

Please join us at our Annual Meeting of Residents of Severn Stoke and of Croome d'Abitot

hosted by Severn Stoke & Croome D'Abitot Parish Council

Join us for Platinum Anniversary tea, coffee and cake,
celebrating 70 years since the merging of both parish councils

Wed **26th March 2025** 7.30pm
in St Denys' Church, Severn Stoke



Celebrating 70 years serving our community

70 years ago in May the two parishes of Croome d'Abitot and Severn Stoke voted for their parish councils to merge and act for the betterment of one whole community. Join us as we celebrate.

*Join in on a briefing and debate of the County and District plans for **Devolution** and the opportunities that this might hold for our parish.*

Hear reports from the parish council, parish hall committee, the church committee, district and county councillors, local community groups, our PCSOs and receive any updates that we might have on the flood bund. Residents have also requested an update on the latest planning applications at Croome.

A normal parish council meeting will occur at St Denys' straight after this community meeting.
All are welcome to stay for that as well.



The Friends of St Denys Church, Severn Stoke AGM

Tues 25th March 2025 7.00 p.m.
in St Denys' Church, Severn Stoke

***Please join us for coffee/tea and biscuits to have an update on our work
and elect the Committee.***

***The formal business will be followed by a
Talk and Photographic Show
by our Secretary Bev, on her recent trip to Japan, entitled;***

***'Japan My View
A trip to see the snow monkeys and cherry blossom
for the first time.'***

***Everyone is welcome,
so please come and support our community enterprise.***

Reminder that both these meetings are in St Denys' Church

**If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting of Residents why not contact the
Parish Clerk Lisa Stevens to ask for a copy of the minutes of the meeting:**

parishclerk@severnstokeandcroomedabitot-pc.gov.uk

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**View our new parish council website via the Q R Code above
or at**

<https://severnstokeandcroomedabitot-pc.gov.uk/>

Residents and Councillors, Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of residents of both Severn Stoke and Croome d'Abitot parish areas will be held on Wednesday **26th March 2025 at 7.30pm** at St Denys' Church, Severn Stoke village. Lisa Stevens, Clerk & Resp. Financial Officer, 07950256363, parishclerk@severnstokeandcroomedabitot-pc.gov.uk

This is a meeting of both parish electors organised by the joint Parish Council at the request of residents. Electors (residents) freely contribute to the agenda. This meeting is an opportunity to celebrate local activities and debate current issues. It is an opportunity for parishioners on the electoral roll to raise any matters of concern to them that relates to their local community. It would be helpful to have written notice of any matters to be raised but it is not essential. (Annual Parish Meetings must be held between 1st March and 1st June each year). This meeting will be held as a joint meeting of the parishioners of Severn Stoke Parish Area and of Croome d'Abitot Parish Area unless requested otherwise in writing in advance of this meeting.

a. **7.30pm start** with free tea and cake in hand.

i. Option for vote for a Chair.

If residents do not nominate a Chair, then the parish council will Chair as a courtesy.

ii. Introductions, points of order, apologies & declarations of interests.

Apologies have been received from 1st Severn Stoke Brownies, who are having their 'Invite your Grandparents' evening at the same time as this meeting. Apologies: Parish Cllr Larry Freeman.

b. **Open Forum.** Residents may raise any matter without notice.

- i. Bin layby A38 - size and capacity. Ask district council to empty more regularly. Bigger bins just get filled by fly tippers.

c. **Flood bund.** Any news that has reached the parish council.

d. **Devolution.**

Update on the forthcoming mandatory merger of district and county councils and implications for parish councils. Parish councils will come under pressure to take on more services – and yet we also see this as an unique opportunity. New service provision by the parish council will require funding via council tax. What do residents think about this? Come and have your say and ask questions.



County Council's January response to Devolution



Government Website Devolution announcement

What could a parish council take on if residents request it?

Bigger parish councils will be given the option to take over all libraries, public gardens, public toilets etc. Severn Stoke and Croome d'Abitot is on a much smaller scale. Nonetheless, this can be an opportunity if residents desire it. We could explore deeper parish council involvement in.....

- Mowing/maintenance of all verges.
- Extensions to the lengthsman scheme (which cares for drains, gullies and roadside paths on minor roads). This might include extension training to operate heavy machinery (diggers) in order to care out verge maintenance for example and, permits for roadside weed control.
- Maintenance on bridleways and public rights of way/sign posting and more controls over liaisons with landowners regarding legal care of styles/gates.

At this time, the parish council is not proposing to take over control of any flood bund features – if built – simply because so much remains to be made clear. At this time, the parish council has no jurisdiction over private land or church land and it is not envisaged that this would change.

e.	<p>Reports from Parish, County and District Councillors..</p> <p>i. Residents have requested clarification from the <u>District Cllrs</u> as to why Planning Application M/24/00913/FUL - Croome Court variation of conditions and opening hours was not taken to planning committee.</p> <p>ii. Residents have requested clarification from the <u>County Cllr</u> as to why the County Council did not respond to resident and parish council requests for an updated traffic and travel management plan ref Planning Application M/24/00913/FUL - Croome Court variation of conditions and opening hours.</p>
<i>Reports have also been invited from (in no particular order)</i>	
f.	St Denys'
g	The Parish Hall Committee.
h.	<p>Volunteer Footpaths Officer and Lengthsman.</p> <p>Including a reminder of the District Council litter picking scheme 'Adopt A Street' https://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/join-the-adopt-a-street-scheme</p>
i.	PCSOs.
j.	National Trust.
k.	Tarmac.
l.	AOB and closing questions. 8.30pm approx.
Close of resident's annual meeting and opening of Parish Council meeting.	
1.	Cllr's declarations of interest. Points of order. Apologies.
2.	<p>Co-options of new cllrs as required, as per the co-option policy.</p> <p>Currently there are 6 vacancies on the parish council. At the time of printing there had been 2 expressions of interest from eligible residents of the parish. If less candidates apply than the number of the seats, then matters progress with a brief welcome/introduction and a vote by a simple show of hands. New Cllrs sign the acceptance of office, receive a welcome pack and join the table as full voting members, noting that they may make declarations of interest for each and any relevant agenda item.</p>
3.	<p>Planning matters</p> <p>a. to receive and consider a response to any planning matters that have an expiry date before the next scheduled parish council meeting.</p> <p>b. Consultation on Extension of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) for Dog Control. Motion to approve a parish council response.</p>
4.	<p>Finance and admin</p> <p>a. To consider/motion to approve payment of accounts made in the previous month..</p> <p>b. To consider/ to approve payment of outstanding accounts this month. Including standard months accounts and invoices for Clerk wages/expenses, monthly lengthsman.</p> <p>c. Review of the parish emergency flood plan to include updated parish council details.</p>
5.	AOB and closing questions. 9.00pm approx.
6.	<p>Date of next parish council meeting.</p> <p>Wed 21st May 2025, 7.30pm - Annual Meeting of the Parish Council</p>