

Clerk's Report to 30th October, 2014

- **Community shops** – The clerk was contacted by GRCC with details of a Community Shop Event taking place in Horsley on the 6th November. This is to enable those already running community shops and others who are interested in doing so the opportunity to meet and discuss ideas and issues. The information was passed to Christian Dannemann.
- **Advertising around the village** – In September concern was expressed that posters and boards were being placed around the village on lamp posts, trees and at the edge of the road advertising local businesses. Having contacted Gloucestershire County Council for confirmation for advice, the law does not allow adverts to be placed without the consent of the landowner.
- **Road safety visits** to the Endowed School and St. Dominic's are due to be carried out by the Road Safety Partnership. It was hoped these would take place to coincide with our '20 is plenty' scheme.
- **Maintenance Report** – Ian Smith has produced a summary of work carried out since the last meeting.
- **Stroud District Planning Department** are investigating the construction of a garage on Selsley Road without the owner having applied for planning permission.
- **War memorial** – English Heritage had received a request to investigate the possibility of the War Memorial becoming listed. The clerk contacted English Heritage to discuss the issues involved.
- **Boundary Commission Boundary Review** – A response has been submitted to the Boundary Commission with comments agreed at the Parish Council meeting on 4th September; ideally to maintain the status quo, but otherwise to link with villages to the east and west, rather than larger settlements of Rodborough and Nailsworth.
- **Standing Orders** – An Amendment to the 1960 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 has meant that standing order 3I on page 6 can no longer be used and the application is suspended. The amendment states that, a person may not orally report or comment about a meeting as it takes place if he is present at the meeting of a parish council or its committees but otherwise may:
 - a) film, photograph or make an audio recording of a meeting;
 - b) use any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting as it takes place or later;
 - c) report or comment on the proceedings in writing.'
- **Repair to bus shelter** – Ian Smith has now carried out work to repair the bus shelter opposite Selsley Road following vandalism. He has cut back the vegetation to clear the side of the bus shelter, making the area visible.
- **Precept requests** - Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has announced there will be no cap to precept requests for Parish Councils.

Cheques signed/to be signed since the meeting of the 4th September, 2014

03.09.14	Printing Woodchester Word - LeopardPress	1	£395.00
25.09.14	Phase I Habitat Survey	714	£420.00
25.09.14	Hire of the Endowed School Hall	715	£10.00
20.10.14	Parish Online renewal	716	£33.60
05.11.14	Clerk – Salary 3 rd September – 4 th November (9 weeks@£88.40)	717	£795.60

Planning Decisions

Consent has been granted for:

- S.13/1221/FUL – Woodchester Mill, Selsley Road, North Woodchester – Infill house on vacant plot.
- S.14/1556/TPO – Chester Hill Lodge – Convent Lane - Reduce crown by 30% due to crown die back resulting in a thinning of the foliage and dead branch tips. Common Lime (T2) - Remove substantial dead wood resulting from a main branch dying back - reduce remaining crown by 25% to reinstate a balanced and well-proportioned crown.
- S.14/1946/HHOLD – Woodlands, Station Road, South Woodchester – First floor extension (rear)

Planning applications received:

- S.14/1567/COU – Convent of Poor Clares, Convent Lane – Conversion of convent to hotel
- S.14/2151/COU – Change of use from former petrol station to hand car wash facility.
- S.14/2286/TCA – Cotteswold, High Street, South Woodchester - T1 - Norway Maple - remove, T2 - Young Horse chestnut - remove, T3 - 2 Old plums - to remove.