

## **Clerk's Report November 2011**

The War Memorial on Station Road has been cleaned and repaired.

Repairs to the bus shelter on the A46 which was damaged when vandals set fire to it in July are being undertaken. At the time of writing Ian Smith, the maintenance contractor, had painted the walls and repaired the timbers and was hoping to replace the seat imminently.

Following an announcement that as a result of the retirement of the subpostmaster 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.

The clerk and Cllr Lead met with representatives in the summer to discuss road safety outside St Dominic's School on St Mary's Hill. Following that meeting the following work has been undertaken to improve road safety:

1. The growth has been cut back along St Mary's Hill and Convent Lane
2. The existing school signs on St Mary's Hill and on the A46 have been replaced with new, more prominent ones which incorporate an advisory speed limit of 20mph
3. A dotted line has been painted at the junction into the church/school car park to show drivers they need to give way to cars on St Mary's Hill
4. The yellow zig zag lines on St Mary's Hill have been repainted.

It was with regret that the Parish Council accepted the resignation of Cllr Penny Brown. Adverts have been placed on notice boards to advertise the vacancy. The closing date is 3<sup>rd</sup> November. If by this date there has been no interest the Parish Council will need to co-opt.

## **Cheques signed/to be signed since last meeting September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
590	Ian Smith – Village maintenance	£455.00
591	Clerk's wages of £462.50 for period 5.9.11- 10.10.11, printer cartridges and paper for Parish Plan update of £9.31 and printer cartridges of £22.62	£494.07
592	Payment to Leopard Press for Woodchester Word printing in September	£360.00

## **Planning Update**

### **Planning Decisions Received**

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

- S.11/1519/CAC Piano Factory Woodchester Mill, Selsley Road - Extension to conservation area consent S.08/0258/CAC for the full demolition of 2 storey brick and steel frame buildings to the west of the site
- S.11/1518/VAR Piano Factory, Woodchester Mill - Application for extension to planning permission S.08/0259/FUL, retention of former piano factory for B1 use, redevelopment of redundant industrial buildings to residential use comprising 5 dwellings with associated parking

and conversion of stone building to 2 dwellings with access from Paul's Rise.

- S.11/1507/HHOLD Atcombe Cottage, Atcombe Road – Erection of a garden room to replace shed
- S.11/1357/LBC Home Farm, High Street – New canopy porch over front entrance
- S.11/1089 2 Oak Villas, Church Road – Two storey extension and external alterations
- S.11/1088 1 Oak Villas, Church Road- Two storey extension and external alterations

### **Planning applications received**

- S.11/1863/FUL Land at Inshdene, Atcombe Road – Erection of dwelling and detached garage
- S.11/1872/DISCON Land adjacent to Station Road – Discharge of conditions 2, 7 and 8 from planning permission S.11/0365/FUL
- S.11/1791/HHOLD Rosare, Lagger Lane – Erection of garden room

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

- S.11/1853/TCA Bospin Lodge, Bospin Lane – complete removal of an Ornamental Cherry
- S.11/1814/TCA Woodcote, Bospin Lane – 2 Apple trees need pruning
- S.11/1642/TCA Tower House - Reduce height of 3 Yew trees to approximately 2m and strip off Ivy. Reduce height of Yew tree with 'zip wire' by 2 - 2.5 m, shape top and strip off Ivy. Felling of undergrowth from Yew, to include Laurel and Hazel. Felling of Portugal Laurel and Buddlea

### **Resident's correspondence**

Cllr Wigzell received an email from a resident who is due to move to Manor Gardens soon. The resident is increasingly concerned that there is neither a continuous grass verge on that side of the Bath Road nor a designated place to cross the road. She does not drive and has two young boys, the eldest is, and the youngest will be attending, Woodchester School so they are going to need to cross the Bath Road with its 40mph driving limit on a daily basis. She asks if there is any scope for any form of crossing to be placed in the locality, that would be accessible from Manor Gardens?

### **Correspondence received**

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee – The guide to taking part

GAPTC – Calender of Events 2012

Parish Matters – Autumn 2011

Notification of the temporary closure of the Amberley Post Office

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust – The State of the Natural Environment in Gloucestershire 2011

The Gloucestershire County Association for the Blind – Insight Autumn 2011

The Cotswold Lion – Issue 25 – Autumn/Winter 2011

GAPTC – Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2011

Citizens Advice Bureau – Annual Report 2010-11