

## **Clerk's Report to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018**

**Cycle Path, Nailsworth to Dudbridge** - John Lane, Public Rights of Way at GCC has reported that the necessary work in preparation for consultation on the creation of a right of way along the route is continuing and all relevant parties, including user groups and parishes etc. will be consulted in due course.

In the meantime some maintenance work on the route has been carried out including over/undergrowth clearance.

In the next couple of months contractors will undertake some drainage work and work to create 'passing bays' at the rear of Renishaws.

In the spring, some sections of the route will be resurfaced with a recycled tyre/chipping mix with funding from GCC, SDC and the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust through European funding.

**HGVs on Selsley Road** – Following a request from the Parish Council, Gloucestershire Highways are looking to improve signage and other measures to highlight and discourage HGV's from using this road.

**Severn Trent Water Main** – Work continues to install a new water main from Minchinhampton to Whaddon and work has now begun in Boundary Court. The Parish Council have received notification of footpath closures in Boundary Court and on the path between north and south Woodchester, but have been reassured that wherever a Public Right of Way is crossed, pedestrian gates will be installed in the boundary fences to allow people to cross when it is safe to do so.

The notice comes into effect from the 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, although the routes will not be closed from that date. Currently pipe laying on this section is planned for April, however before then the boundary fencing will be installed and the topsoil will be stripped to the working area. It is expected the fencing will be installed in late January/ early February and footpath closure notices will be in place at least one week before work starts.

The Parish Council have received a copy of a letter sent to Gloucestershire County Council concerning the state in which the surface of Culver Hill has been left following the work and concern that a section of Selsley Road will not be resurfaced to a satisfactory standard.

**Bike Trails Weekly Safety Checks** – Checks continue to be made on the Bike Trails by a small team of volunteers. Through the winter with less use, this has been reduced to fortnightly. However, the bins have been overflowing on a couple of occasions, believed caused partly by dog waste being placed there instead of the designated bin on Selsley Road. The situation is being monitored.

**Woodchester Park** – As part of a 10 year woodland management plan, selective thinning will be carried out on a block of woodland close to Woodchester Mansion and the children's play trail starting in January until March 2019.

The aims are to remove the Lawson Cypress which was planted as a timber crop in 1960s to allow the Beech that was planted more space to grow in to mature trees. The Ash will also be thinned which will allow more light to get on to the ground allowing ground flora to come back in.

Further clear felling works will take place from September 2019 on the northern side of the lakes. The block of woodland is mostly planted with Western Red Cedar that again was planted up as a timber crop in 1960s. Once the timber has been removed, the lower half will be restored as grassland and re-planted with native broadleaved species on the upper half of the block.

**Grit bins** – Four grit bins in poor condition have been replaced with new bins.

**Gulley Clearing** – Gulleys in the village have recently been cleared by Leyhill workers. Councillors made the decision to pay for this service.

**Cheques signed/to be signed since the meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2018**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Authorising Power</b>
01.11.18	Ann Bijkerk – Reimbursement for grit bins, paper, Land Registry fee and high-viz jackets	853	£472.39	LA 1983 s.5, LGA 1972 s.111, LGA 1972 s.137
01.11.18	Royal British Legion – Donation for three wreaths	854	£150.00	LGA 1972 s.137
13.11.18	Geosphere Ltd. – Parish Online subscription	855	£42.00	LGA 1972 s.111
11.12.18	Ian Smith – Maintenance for 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter and work to grit bins	856	£580.00	Highways 1980 s.96
11.12.18	iDiglocal – Domain name renewal	857	£24.00	LGA 1972 s.142

**Planning**

**Permission has been granted for:**

**S.18/2249/TCA** - Land Opposite Telecommunications Cabinet Opposite Q Park, Bath Road - The alignment of the works will leave the highway verge and enter the field behind by cutting through a line of ash saplings, at the mid-way point between two mature oaks. The area in which the saplings once stood will be replaced with mixed hedgerow

**S.18/2429/TCA** – Cotteswold, High Street, South Woodchester - Apple Tree x 1. Reduce all over lightly by 1.0m to 2.0m and thin remaining canopy to tidy up the crown.

**S.18/2173/FUL** - Atcombe Court Lodge, Frogmarsh Lane, South Woodchester - Erection of office/studio garden shed. Alteration to kitchen flat roof incorporating porch hood.

**S.18/2388/LBC** – The Lawn, Selsley Road, North Woodchester - Proposed removal of second floor internal partition with associated making good.

**Appeal refusal for retrospective application:**

**S.18/1075/HHOLD** – Cornerways Cottage, Cow Lane, South Woodchester – Covered pergola to front of dwelling.

**Applications since meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> November:**

**S.18/2618/LBC** - The Firs, Selsley Road, North Woodchester - Removal of 20th century brick chimney to the rear of property - following removal of inbuilt BBQ in application S.18/1186/LBC. Cap off with matching roof tile.

**S.18/2478/HHOLD** – Tivoli, Cow Lane, Inchbrook - Reconfiguration of internal layout .Rear single storey extension, side single storey extension, wrap round decking, 1st floor balcony, acrylic rendering system to external walls, stone slip cladding to chimney stack.

**S.18/2011/FUL** - Land At The Old Coach House, Lager Lane, South Woodchester - Construction of natural stone retaining and boundary walls.

**S.18/2677/LBC** - Coach House, Church Lane, North Woodchester - Internal and external renovation works to include installing a French drain, re-pointing, replacement of rainwater goods, internal plastering, window repair/replacement.

**S.18/2592/HHOLD** - Willowbank House, Bath Road - Two story extension with double glazed gable on the south west of the house to create more use-able space and give the building a strong designated entrance. Rendering the existing reconstituted stone facade to homogenize the existing building. Replacing the square dormers on back of property with triangular dormers to match ones on the south facade. Drive alterations to the front of the property.