

Clerk's Report September 2011

At the last Parish Council meeting on 7th July 2011 the clerk was asked to provide information to a resident regarding the Parish Council's roles and responsibilities and budgets and spending. This has been provided.

Following discussion at the last Parish Council meeting where it was agreed that the Parish Council would not fund the replacement of stiles with kissing gates on MKS73 the clerk wrote to advise the clerk at Kings Stanley. The Kings Stanley clerk is now in direct contact with the landowner.

The clerk has written to Iain Dunbar, the editor of the Woodchester Word, to confirm that that the Editor should retain editorial control and that a draft copy of the newsletter should still be sent to the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk to check. Future editions will also include the following disclaimer:-

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Gloucestershire County Council has drafted its new Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) to outline how it intends to look after its roads, bridges, footpaths, gullies, traffic lights and street lights and how it will carry out winter operations.

The TAMP sets out service standards for each area of work carried out by the highways department.

The blueprint says the council will:

- Protect front line maintenance services by making the best use of available funding and resources
- Be guided by highway codes of practice and national guidance documents as well as taking into account local needs
- Aim to maintain our road network in a steady state
- Invest in preventative work which will reduce defects appearing in the first place so roads last longer
- Work more closely with communities to enable them to better help themselves

Following the recent review of bus services in Gloucestershire, GCC confirmed that over 130 subsidised bus services were included in the consultation. They received over 2800 completed questionnaires and over 70 organisations commented.

Responses and proposed changes for the services affecting Woodchester are as follows:

46: Forest Green – Nailsworth – Stroud – Brockworth - Cheltenham

This service is essential for medical appointments and people without cars.

40: Stroud – Nailsworth - Wotton under Edge

This service is essential for medical appointments and people without cars.

93: Gloucester – Stroud

This service is essential for people who finish work after 6pm.

Route	Service now	What's happening		By when
93	Gloucester - Stroud - Nailsworth	Runs Mondays to Saturdays. Daytime journeys are NOT subsidised. Last journey in each direction between Gloucester and Stroud is subsidised.	The 7.35pm departure from Gloucester on Mondays to Saturdays and the 6.55pm departures on Monday to Friday, 6.40pm on Saturday, from Stroud will continue to run.	By 13 November 2011
46	Stroud - Cheltenham	Runs every day. All Monday to Saturday journeys are provided WITHOUT	Further review of Sunday service to be undertaken to reduce costs.	On or before January 2012
40	Stroud - Nailsworth - Wotton-Under-Edge	Runs Mondays to Saturday daytimes. All journeys subsidised	The number of journeys will be increased from 5 to 6 from Wotton-under-Edge but reduced from 5 to 4 in the opposite direction. Some journeys will run between Wotton-under-Edge and Nailsworth where connections will be available to and from Stroud. There will be journeys for college students and workers and the service will be supplemented by a Nailsworth - Dursley service with some journeys continuing to or from Wotton-under-Edge	On or before January 2012
263	Nailsworth - Amberley - Woodchester - Nailsworth	Runs on Mondays and Wednesday. All journeys subsidised	This service runs on Mondays and Wednesdays and will now run on Fridays to coincide with Nailsworth Library opening times	On or before January 2012
267	Stroud - Woodchester	Runs on Thursdays. All journeys subsidised	This once a week service will on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays and times will change	On or before January 2012

To mark 60 years of the Queen's reign the Diamond Jubilee will take place in 2012. The celebrations will centre around an extended weekend in 2012 on 2, 3, 4 and 5 June

At the end of July the bus shelter opposite the Old Piano Factory was set fire to. The wooden seat was destroyed and the back and side damaged. The clerk has filed a claim with the Parish Council's insurers, Zurich Municipal. The quote to repair the damage was £250. The Parish Council have a £100 excess on a claim of this nature.

Tender requests have been sent to contractors for further restoration work to the War Memorial in South Woodchester.

Cheques signed/to be signed since last meeting July 7th, 2011

Cheque Number	Description	Amount
586	Clerk's salary 25.6.11-23.7.11	£370.00
587	Payment to Leopard Press for Woodchester Word printing	£360.00
588	Payment to Moore Stephens for audit	£162.00
589	Clerk's salary 24.7.11-4.9.11	£550.00
589	Stamps	£5.90

Planning Update

Planning Decisions Received

Consent has been granted for:

- S.11/0931/LBC Lower Court Cottage, Selsley Road – Erection of extension for disabled accommodation
- S.11/1152/TCA Woodchester House – Reduce height of Yew tree by 50%
- S.11/1352/TCA 6 Manor Gardens – Remove branches from Chestnut tree
- S.11/1339/TCA The Old Store, Station Road – Fell large Lawson Cypress by sections to near ground level. Reduce the height and spread of a large photinia

Planning applications received

- 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.11/1288/LBC Atcombe Court Lodge – Remove cement render from North side of dwelling (one external wall) and replace with a lime mortar render. Replacement of single glazing metal windows with double glazing windows
- S.11/1574/HHOLD Haytor, Convent Lane – Removal of existing porch to be replaced with one and a half storey extension including landscaping and services. Replacement of flat roofs to dormer and extension with pitched roof
- S.11/1548/LBC Land adjacent to The Cottage, Church Road – Erection of dwelling including vehicular access retaining the listed wall
- S.11/1547/FUL Land adjacent to The Cottage, Church Road – Erection of dwelling including vehicular access
- S.11/1507/HHOLD Atcombe Cottage, Atcombe Road – Erection of a garden room to replace shed
- S.11/1490/DISCON The Coach House, Tower House Drive - Discharge of conditions 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 of approved application S.08/2023/FUL - Creation of Dwelling from Existing Garage

At the Planning meeting held on 15th August 2011 it was agreed that the clerk would submit the following comment in response to the Government's Issues Paper which seeks to review how change of use is handled within the planning system:

“The Parish Council has no comment to make on the tech issues surrounding the use classes order however the Parish Council would not in principle support changes to the use classes order and devolvement of powers from qualified planning officers to laymen.”

The Planning Committee also noted Stroud District Council's move to a E-consultation from 1st October 2011. SDC have confirmed that planning applications do not have to be made online and that they will be able to provide hard copy large scale plans, by exception, for potentially contentious applications. The clerk has publicised to the parish that if you become a registered user you can receive email alerts when applications are submitted in your area.

Correspondence received

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