

Clerk's Report to 29th August, 2019

Fly Tipping on 'Cycle Path' – With agreement from Chris James, Neighbourhood Warden, a letter was sent from the Parish Council to residents living in the vicinity giving details of how to report an offence and how to dispose of bulky waste through service offered by Stroud District Council.

Bike Trails – The Bike Trails were temporarily closed after a tree fell, obstructing the track. This was cut and cleared as swiftly as possible to allow the trails to be re-opened.

Proposed Work to 'Cycle Path' by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust – Planned works include:

- Resurfacing areas which aren't already tarmac/concrete between Nailsworth and point at which the path goes under Bath road (A46). The surface will be one called Flexipave which will be delivered by a company called KBI UK. This is a sustainable porous surface which consists of rubber from car tyres combined with stone which is then bonded together. This is a very hardwearing surface which should be perfect for the multiuse path. This is being funded by Gloucestershire County Council and Stroud District Council.
- In addition to these works, through some match funding on the money for the path resurfacing there will be various bits of habitat work being carried out along the length of the route between Nailsworth through to Stonehouse. This will consist of some tree management to create glades and a mixed structure to encourage ground flora for butterflies and other invertebrates, the creation of a couple of ephemeral ponds, management of the linear orchard near Stonehouse to help protect the rare varieties of fruit trees found there and the placement of some bat boxes in various locations.

Traffic Lights on the A46 for Rooksmoor Development – Concern was raised with Paul Helbrow, Local Highways Manager that during the period traffic lights are in operation on the A46, very clear signage is in place to try to deter drivers from using Station Road, Selsley Road and Rooksmoor Hill as alternative routes, particularly for larger vehicles. He has been in touch with the relevant department at Gloucestershire Highways.

Rooksmoor Development Working Hours – Several residents raised concerns that work was commencing on site outside of permitted hours. The owner confirmed that working hours are 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday and Saturday from 8am to 1pm. Recent work on a Saturday was to prepare for new culvert foundations. The contractor has advised this should not happen again.

GCC's Lengthsmen Scheme – Unfortunately Woodchester will not benefit from the Lengthsmen scheme this year as hours had already been allocated elsewhere. The Highways Manager has agreed to look to clear the pavement at the southern end of the A46 layby to prevent pedestrians walking on the road and to re-paint road markings on Selsley Road.

Hedges on Selsley Road – Two landowners were contacted to ask that hedges on their boundary be cut back to enable clear visibility on Selsley Road. Both have since carried out the work.

Councillor Declarations of Interest Forms – Updated forms have now been sent to Stroud District Council for their website.

Leyhill Team – A corrected invoice for one day has been received.

Road and Footpath Closures/Restrictions:

- Southfield Road will be closed from Woodchester House to Southfield Mill from 23rd September until 4th October (or until work is completed) for new water main. Pedestrian and emergency access to premises on or next to the road will not be maintained due to excavations in the road and no existing public footway.
- Selsley Road will be closed at the bridge from 28th October 2019 to 1st November 2019. This is to allow for works on the bridge by Gloucestershire County Council. Due to the nature of the works no vehicular access can be maintained.
- Traffic lights are expected on the A46 near Manor Drive at the end of October for work by Severn Trent to the new water main. The Parish Council have expressed their concern to Gloucestershire Highways that this restriction coincides with the closure at the bottom of Selsley Road and could cause added inconvenience when drivers try to use Station Road as an alternative route.
- Footpath MWO24 (from the A46 up past Little Britain Farm) will be closed for a period between September and February. MWO23 (from just south of Manor Drive) is an alternative footpath.

GAPTC – ‘Working Together in the Stroud District’ 2013 – GAPTC and SDC are setting up a working group to revisit the ‘Working together in the Stroud District’ protocol that was devised back in 2013. The purpose is to update this document and make it fit for purpose. The focus is on clear and positive partnership working, reflecting the changes that have impacted both our sector and the district council, and making this a meaningful piece of work.

Cheques signed/to be signed since the meeting of the 4th July, 2019

Date	Payee	Cheque Number	Amount	Authorising Power
15.07.19	Trecreation – Felling willow tree on Bike Trails	7	£225.00	LGA 1894 s.8(1)(i)
08.08.19	SDC – Leyhill Working Party	883	£187.20	Highways Act 1980 s.96
08.08.19	Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association	884	£50.00	LGA 1972 s.111
03.09.19	Ann Bijkerk – Salary from 3 rd July, 2019 to 3 rd September, 2019 – 9 wks @ £110	885	£990.00	LGA 1972 s 112(2)

Planning

Applications granted permission since the meeting on 4th July, 2019:

- S.19/1308/HHOLD - Hawkleigh, Bospin Lane, South Woodchester - Single storey front extension.
- S.19/1413/FUL and S.19/1414/FUL - Royal Oak, Church Road, North Woodchester - Erection of replacement extension and new cellar room.
- S.19/1286/FUL - Woodchester Endowed Church Of England Primary School - Extension to the existing school building to create a new main entrance and

reception, including internal alterations.

- S.19/1279/LBC - The Lawn, Selsley Road, North Woodchester - Proposed erection of random rubble masonry wall to form boundary definition in substitute for previously approved fence and hedge.

Applications made since the meeting of 4th July, 2019:

- S.19/1279/LBC - The Lawn, Selsley Road, North Woodchester - Proposed erection of random rubble masonry wall to form boundary definition in substitute for previously approved fence and hedge.
- S.19/1634/FUL - Land at Woodlea, Bospin Lane, South Woodchester - Two storey dwelling in the grounds of existing dwelling.
- S.19/1752/TCA - Peppercorns, Atcombe Road, South Woodchester - (1) Eucalyptus tree in the rear garden. Fell to near ground level, treat stump to discourage re-growth (further treatment is occasionally necessary - this would be chargeable). (2) Bay Laurel at the front. Fell to near ground level, treat stump to discourage re-growth (further treatment is occasionally necessary - this would be chargeable). These trees are now too big for the garden.