

Clerk's Report to 30th October, 2013

- **Annual Parish Meeting** - The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on the 22nd May at the Endowed School.
- **Tree Walk** – Rachel Hemming devised a walk through Woodchester which includes many different species of tree. This is now on the website. It is not possible to mark all the trees with labels as the Parish Council had previously considered, as some are on private property.
- **Dog bin on Church Lane** – The new dog bin has been erected by Ian Smith.
- **Stroud District Council's Local Plan** – A response was sent from the Parish Council.
- **Safety on Selsley Road** – The clerk received a call from a resident in Selsley Road concerned about safety and speeds on the road. Cllrs. were due to meet with Garry Handley and Richard Gray the following week. The clerk rang the resident following the meeting to talk through what had been discussed. The resident offered to help with any plans to improve safety on the road.
- **Road safety in Woodchester** – The clerk, Cllrs. Swait, Dunbar and Baldauf met with Garry Handley and Richard Gray to discuss road safety in Woodchester and as a result, have devised a proposed plan of action due to be discussed later in the agenda.
- **Leyhill 'Through The Gate' Programme** – Work suggested by the Parish Council is due to be carried out at the beginning of December. This includes clearing the High Street and Frogmarsh Lane in South Woodchester.
- **Remembrance Sunday** – Posters have been put up in the village and wreaths have been delivered.
- **Cycle path at Frogmarsh** – Gloucestershire Highways will send the drainage team to carry out an inspection.
- **Woodchester Word** – Copies are now on the website after finding a solution to the problem of large file size.
- **The Convent** – Representation from the Parish Council was sent to SDC and the hearing is due to be held on 8th November.
- **Play area** – A second letter was sent to a local landowner concerning land for a play area. A response was received very quickly and the first letter had not been received. The landowner kindly agreed to consider the request.
- **Play area** – An email was received from a resident asking if the Parish Council had looked into providing a play area in the village. The clerk responded with details of plans currently under consideration.
- **SDC's New Build Programme** – A meeting was held at SDC on 2nd October to brief the Housing Committee and to ask for their approval with regard 'First Division Sites'. The clerk contacted SDC to clarify their plans with regard to Southbank as it was not clear from the meeting documents. The proposal is to demolish four properties and re-build five - 1 x 4 bed 6 person house, 3 x 2 bed 4 person houses and 1 x 3 bed 5 person house.
- **Standing orders** – NALC have produced revised standing orders and Woodchester's standing orders will need to be reviewed in the near future in the light of this new document.
- **Parking outside the Post Office** – The clerk contacted Gloucestershire Highways with regard to painting 'loading and unloading only' on the road directly outside the Post Office. This could be considered, but would require a Traffic Regulation Order at a cost of approximately £3,000. This could be progressed via the Highways Community Offer, by seeking match funding from the county.
- **Survey on the impact of localised council tax support funding on English parish/town councils** – This was completed and asked for comparisons between 2012/13 and 2013/14 in terms of budget and tax base. It also asked about how our billing authority had handled the changes.

Cheques signed/to be signed since last meeting on 5th September, 2013

04.09.13	Ian Smith – Maintenance for 2 nd quarter	671	£455.00
24.09.13	Adrian Bidmead – Repair to notice board on Selsley Road	672	£175.00
02.10.13	LeopardPress – Printing Woodchester Word	673	£441.36
02.10.13	Getmapping Plc. – Renewal of subscription to Parish Online	674	£24.00
06.11.13	Woodchester Endowed School - Hire of School Hall	675	£10.00
06.11.13	GAPTC – Book - 'Local Councils Explained'	676	£55.59
06.11.13	Royal British Legion – Donation for 3 wreaths	677	£105.00
06.11.13	Clerk's salary – 4 th September – 5 th November – 9 weeks @£88.40	678	£795.60
06.11.13	Clerk – Epsom Projector	678	£236.50

Planning Update

Planning Decisions

Consent has been granted for:

- S.13/1398/HHOLD – Mt. Fyffe, Bath Road, Woodchester – New garage/workshop/storage. Refurbished/extended porch.
- S.13/1809/TCA – Beggar's Roost, Bospin Lane, South Woodchester - Ash tree - Reduce crown by 5m and lateral spread by 5m.
- S.13/1582/HHOLD – Rosare, Lagger Lane, South Woodchester - Replacement of concrete garage with timber-framed garage.
- S.13/1721/VAR – 23 Pauls Rise, North Woodchester - Renewal of planning permission S.10/1305/VAR for garage extension to create new bedroom.
- S.13/1521/TPO - Chester Hill Stables, Convent Lane, South Woodchester - Removal of 3 Ash trees (TPO 272).
- S.13/2193/TCA – Southfield Mill House, Southfield Road, Woodchester - Undertake tree works as per the submitted Tree Condition Survey Report.
- S.13/2192/TCA – Ram Inn, High Street, South Woodchester - Fell lawson cypress, mountain ash and reduce various conifers by 30-50%.

Consent has been refused for:

- S.13/1888/COU – Little Orchard, Southfield Road, Woodchester – Change of use of existing B1 workshop to B2 to enable vehicle restoration work to be undertaken.

Planning Applications Received

- S.13/1894/CAC – Rooksmoor Mills, Bath Road, Woodchester - Demolition of existing mill buildings. Retention of part of roadside wall and mill culverts - 'Hybrid' planning application. Full planning permission for construction of 27 residential units, reinstatement of millpond,

construction of two new accesses and associated car parking and landscaping. Outline planning permission for 32 residential units and 1,300sqm of commercial floorspace (uses within Classes B1, B2, B8) - matters of appearance and landscaping reserved for later approval.

- S.13/2291/LBC – Knapp House, Selsley Road, North Woodchester - Removal of modern chimney piece and false walling in ground floor living room to reveal blocked fireplace behind, repair of cracked stone lintel and lime plastering to surrounding walling, installation of wood burning stove, minor adjustments to position of modern stud partitions at first and second floor, new en-suite to second floor bedroom, replacement internal doors.
- S.13/2173/TPO – 1 Lawns Park, North Woodchester – Fell horse chestnut.
- S.13/2090/TCA – Oak Tree Cottage, Selsley Road, North Woodchester – Fell oak.