Rooksmoor Hill - Revised scheme for the erection of replacement double garage with room over.
- **S.14/0564/TCA** - Southfield Mill House Southfield Road Woodchester T1, T2 and T3 (yew tree) - Crown lift to 4m. T4 (beech tree) - Crown lift to 4m.
- **S.14/0577/FUL** - Land at the Old Coach House, Lager Lane, South Woodchester - Proposed new dwelling.