

Clerks Report to 22nd February 2022

Highways and Rights of way: Selsley Road resurfacing is due to go ahead in March. Dates to be confirmed. Church Road and St Mary's Hill have both now been resurfaced (using money from our County Councillors budget) and the damaged sewer on St Mary's Hill has been repaired. Work is ongoing on the cattle grid at the top of Selsley Road. There have been other reported issues including blocked road drains, a hole in the pavement on Selsley Road, blocked drain on cycle path and lights out in the Dudbridge tunnel (both outside Woodchester Parish). Road sweeping for Station Road and Scotts Crossing. There have been various reports addressed of trees down in the Parish. Regarding Rights of Way across the new Rooksmoor Development, the developer's representative (Tony Cooper) has again confirmed to the Parish Council that there will eventually be two rights of way across the land. The path already open at the Southern end is a permissive path. The path at the Northern end will be a public footpath.

Maintenance: In addition to his contracted jobs our maintenance contractor has uncovered a grit bin on the Selsley Road to make it accessible and replaced the broken window in the Frogmarsh bus shelter. At the end of last year he also cleared vegetation along A46 between the cottages and the new foot path opposite the bottom of Selsley Road. There are plans for him to clear vegetation along South Woodchester High Street and repaint the railings over coming weeks. At the request of Councillors SDC has replaced the litter bin at the bottom of Station Road with a new one with a lid, to reduce the problem of animals getting into the rubbish.

New Village Benches: At the suggestion of residents Councillors are looking into establishing more benches in the village. There is to be a new bench in the triangle at Frogmarsh kindly provided by the Stroud Valleys Project as part of the development of that area as a place for wildlife and relaxation. It is hopeful that a new bench will also be provided in North Woodchester on the Village Green, a collaboration with St Mary's Church. Research is ongoing into the ownership of the bench at the top of Berryfield, with a view to getting it restored/replaced.

Finance: The precept form agreed at the last meeting has been sent to SDC. An internal financial check was carried out by Cllr Baynham-Honri on 6th January 2022, all was found to be in order. Clerk to undertake training for Scribe accounting.

Training: Cllr Dunbar to attend playground inspection training and Cllr Noon to attend GAPTC Councillor training.

Grants: grants of up to £500 are available from the Parish Council. Grants are for local charities, voluntary groups or community organisations with projects of direct benefit to Parishioners. Applications need to be received by **31st May** for consideration this year. Full details and application form on the website or from the Clerk. Clerk has advertised these on the website, Facebook and through the notice boards.

Litter pick: The litter pick is planned for 2-4pm on 3rd April. Meeting place is layby on A46. Clerk to advertise through website/Facebook and notice boards closer to the time.

Bike trails: The annual safety check has been booked for April 2022.

National Trust seed project: Last year the residents of Woodchester took part in a pilot scheme with the National Trust to plant local wildflower seed in the Parish. The NT donated 4kg of seed which was distributed free of charge through the clerk and Village Shop. The scheme was a success and the

NT have now decided to offer it more widely around Stroud. The scheme was part of the Stroud Landscape Project. More information available on our website.

Planning

Applications approved/permitted since the last meeting on 6th January

S.21/2323/HHOLD | Installation of 4no conservation style Velux windows. | Vineyard View Lager Lane South Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5EJ

S.21/2924/HHOLD | Construction of new porch. | 18 Berrymore Road North Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5PG

S.21/2782/HHOLD | Replacement works to existing rear conservatory | 8 Millpond End North Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5PB

S.21/2989/HHOLD | Demolition of existing conservatory, two storey extension and single storey rear extension. (Resubmission of S.21/1270/FUL) | Greystones Convent Lane Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5HR

S.21/3048/LBC | Erection of gabled extension, raising of the cellar roof and partial demolition of walls of existing cellar and WCs, | The Old Fleece Inn Bath Road Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5NB

S.21/3062/HHOLD | Erection of a detached double garage with office space above and installation of two dormers and double doors to the dwelling | Fourways Park Lane Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5HW

Applications submitted/awaiting a decision since last meeting on 6th January

S.21/2688/FUL | Installation of four play elements to the existing 2.7km play trail through Marmontsflat Wood. | Woodchester Park Nymphsfield Gloucestershire GL10 3TS

S.21/2972/HHOLD | Erection of garden room and raised decking (retrospective). | Applegarth Park Lane Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5HW

S.22/0074/TCA | T1 - Cherry - remove. T2 Cherry - Reduce to height of approximately 7m. T3 Connifer - Remove. | Spinners High Street South Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5EL

S.22/0182/FUL | Erection of three dwellings | Land Adjoining Hillgrove House Bath Road Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire

S.22/0154/TPO | 2x Yew's (tree 9 & 14) - 1.5m crown reduction. 2x Horse Chestnut (tree 10 and 15) - 2.5m crown reduction. | 1 Lawns Park North Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5PP

S.22/0228/HHOLD | Erection of replacement front porch (part retrospective) Resubmission of S.21/0386/HHOLD | 1 Southfield Cottages Bath Road Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5NT

S.22/0252/FUL | Formation of a children's play area | Land Adjacent To Cycle Track And Bike Trail Bath Road Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire

S.22/0276/FUL | Erection of new garage and store | Windrush Bownhill Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5PW

Cheques signed/to be signed since the meeting on the 6th January, 2022

Date	Payee	Cheque Number	Amount	Authorising Power
6/1/22	Leopard Press: printing of Christmas edition of Woodchester Word	976	£295.00	LGA 1972 s.142
11/2/22	SLCC membership 2022	977	£112.00	LGA 1972 s.143
11/2/22	Churchdown Parish Council for play area safety training (Cllr Dunbar).	978	£45.00	LGA 1972 s.112 (2)
11/2/22	Clerk: Reimbursement for play area planning application (SDC)	979	£259.00	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
11/2/22	Starboard Systems (Scribe accounting package, initial set up and subscription 2022/2023)	980	£450	LGA 1972 s.111
3/3/22	PATA payroll services. January-June 2022	981	£31.35	LGA 1972 s.112 (2)
3/3/22	Clerk salary January/February 2022 + 5hours overtime.	982	£1078.00	LGA 1972 S.112(2)
3/3/22	Clerk: reimbursement for Webroot (virus checker)	983	£29.99	LGA 1972 S.111