

Planning

The Parish Council considered the following two planning applications in July's meeting

Responses can be made and read on the Stroud District Planning Portal:

<https://publicaccess.stroud.gov.uk/online-applications>

County and District Councillor Reports:

The council heard reports from Cllr Tucker and Cllr Cohen. Copies of the reports will be uploaded to the PC website with the minutes from the meeting. Some highlighted extracts from our County Councillor, Linda Cohen:

Free of charge summer holiday activities

Summer holiday activities for children who live in the Stroud district will be available to book from mid-day on 5 July. These will include activities for sport, dance, drama, music, craft, and other activities during four weeks of the school summer holiday from 26 July to 1 September. Some of the activities will be reserved for children from reception to year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals (the Holiday Activity and Food programme, or HAF).

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/news-archive/on-your-marks-get-set-to-book-free-of-charge-childrens-summer-holiday-activities>

Buses 84/85

Most people will know that we have a 3 month reprieve, until the end of August. Currently a stripped-down service is running which is flexing to need identified by the drivers of the buses. On Monday 3rd July, I will be meeting with the campaign organisers who have been conducting forensic analysis of the response of residents to the new service. We are preparing a 'best case' plan which we will be taking to officers and the Cabinet member for Gloucestershire County Council in the next fortnight for their consideration. We hope to secure the funding that might be needed to complement the core funding from South Glos which will allow us to save the service. It's important to remember that this service is the responsibility of South Glos and not Gloucestershire County Council. I will update on progress

Highways - Have Your Say

My inbox is predominantly taken up with concerns about the conditions of our roads and the safety of our highways. It's time for everyone to have their say. You can comment here until August 1st . Please also use the Report It function to report any repairs that you feel need urgent attention. Gloucestershire residents are being asked for their views on all things highways this week after a new survey was launched. The survey asks residents for their views on road condition, grass verges, pavements, street lighting, road signs and more. Gloucestershire County Council want more detail on what residents think at a local level. They're also offering anyone who completes the survey the

opportunity to take part in further focus groups to offer more detailed feedback. Access the highways survey before it closes midday 1 August 2023. Offline submissions also available on request. Reporting highways issues can be done online Your Highways - Report it - Highways (gloucestershire.gov.uk)

Fostering

30% more children were taken into care last year. More than 800 Gloucestershire children are now in care. There is a chronic shortage of caring foster homes across the county which allow children to stay in their schools, maintain friendships and remain in the area they know. More than 25% of our children are sent out of county. If you have ever thought about fostering and would like to find out about the range of ways you could be involved please go to Fostering - Fostering (gloucestershire.gov.uk)

Volunteers Needed

We're still looking for volunteers for Snow Wardens and Speedwatch. Please get in touch if you think you can help.

Highways and Public Rights of Way (PROW) Update

The Parish council is in conversations with PROW in regards to the fallen tree on Wood Lane.

Clerk and Chair met with the Highways manager for our Parish and discussed some of the key issues impacting the village. The Highways manager left with a long to do list, including vegetation clearance, tree safety inspections, pavement corrections and pot holes.

If you spot anything dangerous around our roads or pathways, please report to GCC Highways department using their website.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/your-highways-report-it>

Road closure details can be found on the Highways website.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/roadworks/>

Speedwatch and Road Safety

Speed monitoring has taken place at both entrances to the village and we hope to report findings back to you at our next meeting

Meeting Dates

7th August, 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November, 4th December

Meetings start at 7:30pm and the agenda can be found on the PC website a few days before the meeting.

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