

Clerks Report to 26th October 2021

Highways and Rights of Way:

- **Selsley Road:** The Selsley Road resurfacing scheme was cancelled a few days before it was due to start because Gloucestershire Highways Department became aware of the weak bridge at the bottom of the hill. Both the Parish Council and County Councillor have been in touch with Gloucestershire Highways. Gloucestershire Highways have said that due to the lack of turning spaces the resurfacing could not go ahead. They will be looking into alternative methods of delivery and looking at patching the large pot holes that have developed.
- **Rooksmoor Hill:** Following the traffic and pedestrian survey the Parish Council are planning another meeting with residents, Rodborough Parish Council and the area Highways Manager to see if there is an effective solution to managing vehicular traffic along this narrow lane.
- **Highways Safety Improvements:** Following requests from the Parish Council and County Councillor there have been two highways safety improvements: A new surfaced path between the flats near the Fleece pub and the bus stop on East side of A46 at the bottom of Selsley Road. This should improve safety for pedestrians walking to the Bus Stop. Also, the zig zag 'no stopping or waiting' lines outside Woodchester Endowed School have been reinstated making it safer for children coming in and out of school.
- **Tree Felling in Woodchester Park.** This is ongoing. Currently (and until mid-November) it is occurring on the north side above the second lake from the bottom of the park. But pedestrians should be aware in all areas of the park and follow diversion signs.

Village events:

- **Village Picnic and Dog Show:** In September the Village Events Committee organized a village picnic on the Green which was well attended especially by families with small children. A fun dog show organized by a local resident raised £60 for Guide Dogs UK and the sale of teas and cakes raised over £300 for Church funds. Parish Councillors attended the event to chat to residents and came away with a list of ideas and actions to complete. The list and actions taken are available from the clerk.
- **Christmas Fair:** Cllr Dunbar has organised a Christmas Fair on Saturday 27th November 10am-2pm in the Endowed School. This is with 'Made in Woodchester' and will be an opportunity for local crafts people to sell their work and members of the community to get together. Parish Councilors will be available to talk to residents about their ideas and concerns.

Mountain bike trail: Volunteers have now created a new entrance and safer waiting area. They have also fenced the natural pond at the southern end of the mountain bike trail and improved the signage so the different tracks are clearer.

Insurance Claim: There has been a claim made against the Parish Council Public Liability insurance regarding alleged damage to a resident's car. The claim is with the Parish Council's Insurers.

Wildflower seed: Following the guided walks around Boundary Court, the National Trust have given Woodchester Parish wildflower seeds harvested from local fields for distribution to interested residents. The seeds will be available in the village shop and from the clerk. Further information about the Stroud Valleys Project is available here:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/minchinhampton-and-rodborough-commons/features/space-for-nature-project>

CIL reporting: The annual CIL report is now available on the website here:

<https://www.woodchesterparish.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/SDC-CIL-Reporting-for-Town-and-Parish-Councils-20-21.pdf> Woodchester PC received £732.00 in April 2019 so this is available for projects to 'support the development of the area' until 30/04/2024 (after that time it is returned to SDC to allocate to projects). More information about CIL is available here:
: <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/media/1120910/cil-guide-for-town-parish-councils-december-19-updated-copy.pdf>.

Grants/Donations: The Parish Council have received £4,995.00 of Lottery Funding towards the proposed new play area. The Woodchester Word has received a private donation of £1000.

Parish and Town Councils Information meeting. Run by SDC and attended by the Clerk. Notes have been circulated to Councillors and are available from the Clerk.

Remembrance Sunday plans: 14th November this year. Wreaths have arrived from the Royal British Legion and a donation has been made. The wreaths will be distributed to the wreath layers (Tessa Pemberton, for St Mary's Church, Gervase Hamilton for the Parish Council and George Bastin for the Old Comrades) Andrew Pemberton will play the Last Post. The Parish Council maintenance contractor will ensure the Memorial is cleaned up and clear of leaves (doing a final check on the Sunday Morning), he will also dispose of the previous wreaths.

Bus shelters: The bus shelter on A46 at the bottom of St Mary's Hill is still in need of its new roof, the work is planned for this autumn. The graffiti on the bus shelter in Frogmarsh will soon be painted over.

Other reported issues: The Contractor employed by the Parish Council has removed overgrowing vegetation on the railings at the bottom of Selsley Road. There have been various other issues addressed (over growing vegetation, trees down, inconsiderate parking, blocked drains, pot holes etc).

Planning

Applications submitted/ still awaiting a decision since the last meeting on 2nd September

S.21/1165/HHOLD | Demolition of existing conservatory, garage and covered area. Erection of two storey extension, single storey attached annexe and single storey garage | Tyn Y Rheol Rooksmoor Hill Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5NB

S.21/1626/TCA | T 1 - Holly tree - Cut to ground level. | Cottesswold High Street South Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5EL

S.21/2209/FUL | Installation of 2.7km play trail through Marmontsflat Wood. | Woodchester Park Nympsfield Gloucestershire GL10 3TS

S.21/2144/VAR | Variation of condition 30 on permitted application S.20/1209/VAR- Substituting revised drawings for the existing cottage/block C3 With reference to revised drawings | Rooksmoor Mills Bath Road Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5EF

S.21/2223/VAR | Variation of conditions 4 (materials blocks A, B, C, C1, C2, D & F) & 30 (approved drawings) from the application S.20/1209/VAR. | Rooksmoor Mills Bath Road Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5EF

S.21/2323/HHOLD | Installation of 4no conservation style Velux windows. Installation of carport, with garden above it | Vineyard View Laggar Lane South Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5EJ

S.21/2448/HHOLD | Erection of single storey rear extension and porch | 6 Beech Grove North Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5NL

Applications approved/permitted since the last meeting on 2nd September

S.21/1519/HHOLD | Part single and two storey extension to rear. Demolish and re-build existing attached garages | The Gables Convent Lane Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5HR

S.21/1959/TCA | (1) Large Ash by the Yew tree - Fell by sections to leave a 1.0m stump. (2) Next group of 4 Ash stems - Fell by sections to leave with 1.0m stumps. (3) Leaning Ash stem on the lawn - Fell to near ground level. (4) Walnut below - Fell to near ground level. (5) 3 Ash stems near the swings - Fell to near ground level. | Woodcote Bospin Lane South Woodchester Stroud GL5 5EH

Applications withdrawn since last meeting on 2nd September

S.21/1411/FUL | Retention of and extension to the existing food preparation facility | Devils Kitchen Q Park Bath Road Inchbrook Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5HT

Cheques signed/to be signed since the meeting on the 2nd September, 2021

Date	Payee	Cheque Number	Amount	Authorising Power
15/10/21	Donation to Royal British Legion (Wreaths)	961	£150.00	LGA 1972 S.137
15/10/21	Parish Online mapping (GeoXphere)	962	£48.00	LGA 1972 S.111
15/10/21	CR Signs (Parish Council sign at village fete)	963	£36.00	LGA 1972 S.111
15/10/21	Tim Curtis (Maintenance) 2 nd Quarter (£605) and work to gullies (£65)	964	£670.00	Highways Act 1980 s.96
15/10/21	GAPTC clerk budget setting training	965	£45.00	LGA 1972 S.112(2)
4/11/21	Sylvia May Salary Sept/October (2 month £1019.20) plus 6 hours agreed overtime (£70.56)	966	£1089.76	LGA 1972 S.112(2)