

NORTH NIBLEY PARISH COUNCIL: ANNUAL REPORT 2011/12.

The Council is pleased to present its Annual Report for the year ending 31 March.

In May 2011 a new Council was elected, for a four year term, with three new Councillors joining the Council to replace those who stood down. Details of your Councillors and all Parish Council activities can be found on the new Parish Council website at: <http://community.stroud.gov.uk/northnibley>

Parish Council Activities. The Council has been very active this year:

- in April it organised and was supported by many volunteers during the second “Village Clean–Up Day”;
- awarded 9 Grants, totalling £1,800, to support local organisations in providing services to people in the Parish;
- working with Gloucestershire Highways to ensure they have repaired and maintained our road surfaces; brought into use new grit bins; replenished all grit bins during the winter; and erected new directional signs in the Village;
- worked with Gloucestershire CC Rights of Way team to improve the Wood Lane access to the Knoll; and to assist the Council in maintaining footpaths within the parish;
- liaised with Stroud DC to ensure that rubbish dumped on the roadside has been collected; and that essential improvements have been carried out to the security around the play area at Innocks;
- during the year the Council has commented upon 13 Planning Applications to Stroud DC Planning;
- worked with Gloucestershire Police and our Neighbourhood Warden to ensure that their services to the Parish have been maintained;
- cooperated with other agencies to secure the installation of a new lighting pole on the Island; to erect a new bench on Nibley Knoll; and push the case for improved broadband services to the Parish.

Parish Council Property. The Council owns land, throughout the Parish.

- 1) **Land at Nibley Knoll.** Working with the Nibley Knoll Trust to ensure the long term future of the Hill for the Community.
- 2) **Land at Breakheart Hill.** Fencing and improving the quality of the land for future use.
- 3) **The Cemetery.** Carrying out a full health & safety assessment; making repairs and improvements; and introducing a long term Maintenance Plan. Following a review, Burial fees have been revised with effect from 1 April 2012.
- 4) **Jubilee Recreation Field.** Working with the Recreation Field Trust on the Pavilion opening event; and planting a tree in memory of Edna Purnell.

Parish Council Finances. The Council has been able to hold the Precept at £12,000 in 2011/12, ensuring Council tax levels have been held at the previous year’s level. Following a further year of careful financial management of the Council’s resources we are pleased to be able to freeze the Precept level for a third year, meaning that Council Tax payers should not face any further rise during 2012/13.

Mr David Purnell. Chairman of North Nibley Parish Council.