

## Clerk's Report to 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

- **Gloucestershire Highways (GH)**
  - **Water Lane** – Work is now complete
  - **Road Closures** – Selsley Road will be closed from the top, down to the junction with Church Road, from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January. Convent Lane will be closed just north of the junction with St. Mary's Hill on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February
  - **Various issues have been reported** including pot holes, blocked drains and fallen trees.
- **Woodchester Park**
  - **Play Trail** - The National Trust have been working on plans to refresh the existing natural play trail with high-quality, safe, inclusive and accessible elements that promote health, well-being and connections with nature for the community. Initial plans were sent out earlier this year. Some revisions have been made in light of feedback from consultees. Plans include a new zip wire, tree house and 'hideaway'
  - **Tree Work** - Felling work will be undertaken from the beginning of December 2020. This will include work started last year to remove an area of non-native Western Red Cedar trees, forming part of the parkland restoration work. The National Trust will also remove ash trees from the medium and high visitor zones (near tracks, picnic areas etc.) as part of health and safety work. The works in total will take approximately three months depending on the weather. There will be times when tracks and paths will unfortunately be closed. The entrances will also be closed to all visitors at times, excluding weekends. Signs will be erected to inform visitors of these closures.
- **Rooksmoor Mills Development** – Concern has been raised over the removal of the bus stop on the western side of the A46 at Rooksmoor. Original plans by the developers included remarking of the layby to the south of the development to replace this bus stop. A decision was made as long ago as 2014 by Gloucestershire County Council Planning and Development Management Team not to reinstate a bus stop. This decision was based on an audit which looked at visibility splays for the site to the south and found them limited. Other sites were considered, but proximity of accesses and the pedestrian crossing meant they were not considered to be suitable. At the time, Gloucestershire County Council stated that walking 250m to the south to the existing bus stop, 'does not adversely impact on existing residents to such an extent that it would justify an objection to the proposal'. Neither at that time, nor subsequent to the delayed work commencing on the Rooksmoor Mills development site, were local residents or the Parish Council consulted as to the implications of moving the site of the bus stop.

Jonathan Roberts, Traffic Infrastructure Officer with Gloucestershire County Council has agreed to visit the site to look at whether an alternative site is possible. The Parish Council have requested to meet with him during his visit.
- **Village Hall** – Kath Gay has now stood down as booking secretary and treasurer of the Village Hall. Volunteers have come forward to fill those roles. Rod Harris will become booking secretary and Bert Cossins, treasurer.
- **Road Safety Survey** – The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has produced a survey to gain a better understanding of local road safety initiatives, how effective they are, where best practice could be shared and where further support is required. Cllr. Dunbar has agreed to complete this survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

**Cheques signed/to be signed since the meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2020**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Authorising Power</b>
12.11.20	Geosphere Ltd. – Subscription for Parish Online Mapping	920	£42.00	LGA 1972 s.142
12.11.20	iDigLocal - Hosting	921	£36.00	LGA 1972 s.142
27.11.20	Dr Gervase Hamilton – Chairman’s Allowance	922	£70.00	LGA 1972 s 15(5)
27.11.20	Mr Tim Curtis – Maintenance 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	923	£605.00	Highways Act 1980 s.96
06.01.21	Ann Bijkerk – Salary 4 <sup>th</sup> November – 5 <sup>th</sup> January, 2021 – 9wks @ £113.00	924	£1,017.00	LGA 1972 s.112 (2)
06.01.21	Ann Bijkerk – Reimbursement for printer cartridges and Zoom subscription	925	£32.38	LGA 1972 s.111 LGA 1972 s.134(4)

**Planning**

**Applications since the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2020:**

S.20/2553/HHOLD - 3 Pauls Rise, North Woodchester - Proposed rear single storey extension.

S.20/2511/LBC - Coach House, Church Lane, North Woodchester - Replacement of four external windows an external French door

**Applications approved since the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2020:**

S.20/0429/LBC – The Old Fleece Inn, Bath Road - Partial demolition of walls of existing cellar and WC's (part of the listed building), raising of the cellar roof & erection of a new gabled extension

S.20/0774/COU - The Byre, Boundary Court, Bownhill - Change of use of the existing holiday let (Use Class C3) to an annexe ancillary to Boundary Court

S.20/1766/TCA - Woodchester House, Woodchester House Drive – Proposed tree works

S.20/1983/HHOLD - Station House, Station Road - Erection of an extension

S.20/2101/TCA - 4 Rooksmoor Mills, Bath Road - Hazel (T1582) - fell tree due to placement beneath overhead power lines. Unidentified Species (T1615) - fell tree due to placement beneath overhead power lines

S.20/2594/TCA - Woodchester House, Woodchester House Drive - T161,28,30,32,59 Holly - Fell. T56 Horse Chestnut – Fell

**Applications refused since the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2020:**

S.20/1705/HHOLD – Springhill, Frogmarsh Lane, South Woodchester - Single storey extension and below ground garage. Change of use of land to enable parking and access.