



November 2023 – Clerk's Report

Update on actions/outcomes from previous meetings not covered on agenda:

Last Meeting:

Item Ref:	Action	Action By:	Comments
2023/78	Install bin at Bospin lane	Cllr Lead	Actioned
2023/82	Arrange an extraordinary meeting of the council to discuss planning application at the Ram	Clerk	Actioned
2023/84	Follow up on planning needs for access bridge at Rooksmoor	Cllr Lead	Ongoing
2023/85	Amendments to be made to maintenance contract and forwarded for new price	Clerk	Actioned – Await price
2023/86	Renew GPFA membership	Clerk	Actioned
2023/89	Piece for Woodchester Word to be written to appeal for landowners to plant trees following ashdieback project	Clerk	Piece prepared for next edition
2023/93	Piece to be written for Woodchester Word to appeal for new councillors	Cllr Lead	May not be required following interest received.

Outstanding from Previous Meetings:

Item Ref:	Action	Action By:	November Update
2023/65	Investigate Grant Options for Accessible Gates in the Parish	Cllr Lead	Clerk has spoken with S106 team. They are happy with the suggested terms and will

			send a letter of confirmation
2023/67	Frogmarsh bin to be replaced with lidded bin due to pests	Clerk	Bin and fixings have been ordered. Should be delivered before November meeting
2023/55	Prepare report on reducing speed limit on A46	Cllr Dunbar	This was presented in September – Need to keep open for a new cllr to pick up once we have co-opted
2023/3	Unlock online banking. Clerk to send Cllr Lead details required	Clerk & Cllr Lead	Clerk hasn't had chance to go to branch. Will start process online from scratch

Maintenance and Repairs

Contractor has carried out tasks as per contract. Feedback on expanding the areas of strimming/moving beyond the curve of the sightline near Pauls Rise and Millpond Cottages.

Dog Poo bin has fallen down at Birds Crossing. Maintenance contractor has agreed to fix.

Tree issues around Bath Road have been reported to GCC Highways – No update received

HMP Leyhill have reopened their scheme to support local parishes with village maintenance. Clerk and previous clerk had both sent emails during 2022 requesting an update on the scheme but received no response. Clerk has a new contact and will get in touch during December to get onto the 2024 list of parishes.

Highways and PROW

Ash Dieback work scheduled for A46 Nailsworth to Lightpill 18-22nd December 2023, 9-30am to 3-30pm has been rescheduled as a priority for the new financial year 2024/2025 and new details will be communicated once dates have been agreed.

Stroud District Polling survey has been shared to PC website

Road safety projects currently being picked up by Cllr Robinson, will hopefully be adopted by a new council member. Cllr Robinson has shared Cllr Dunbars report with Paul Helbrow of GCC Highways.

Pavements to bus stops were cleared by GCC following PC and Public complaints

Recreational Areas

Clerk has repaired a second lot of damage to play area swing, this seems to still be fine. Second attack was reported to police.

Clerk has posted letters to Rooksmoor properties requesting permission to have PC CCTV installed on their back wall overlooking the play area.

Clerk has removed graffiti from bike track signs and play area signs and equipment.

New contractor has been clearing rubbish in and around play area. They have also cleared up drug paraphernalia and cement bags from Selsley Road area

Audit

PKF have supplied return with note to say that the PC have been compliant in their submission, but PKF have not reviewed within timescales. Audit report will come soon.

Correspondence/Other Notes

- Clerk has spoken to Village Hall reps and requested that PC are charged “per meeting” instead of “per hour” and that we are invoiced for the whole of 2024 in our January meeting
- SDC Polling sites survey has been shared to website and FB. Cllr McNealey has responded on behalf of PC and Village Hall.
- Historical society contact details have been updated on PC website
- St Loes, Says and Bridges Foundation contact details have been updated on PC website
- PC website has had a server upgrade
- Following SDC’s decision to pause it’s local plan review, Cam Parish Council have written a letter to express their dissatisfaction. Letter can be found on their website or via clerk.
- Councillors were invited to attend a Councillor Advocacy Scheme
- Resident has written to Woodchester School to complain about the number of parents parking inconsiderately around Pauls Rise
- Member of public reported fallen dog poo pin at Birds crossing. This has been reported to our maintenance contractor. Member of public also commented that they were not happy that the Bospin lane had been placed on the other side of the road.
- Confirmation received from SDC that for the period 1st April 2023 – 30th September 2023, Woodchester Parish did not receive any monies from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payments.
- A consultation on draft recommendations for division boundaries in Gloucestershire has begun. Survey response deadline is 11th December 2023. No direct impact to Woodchester Parish
- Grant information for St. Loe's, Seys and Bridges Foundation has been added to PC website
- Survey for Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Gloucestershire to gather resident’s opinions about their perceptions of crime in their local area has been shared on PC website and FB page. The survey asks for views on crime, antisocial behaviour and policing and this feedback will be used to inform the OPCC’s work to make Gloucestershire safer.