

Clerk's Report to 1st September, 2016

- **Bike Tracks** – Following a visit on 14th June, Back-on-Track produced a revised quote for the work, which was significantly higher than that of 2013. They are now working on a design to fit with the Parish Council budget and other quotes are being sourced. Dorcas Binns has been informed of the delay and so too have solicitors dealing with the lease agreements. The solicitor acting for Mr. and Mrs. Hill has sent an invoice for work to date.
- **Hedges on Bospin Lane** – Following letters concerning overgrown boundaries, a response was received from one of the residents of Bospin Lane who had since cut back the hedge on the boundary of the footpath, but explained that they were not responsible for the path itself, despite having maintained it for some years. The clerk was in contact with Gloucestershire Rights of Way who confirmed responsibility and the clerk has requested that this section of footpath be added to their routine maintenance list.
- **Water on Bear Hill** – The issue now seems to have been resolved and water is no longer running across the road.
- **Gloucestershire Highways** – The clerk asked that the hedge along the A46 on the stretch opposite the Fleece be cut back as it was becoming more difficult for residents to pass unhindered. A visit was made and they found that there was no immediate problem and it will be cut as part of cyclic cuts commencing in September.
- **Path across weir at Rooksmoor** – A resident was contacted by Gloucestershire Rights of Way (GROW) concerning the use of this path which is not a Public Right of Way. It is however used by residents of Rooksmoor as a link to the cycle path. The clerk will contact GROW for more information.
- **Footpath behind The Priory leading to Laggar Lane** – The Cotswold Volunteer Wardens have approached the landowners to discuss improvements to this path which will hopefully help to deal with the very wet ground. They are proposing to build a boardwalk. A handrail was fitted by Gloucestershire Rights of Way a couple of years ago, but use of the path remains difficult.
- **The Convent** – An Enforcement Notice has been served on The Convent. The owners have been given six months to rectify the issues.
- **Trees surrounding the War Memorial** – The manager of Woodchester House has been contacted to ask that the trees surrounding the War Memorial be cut back as they are currently encroaching on the site.
- **Training** – Cllr. Hamilton is due to attend a Chairmanship meeting on the 15th November. The clerk attended a Playground Training Session in July which provided information on the requirements for safety inspections.
- **Millennium Trees** – Plaques have been ordered for both the lime tree on the Church Green and the oak tree at Frogmarsh, both planted to mark the Millennium.
- **Road Safety Liaison Group** – The clerk contacted Dr. John Cordwell, chair of the Road Safety Liaison Group to enquire about the date of the next meeting. Unfortunately this forum is intended to have representatives from County and District Councils and road safety organisations. It is not intended for Parish Councils. However he has since asked Garry Handley of the Road Safety Partnership whether he would be willing to hold an event for Parish Councils in order to discuss how to tackle road safety issues, hurdles which might be encountered and the processes parishes have gone through to maximise the likelihood of a scheme coming to fruition.
- **Signs on Park Lane** – Neighbourhood Warden Dom Everiss visited the owner of Fourways and as a result the number of 'no parking' signs have now been reduced to two.
- **Changes to Refuse Collections** – All households should now have received information regarding the new provision for waste and recycling collections. The bins for food waste and non-recyclable waste are due to be delivered to Woodchester in the week beginning 12th September. Properties which are difficult to access with a large vehicle will continue to use bags.
- **Kissing Gates** – Stroud District Council has now received the s.106 payment from the development adjacent to Treetops which will enable the Parish Council to replace two stiles in the village with kissing gates. With the landowner's permission, the stile at the bottom of Villa

Field (off Selsley Road) and one at the entrance to the footpath off Convent Lane (leading to Atcombe Road) will be replaced.

- **Pay Phone on Selsley Road** – An application has been submitted to BT to adopt the phone box for use as a ‘library’; they have arranged a consultation with SDC which could take as long as three months.
- **Power Cuts** – A new service has been set up to call in case of a power cut. Residents should call 105 free of charge and this will connect them with the local electricity provider. The clerk has put up posters to advertise the new service.

Cheques signed/to be signed since the meeting of the 7th July, 2016

Date	Payee	Cheque Number	Amount	Authorising Power
31.08.16	GPFA – Membership Renewal	775	£50.00	LGA 1972 s.111
31.08.16	Sewell Mullings Logie Solicitors – Professional Charges concerning lease for Mountain Bike Trails	2	£909.00	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
31.08.16	Clerk Salary – 6 th July – 6 th September, 2016 – 9 weeks @£103.63	777	£932.67	LGA 1972 s.112 (2)

Planning Decisions

Consent has been granted for:

S.16/1281/HHOLD – The Old Cottage, High Street, South Woodchester – New boot-room entrance and open fronted oak-framed garage.

Applications Received

S.16/1865/HHOLD – Quail Hollow, Frogmarsh Lane, South Woodchester – Removal of existing single storey extension and construction of a new single storey extension