

Clerks Report to 3rd May 2022

Highways and Rights of Way: Selsley Road resurfacing has now been completed and additional 'slow' signs are to be added at the Parish Council's request. The slow sign has also been repainted at Frogmarsh at the request of the Parish Council. There has been a problem installing power in the Rooksmoor development leading to ongoing issues with traffic lights on the A46. Concerns have been expressed both to the Parish and County Councillor about the possible closure of the new permissive pathway in the Rooksmoor Development and the proposed rerouting of the public footpath. Concerns include accessibility and safety of pedestrians exiting further along the A46 and having to walk back to Scotts Crossing. Councillors attended a meeting on site and an alternative route was proposed which allows for an exit closer to the crossing. The Parish council are awaiting confirmation about this.

Maintenance: In addition to his contracted jobs our maintenance contractor has recently cleared the vegetation along South Woodchester High Street and used a long net to remove litter from the stream. He plans to replace the Perspex in the Paul's Rise notice board and to replace the backing in Frogmarsh notice board over coming weeks.

New Village Benches: The new bench in the triangle at Frogmarsh, kindly provided by the Stroud Valleys Project, has now been installed. This is part of the wider development of that area as a place for wildlife and relaxation.

Finance: Woodchester Parish Council has received a further £139.24 in CIL funding. This needs to be spent by April 2027. In total we now have £871.24 in CIL funding. CIL money must be spent on the provision or maintenance/improvement of infrastructure needed to support development. We have also received the first half of the precept for this year.

Clerk Salary: The National Joint Council for Local Government Services agreed new rates of pay applicable from 1st April 2021, with staff awarded back pay to that date. The Clerk salary also increased by one increment to SCP 14 from 1st April 2022.

Training: Cllr Noon has attended 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: Several residents borrow litter picking equipment on an ongoing basis from the Parish Council and work hard to reduce the amount of litter in the village. A number of volunteers came along to the annual litter pick and helped remove 10/12 sacks of litter as well as an old motorbike from the banks of the stream, a broken chair, a road sign and old guttering.

Bike trails: The annual safety check has been completed with only minor comment. The fence for the MTB trail is due to be moved back one meter this week as part of the Parish Council agreement when taking on the lease for the new play area.

Play area: The lease for the new northern site has been agreed in principle and is currently going through GCC legal department. The soil sampling for this site has been completed and indicated no problems. It has been agreed to fell

all the trees on the site, but due to the power lines, this needs to be completed by a tree surgeon with the required licensing. This process is ongoing. Funding; the total required for this project is £72,000, Cllr Dunbar has submitted appropriate grant applications and is waiting to hear. The current reserve for the play area stands at £9,419.33 with £1000 due soon from 'build back better' and £600 due from the Langtree Trust. A further £2000 has been promised from a local firm.

Welcome Packs: A total of 15 welcome packs have been distributed since the last meeting.

Planning

Applications approved/permitted since the last meeting on 3rd March

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

S.22/0327/DISCON | Discharge of condition 5 (boundary treatment), 6 (cycle & pedestrian links) & 15 (cycle parking) on permitted application S.21/2223/VAR | Rooksmoor Mills Bath Road Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5EF

Applications withdrawn since the last meeting on 3rd March

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

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

Applications refused since the last meeting on 3rd March

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

Applications submitted/awaiting a decision since last meeting on 3rd March

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

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.22/0355/HHOLD | Proposed single storey extensions, rear dormer and roof lights, solar panels, demolition and construction of new garage with room over | Field House Lagger Lane South Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5EJ

S.22/0406/LBC | Conversion of basement. | Hillgrove House Bath Road Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5NR

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S.22/0536/HHOLD | Installation of a dormer window. New steps and retaining walls to rear garden. New deck. Works to the garage | Greenfold Frogmarsh Lane South Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5ES

S.22/0590/HHOLD | Erection of outbuildings | Inschdene Atcombe Road South Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5EW

S.22/0560/FUL | Demolition of dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling | Greystones Convent Lane Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5HR

S.22/0576/HHOLD | Erection of single storey extensions. | Steepholme Frogmarsh Lane South Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5ES

S.22/0626/VAR | Variation of Conditions 21 (External Lighting) & 28 (Approved Drawings) of S.21/2223/VAR Updated drawings have been produced to convey external lighting and landscaping proposals. The new drawings now fully reflect the permitted site layout plans already approved. 21. Change the drawing number from R-F-02 revision A to R-S-04C_External Lighting Site Plan. 28. Update the following drawing numbers: Soft Landscaping 152433-STL-00-ZZ-DR-L-XX-09140-P06 to revision P12. Hard Landscaping 152433-STL-00-ZZ-DR-L-XX-09160-P02 to revision P12 | Rooksmoor Mills Bath Road Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5EF

S.22/0716/LBC | Internal and external alterations | Lower Court Cottage Selsley Road North Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5PH

Cheques signed/to be signed since the meeting on the 3rd March, 2022

Date	Payee	Cheque Number	Amount	Authorising Power
2/3/22	GAPTC Councillor Training (Cllr Noon)	984	£50.00	LGA 1972 s.111
2/3/22	Sarah Kazlova (IT Girl)	985	£25.00	LGA 1972 S.111
17/3/22	GAPTC subscription 2022/23	986	£326.60	LGA 1972 s.143
17/3/22	Information Commissioner (ICO)	987	£40.00	LGA 1972 s.143
17/3/22	Clerk: reimbursement printer cartridges and general expenses	988	£59.77	LGA 1972 s.111
17/3/22	St Mary's Church (rental undercroft)	989	£30.00	LGA 1972 s.134(4)
17/3/22	Clerk: reimbursement for soil sample kit	990	£380.00	LGA 1972 s.111
22/4/22	Iain Selkirk audit	991	£110.00	LGA 1972 s.112 (2)
22/4/22	Tim Curtis, maintenance 4 th quarter plus additional work	992	£980.00	Highways Act 1980 s.96
12/5/22	ROSPA (MTB trail inspection)	993	£84.00	LGA 1892 s.8 (1)(i)
12/5/22	Community First- insurance renewal	994	£615.24	LGA 1972 s.111