

# Severn Stoke & Croome D'Abitot Parish Council

~~Wed 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 7.30pm~~

**Venue: SOQ meeting room,  
Croome visitor centre**

**CANCELLED DUE TO  
CORONAVIRUS**

*Date of publication of this notice: 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022.*

**Councillors**, Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of Severn Stoke and Croome d'Abitot Parish Council will be held on Wed **9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.30pm** at the SOQ meeting room at Croome National Trust visitor centre. A map can be found in appendix 5 of this agenda.

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**This is a rescheduled meeting originally due to occur on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

- As a sensible precaution, social distancing will be in place. The parish council reserves the right to close and reschedule the meeting if more residents attend than social distancing will permit within the premises and if circumstances do not allow moving the meeting outdoors. In these circumstances residents will be asked if their matter can be dealt with via written representation.
- The Parish Council also reserves the right to close and reschedule the meeting in the event of disruption. Standing Orders (available in advance, online and at the meeting) provides info on filming or recording parish council meetings. Participants are assumed to have read and understood those requirements therein.

	<b>Public question time</b> – Residents are invited to give their views/question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chair. Matters can be raised without prior notice, though questions submitted in advance or via a representative will be accepted. Names may be recorded in the meeting minutes, unless individuals ask for this not to occur. You may be asked to confirm your residency in the parish and the electoral register may be checked to confirm information.
1.	<b>Apologies and to approve reasons for absence</b>
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest and points of order</b> a. Register of interests -To note any updates received. b. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests/Other Disclosable Interests relevant to the agenda. c. To declare any additions to the Register of Gifts & Hospitality. d. To consider and Motion to approve written requests from councillors for the parish council to grant a dispensation. e. To note one parish cllr vacancy. Position has been advertised (spring 2021).
3.	<b>Minutes</b> – to consider the approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 24/11/2021 and the extra ordinary meeting held on 13/12/2021.
4.	<b>Councillors' Reports</b> a. CCllr Allen. b. DCllr Harrison / DCllr Michael.
5.	<b>Planning</b> - to consider, comment and resolve to respond to the following applications a. Update on existing planning applications as required. <u>See appendix 3.</u> i. Including Motion of thanks to DCllrs and the Community Interest Company for successfully getting the flood bund project through the planning application stage. To note timetable and

	<p>EA updated received.</p> <p>ii. To note the retirement of David Throup of the Environment Agency. David has played a pivotal role in keeping the issue of flooding in Severn Stoke parish on county agendas, assisting the parish during flood events and in raising awareness of climate change.</p> <p>b. <i>Standing Item</i>: To consider and as required, arrange an extra ordinary parish council meeting for planning applications received after date of publication of this agenda.</p>
6.	<p><b>Speed, parking &amp; traffic concerns</b> <i>Discuss and formulate Motions not requiring written notice</i></p> <p>a. Croome London Arch corner. Update on all items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Ditches and localised flooding.</li> <li>ii. Bollards on corner. <b>Motion</b> to write formally to County Hall asking for the bollards at London Arch to be placed closer together and for the verge to be built up to prevent parking.</li> <li>iii. Prohibition of Waiting C2056. Proposed traffic order for double yellow lines. Parish Council has already responded to ask that the yellow lines be extended to NT car park.</li> <li>iv. To note the local highway disruption caused by dangerously parked vehicles that could not be accommodated in the flooded Croome NT car park on 16th January 2021. <b>Motion</b> to write to NT asking that they expand/improve car parking provisions.</li> </ol> <p>b. VAS for Severn Stoke and Clifton. Update, including</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. County Council installation of new VAS poles and extensions in Severn Stoke village.</li> <li>ii. Consideration of public request that this equipment be shared with Kinnersley village, incorporating concerns about FloGas lorries using the village as a cut through.</li> </ol> <p>c. VAS for High Green. Update</p> <p>d. Community speed watch update. Three new volunteers going through ID checks.</p>
7.	<p><b>Highways, footpaths &amp; community infrastructure</b> <i>Discuss and formulate Motions not requiring written notice</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Progress with adopting red phone box High Green       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– BT organised consultation period 90 days from 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 as it is a listed ‘building’.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Overgrown shrub on Stonnall Close calor gas land.</li> <li>c. Milestone, High Green to Croome road. Update if any.</li> <li>d. Footpath rediscovery A38. Update if any.</li> <li>e. Parish wide maintenance updates. See appendix 4.</li> </ol>
8.	<p><b>Group/Committee updates</b> <i>Cllr/Clerk updates or written reports received from representatives prior to the meeting</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Parish Hall - update including       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Village Hall constitution last updated 1992.</li> <li>ii. Negotiations for renewal of lease of land. Hall committee has asked that the PC seek to purchase the land and mitigate the risk that the tenancy could be withdrawn.</li> <li>iii. To note that the memorial plaque has been removed (from hall) for installation in St Denys’.</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. Croome Liaison Group (consisting of parish, district and county cllrs and NT reps). To receive and approve the following:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. 26 September 2018 minutes and the amended constitution as agreed at that meeting.</li> <li>ii. 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 minutes and the amended constitution as agreed at that meeting.</li> </ol> </li> <li>c. Croome Residents Liaison Group report (consisting of NT reps and local residents).</li> <li>d. Police monthly update reports. To note that police charter has been renewed for 2022.</li> <li>e. Lengthsman.</li> <li>i. Klinks Magazine.</li> </ol>
9.	<p><b>General Finance and Administration</b> - <i>To discuss and formulate Motions not requiring written notice</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To consider/motion to approve payment of accounts made in the previous month Appendix 1</li> <li>b. To consider/motion to approve payment of outstanding accounts January 2022. Appendix 2</li> <li>c. To receive and approve the latest bank reconciliation.</li> <li>d. To note that the Parish Council precept for 2022/2023 has been requested from MHDC.</li> <li>e. Malvern Hills Electoral Review: Draft ward boundary recommendations consultation. To formulate a parish council response, if any.</li> <li>f. Petition for hybrid meetings. To note that as per debate via email, the Clerk added the parish council signature to the LGA petition for hybrid (online AND in person) parish council meetings. <b>Motion</b> to approve this in retrospect and to confirm parish cllr desire that residents have the option to access meetings both in person or online, thereby maintaining the transparency of our democratic process, cope with ever changing Covid19 social distancing requirements and also work towards options to reduce transport emissions. To note that at this time, Parish Cllrs have not specifically debated</li> </ol>

- councillor virtual attendance/online voting and await further LGA guidance/options.
- g. Further to item f above. Motion to reinstate emergency Clerk delegation procedures, providing permission to promptly pay reoccurring monthly bills and invoices previously anticipated by annual budget, up to a threshold of £500.
- h. To note that the Clerk has received the Register of Electors for 2022 in excel format.

**10 Correspondence, dates for diary, items for future agenda.**

*Cllrs may use this opportunity to report minor matters of info not included elsewhere on the agenda.*

- a. Tarmac Liaison Group. Next meeting Thu 24 March 2022 4pm.
- b. Croome Liaison Group. Next meeting Thu 10 March 2022.
- c. Croome Residents Liaison Group. Date of next meeting not known to the PC>
- d. Clerk and Parish Cllrs responded to a Dog Control PSPO Consultation Dec 2021.

**Appendix 1. Items already paid Dec 2021 since last PC meeting:**

*(Approved under previous agenda or required payment under contract monthly)*

Mr Simon Bott	Lengthsman Nov timesheet 2021	£272.00
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Lisa Stevens	Clerk wages [Nov 2021]	£294.16
Lisa Stevens	Expenses Dec 2021	£27.16
Kempsey PCC	Klinks annual subscription	£150.00
EON	Electricity bill Stonnall close and Knights Hill	£54.29

**Appendix 2. Item for payment Jan 2022:**

PCC SEVERN STOKE	Church room hire	£500.00
Lisa Stevens	Clerk wages [Dec 2021]	£294.16
Lisa Stevens	Expenses Jan 2022.	£5.48

**Appendix 3. Planning application updates.**

Application	Property	Detail	Update
<b>21/02035/FUL</b>	Severn Stoke Flood Alleviation Scheme, Land at (OS 8563 4427), Church Lane, Severn Stoke Community Interest Company.	Construction of permanent flood defence for the village of Severn Stoke with associated earthworks. Minor changes to the red-line boundary marking the maximum extent of the works.	Approved by MHDC 21/12/2021.
<b>21/00637/FUL</b>	The Old School House and Cedar Lodge and Sherborne and Coventry Barn, Severn Stoke	To provide three garage blocks to service existing residential dwellings. Parish Council objections: - Ref garages - Visual impact and damage to the visual amenity, impact on the privacy of neighbouring properties, restrictions preventing wider business use and further economic /housing development. - Ref Coventry Barn - wrong colour beams have been used external to the building on the south west side. - - Ref Cedar Lodge and congratulate the application on a well-designed and lovingly thought-out build	Parish Council objected to this application.  Being determined by MHDC.
<b>ENF/21/0309</b>	Coventry Barn Severn Stoke Worcester WR8 9JA	Parish Council contacted enforcement asking for site inspection. Concern that material/waste (generic description only) not being handled correctly and rolled so as to level the car park. The close proximity to the escarpment leading to the River Severn makes any such potential activities likely to be highly damaging to the soils and waterways.	Being determined by MHDC. Allocated as priority C.
<b>Prohibition of Waiting C2056. Proposed traffic order.</b>	C2056 Croome (both sides) from a point opposite the access road to London Lodge Arch for a distance of 90m in an easterly direction and 85m in a northerly direction. C2056 access road to arch (both sides) for their entire length	Worcestershire County Council are to consider making an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit waiting at any time on the lengths of road in Croome (informally known as London Arch).	Public consultation ended 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2021. Being determined by WCC. Parish Council supported the use of yellow lines but have asked that they be extended up to NT car park.
<b>ENF/21/0314</b>	50 Kinnersley, Severn Stoke.	Parish Council contacted enforcement asking for site inspection. Concern that recent building development is not the one approved under 16/01530/FUL. Parish Cllrs had no concerns with the work undertaken – merely that it may not have had planning permission.	MHDC upheld and have required a retrospective planning application to regularise the matter.
<b>APP/J1860/W/21/3282384</b>	Kerswell House Kerswell Green Worcester WR5 3PF	Planning appeal. Conversion of domestic outbuilding (partly constructed) to dwelling as a substitution of Class Q approval, and the change of use of an agricultural building to domestic outbuilding ancillary to the main dwelling.	Parish Council had no comment to make on this or the original application. Being determined by Inspector.
<b>21/02153/HP and 21/02188/LB</b>	The Malting, Clifton, Worcester, WR8 9JF	Reinstatement of boundary wall	Parish Council supported. Approved by MHDC 18/01/2022.
<b>21/00596/LB</b>	Croome Court, Croome D'Abitot, Severn Stoke	Works to address structural and damp issues in the Temple greenhouse	Parish Council had not comment to make. Being determined by MHDC. Still pending 19/01/2022.
<b>20/000015/CM</b>	Ryall North Quarry, Land off Ryall's	Extraction proposals for 475,000 tonnes of sand and	Parish Council had not

<b>and 20/000009/CM</b>	Court Lane, Holly Green, Upton-upon-Severn, WR8 0PF	gravel from 14.6 hectares of agricultural land. It is estimated, at current rates of sale, to be up to a two year project, with a further twelve months to complete restoration of the land Public consultation began afresh in Dec 2021. The applicant is seeking planning permission to vary conditions 3, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 49 and 53 of Planning Permission 15/000013/CM to allow for proposed extraction of aggregates with restoration to agriculture and a lake suitable for water sports.	comment to make other than that this be considered as part of the speed limit assessment taking place on the A38. Being determined by WCC. Still pending 19/01/2022.
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### Continued Appendix 3. Planning application updates

<b>OD2049819 SN</b>	Operating Centre: ASTONS COACHES LTD, DEFFORD MILL, EARLS CROOME, WORCESTER, WR8 9DF Parent company: CHF DISTRIBUTION (T&C LANGSTON LOGISTICS) 87A OMBERSLEY ROAD, WORCESTER, WR3 7BT	Goods Vehicle Operators Licence - Defford Mill. 1 vehicle(s), 1 trailer(s). Director(s): PHILIP WILLIAM LANGSTON. Transport Manager(s): VIDAL THIERRY YEMO NGUIESSY  Parish Council requested that: <i>"all vehicles should enter/exit the site from the A4104 Pershore Road not Rebecca Road) and also leave the site by turning left and not going through the villages of Earls Croome and Dunstall Common please. This is to avoid narrow lanes, tight corners, poor quality visibility splays and a number of hamlet communities that cannot cope with additional HGV/lorry traffic. The acceptable route (ie turning left when exiting the site) provides a much safer route on wider, straighter roads, with less communities affected and does not represent a significant diversion"</i> .	Parish council had no legal right of response to this application. Clerk put in a response anyway. Office of the Traffic Commissioner (West Midlands) responded to say that the Parish council submission had been rejected and that they had not looked at the request it contained. Info forwarded to DCllr and CCllr.  Decision pending by Office of the Traffic Commissioner.
<b>OD0190213 SN</b>	New operating centre: DCC1 DEFFORD MILL, DUNSTALL, EARLS CROOME, WORCESTER, WR8 9DF Partner(s): ANTHONY CLIFFORD GRIFFITHS, HEATHER PEARL GRIFFITHS PARK HOUSE COLDSTORE, SUCKLEY, WORCESTER, WR6 5DF	New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 3 vehicle(s), 10 trailer(s) Transport Manager(s): RYAN GRIFFITHS	As above. Parish Council submission and response as per <b>OD2049819 SN</b>  Decision pending by Office of the Traffic Commissioner
<b>OD2049819 SN</b>	Operating Centre: ASTONS COACHES LTD, DEFFORD MILL, EARLS CROOME, WORCESTER, WR8 9DF Parent Company: CHF DISTRIBUTION (T&C LANGSTON LOGISTICS) 87A OMBERSLEY ROAD, WORCESTER, WR3 7BT	Authorisation: 1 vehicle(s), 1 trailer(s) Transport Manager(s): DANIEL HUDSON-SPEAIGHT. Director(s): PHILIP WILLIAM LANGSTON	As above. Parish Council submission and response as per <b>OD2049819 SN</b>  Decision pending by Office of the Traffic Commissioner
<b>OD2048369 SI / 1275115</b>	CGAS (WORCS) LTD	Director(s): Leslie Smith, Carmen Smith	As above. Parish Council submission and response as per <b>OD2049819 SN</b> Outcome - Refused by Office of the Traffic Commissioner.
<b>A38/Upton roundabout</b>	Project has begun. No update received since Nov 2021.		

### Appendix 4. Parish wide highways updates.

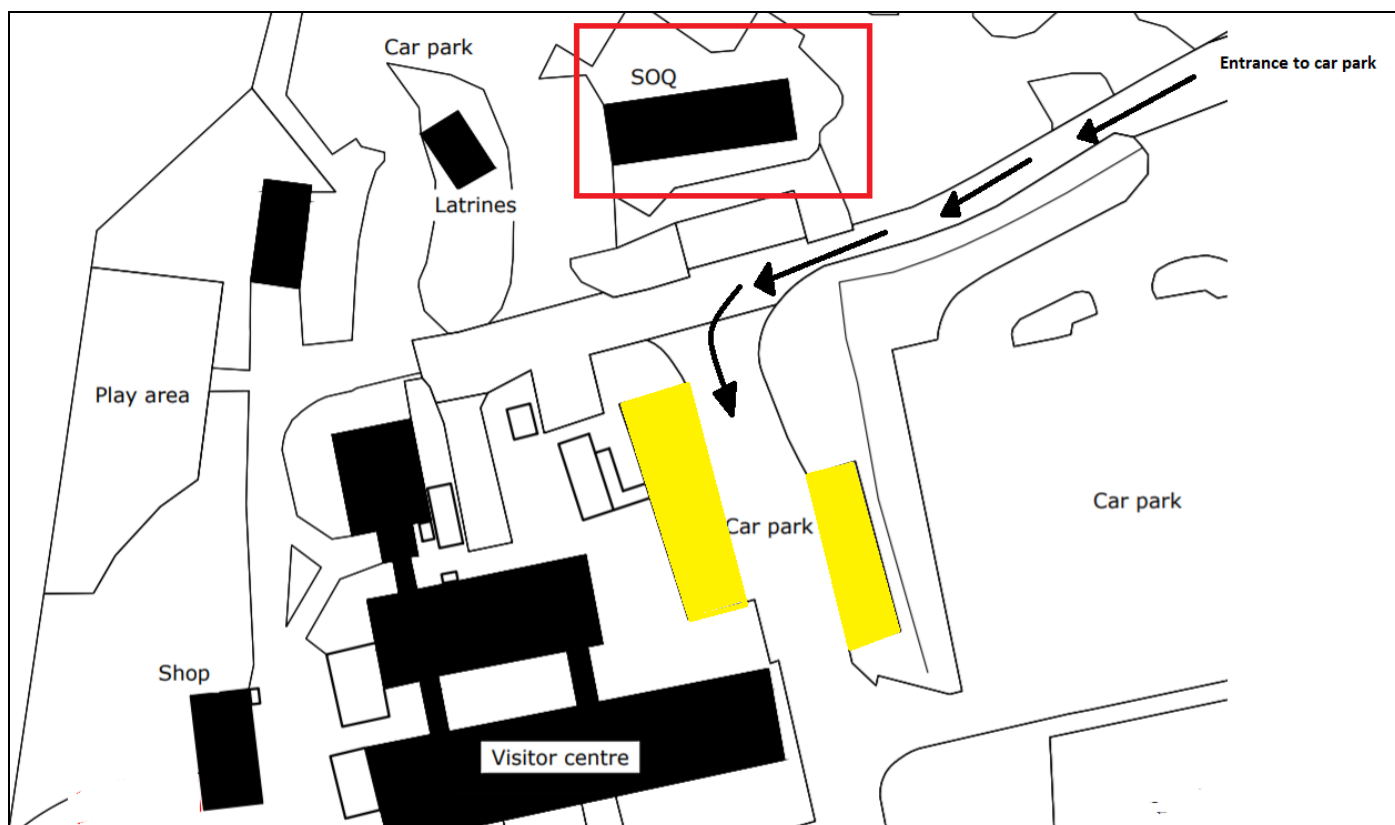
Issue	Details	Outcome / update
Fly tipping Knights Hill and in lane behind.	Reported to MHDC as flytipping. Reported to WCC as a risk to public health. Savills unable to help as not on their land.	Resolved?
Fly tipping High Green to London Arch.	Multiple black bags dumped causing traffic hazard.	Work completed. Reported to MHDC fly tipping, WCC Highways and police. MHDC have inspected and removed. Residents assisted in moving obstructions on to verges.
Parish wide signage	Straightening	Work completed. NT Croome Staff assisted.
National speed limit signs, heading out of Kinnersley (Panorama Tower side)	Straightening	Outstanding. Lengthsman to do.
Graffiti on signs at London Arch, Croome	Cleaning and straightening.	Work completed by Lengthsman. Highways confirmed signs are illegal, having been put up by residents and so is organising removal of signs altogether.
Fallen bollards London Arch	Repair and reinstatement	Work completed by Lengthsman.
Fallen bollards Kinnersley triangle	Reinstatement	Residents have assisted. Lengthsman will keep eye on this. Unable to concrete in due to insurance restrictions.

Damaged bollards Severn Bank	Repair and reinstatement	Reported to Highways. In the queue with them.
Right of way 566 and 552. A38 to Kinnersley.	Situation in November: Still obstructed in horse field adjacent to Stoke Gardens, and overgrown with rape crop in the large field behind.	Reported to Croome Estates who have confirmed they will contact tenant and attend to. Needs walking to confirm if has been actioned.

#### Continued Appendix 4. Parish wide highways updates.

Right of way 551 from 552 to Madge Hill lane.	Situation in November: Has not reinstated, overgrown.	Reported to Croome Estates who have confirmed they will contact tenant and attend to. Needs walking to confirm if has been actioned.
Right of way 548. Corner of Cubsmoor to junction with 545 at Fishponds.	Situation in November: Path can be seen due to some use, but not reinstated. Will be overgrown with rape as it grows.	Reported to Croome Estates who have confirmed they will contact tenant and attend to. Needs walking to confirm if has been actioned.
Right of way 515. Worcester Lodge to join 515 at Fishponds and 543/510 from Birch Lane to Worcester Lodge.	Situation in November: Has not reinstated, overgrown.	Reported to Croome Estates who have confirmed they will contact tenant and attend to. Needs walking to confirm if has been actioned.
Right of way 532. Birch Green, behind chicken houses east to Lane.	Situation in November: Has not reinstated.	Reported to Croome Estates who have confirmed they will contact tenant and attend to. Needs walking to confirm if has been actioned.
Overgrown hedges Madge Hill	Very overgrown and encroaching highway	Resolved Clerk understands. Tenants have cuts the sides for about 2/3rds of the hill – the upper part probably doesn't need to be done (but it would look nicer). Hedge tops have not been done.
Overgrown ditch, entrance NT Car park Ditch opp Stone Cottage with restricted outpipe.	Situation in November: Concerns that during very wet weather, this ditch does not cope with the water volume. Savills Croome estate ownership.	Reported to NT for action. Parish Council has reported many times to WCC. They have inspected and cleaned local pipework on this corner but not beyond. PC has requested additional pipe clearance running down the hill Rebecca Road.

#### Appendix 5 Meeting venue map: Croome National Trust Car park and SOQ conference building: Parking for this meeting only in the designated spaces indicated in yellow below.



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