

Severn Stoke and Croome D'Abitot Parish Council

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Severn Stoke and Croome d'Abitot Parish Council currently has four vacancies for parish councillors. An effective parish council works best by making decisions after a thorough debate, looking at all sides of an argument. This process is harder if there are so many empty chairs at the council table. We have parish councillor elections in May 2023, so please come to parish council meetings in the meantime and see what goes on. We are a friendly council meeting one Wednesday evening every two months and whilst we adhere to the legal requirements, the atmosphere is very relaxed.

Contact the parish clerk if you would like to receive agendas or minutes by email.

Road Sweeper and path clearance in October. Thank you to the **Highways Street Amenities team** and our **Lengthsman** for organising and conducting path and roadside guttering sweeping of the worst affected areas, including Severn Bank and High Green. Other areas across the parish with kerbstones will receive attention in due course.

Flood bund Residents may have seen a number of trucks delivering material from the Southern Link Road construction site to the locality of the planned flood bund. Thank you to all road users for your patience with the A4440 lane closures and whilst the lorries slowly turn off the A38 into the relevant fields. Prior to import, the Environment Agency (EA) and County Council worked to verify the origin and safety of the soil. Planning conditions associated with this have now been discharged and the parish council is delighted and grateful that material is being imported by **J. Prosser & Sons**, who are moving this soil free of charge for the residents of Severn Stoke. Further batches will be delivered over a period of months, as and when suitable material sources become available. An update to the timetable in June suggested that 6 months of construction would be completed by late spring 2023. The parish council has consistently raised concerns that the community faces yet another winter unprotected from flooding and has asked the county council for an update on plans for those residents, homes and businesses that remain at risk whilst the bund is built. In consultation with the EA, the parish council has written a flood evacuation plan which will be sent round to all relevant residents for comment and input shortly.

High Green phone box. Feedback to a recent survey suggested that the public would like the parish council to own and maintain this part of our local history. Transfer of ownership to the parish council will begin shortly. Volunteers are now being sought for involvement with the restoration project. **High Green milestone.** The new face plaque has been gratefully received and will be affixed shortly. Volunteers are assisting with theft secure methods. **Croome London Arch** parking and drainage. Cllrs have requested a continuation of enforcement against inconsiderate parking at this location. Residents continue to assist the Clerk with reporting poor drainage in the run up to winter.

Kinnersley residents have asked about bulb planting and cllrs are exploring options.

NEXT MEETING: - Wed 23rd November 2022, 7.30pm. SOQ Croome.

Annual precept and budget for following year are openly debated at this meeting. Resident input welcome.

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