

Clerk's report for period until October 4th, 2010

The clerk and Cllrs Lead and Brown attended a Planning Training course on Monday 6th September.

The clerk has subscribed to Online Parish Mapping. Stroud District Council have paid for this for the first year.

Cllr Swait has received a response from Highways advising that they will make contact with Dave Excel with a view to using him as a snow plough operator in Woodchester and other areas. The response also advises that the Department of Transport is going to issue a good practice winter resilience publication with recommended methods of snow clearance prior to the winter season. It is anticipated that this document will encourage self-help and volunteers following these methods will be protected from the threat of potential liability claims but not covered by the County Council's liability insurance. This would be restricted to competent, previously approved snow plough operators. The response further mentions the possibility of parishes holding small stockpiles of grit with a view to these being distributed by either the snow plough operator or the snow warden.

Parish Council meetings are confirmed for the following dates in 2011:-

Thursday 6th January 2011, Thursday 3rd March, Thursday 7th May, Thursday 9th June, Thursday 7th July, Thursday 8th September, Thursday 3rd November.

With the exception of the 7th May they will all be held in the Village Hall but an alternative venue will be required for the 7th May.

Councillors and the clerk will be attending Code of Conduct training from Colin Spencer on Wednesday 20th October 2010.

Cllr Swait has responded to GRCC regarding the Gloucestershire County Council scrutiny review set up to examine speed limits.

The clerk is due to have her six monthly appraisal on Tuesday 5th October.

The next census will take place on Sunday 27 March 2011, run by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). Over the next few months the Parish Council may be contacted about ways to publicise the census in order to maximise overall responses rates across all groups in the population.

The type of activity the Parish Council may be asked to help with could include (but is not limited to):

- Publishing pre-prepared publicity materials in newsletters / circulars;
- Displaying posters;
- Raising awareness at meetings and through discussion with residents / service users;
- Ensuring residents understand that census information is strictly confidential and personal information is protected by law

The 2010 Woodchester Produce Show was held on Saturday 11th September. There were 58 adult entrants and 43 children with a total of 278 entries and thanks to a combination of sponsorship by The Little People Company and Wyevale Garden Centre, generous donations in the auction and kind weather, made of profit of £95.92.

Cllr Norman Kay has written to the Parish Council on behalf of Nailsworth Town Council asking for their support on a motion to negotiate with SDC a formal agreement concerning consultation by them with relevant Parishes/Towns on significant issues and asking GAPTC to represent PCs and TCs in approaching and negotiating on their behalf with SDC at the GAPTC AGM on 14th October 2010. This motion has been submitted as a result of Nailsworth's experiences last December when they learned via an SDC Press Release that they were to put forward proposals to withdraw from (effectively close) the Nailsworth Recreation Center and others after a "detailed analysis". Nailsworth Town Council were not consulted with and learnt that SDC has no Consultation Policy or practice with Town or Parish Councils except for in planning matters.

The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday 20th October to discuss budgets and the precept recommendations for 2011/12.

Highways have confirmed that they can provide barriers to close the roads for the 90th Anniversary of the War Memorial but the clerk is still looking for a volunteer to go and pick up the barriers from the depot, as well as exactly how many are required, suggestions for a diversion and whether laminated A4 sheets would be sufficiently visible.

The clerk would also like confirmation as to which residents need to be formally advised of the road closures.

Cheques signed/to be signed since last meeting September 2nd, 2010

Cheque Number	Description	Amount
519	Computer Repairs – Problems with Outlook	£20.00
520	Balance for Notice Board to Woodchester Workshop	£592.50
521	Glasdon – 2 dog bins and 1 post	£245.68
522	Moore Stephens – Audit	£158.63
523	Stroud District Council – Road closures for 90 th Anniversary of War Memorial	£40.00
524	Ian Smith – Village Maintenance	£430.00
525	Clerk salary –27.8.10 – 1.10.10	£462.50

Planning Update

Planning Decisions Received

Permission granted to:-

- S.10/1697/MINAM Old Ways, Bospin Lane – Minor amendment to Permission S.10/0496/HHOLD to re-position a window and insert a doorway in western elevation of extension
- S.10/1594/HHOLD Highbank, Selsley Road – Conservatory to the north side of the house
- S.10/1494/TCA – Woodcote, Bospin Lane – Crown raise lower stems from Ash
- S.10/1461/LBC & S.10/1446/HHOLD Winslow House, Atcombe Road - External alterations to include roof terrace above garage. Replace existing kitchen window with french doors and addition of bay. Redesign the car parking area and create a reception terrace
- S.10/1437/FUL Woodchester Mansion – Application to replace an existing toilet block
- S.10/1305/VAR 23 Paul's Rise - Renewal of Planning permission for garage extension to create new bedroom
- S.10/1594/HHOLD Highbank, Selsley Road – Add conservatory to the North side of the house

Planning Applications Received

- S.10/1234/LBC The Gables, Rooksmoor Hill – Retrospective application for external alterations
- S.10/1955/TCA 1 Pauls Rise - Works to willow, silver birch, macrocarpa and cryptomeria trees
- S.10/1750/FUL Boundary Court Farm, Selsley Hill – Part retrospective application for the erection of building to provide accommodation for printing business
- S.10/1887/TCA Woodlands Cottage, Station Road – Works to various trees - Holly, Eucalyptus, Photinia, Conifer, Prunus lusitanica, Weeping Cotoneasters, Laurus nobilis and various unknown
- S.10/1725/TCA Summerwells, Convent Lane – Felling of two Lawson Cypress

Resident's correspondence

2 residents have written to/contacted the clerk about the re-siting of the notice board in Rooksmoor and 1 resident has contacted the clerk about the proposed siting of the notice board in Paul's Rise. This will be discussed under agenda item 11.

Correspondence received

GAPTC Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2010

GAPTC News Update – Autumn 2010

SLCC – Courses 2010

Standards Committee hearing decision notice – Cllr Malcolm Swait

Landcare – 2010-2011 Catalogue