

STOKE ORCHARD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORT

COUNTY COUNCILLOR GORDON SHURMER

FLOODING AND DITCHING WORKS – Gloucestershire Highways have continued to work closely with the Parish Council to improve these essential facilities across the parish. In addition to this, I organised a meeting with the Environment Agency and Highways Agency together with several affected residents last October to try and find a way to address the discharge of surface water off the M5 motorway, a further meeting will be held once the various agencies have all the relevant information that was requested at this meeting.

DEAN LANE – A substantial amount of time and work went into securing the release of the funds from the Bondsman to allow Gloucestershire Highways to carry out the urgently needed resurfacing works to this area.

TREDINGTON SWILGATE BRIDGE – We now have the Parish Council's detailed response to the Hydraulic Capacity Assessment Report on the bridge. I have now organised a meeting between Gloucestershire Highways, Liz Kirkham and the Parish Council on the 8th June to discuss the way forward on this issue.

7.5 TONNE WEIGHT RESTRICTION TO BOZARD LANE – We are now proposing to advertise the formal notice and statement to allow us to put this order in place under the relevant Road Traffic Regulation Act. Obviously this will be subject to not receiving any formal objections to this scheme.

COUNCIL TAX 2010/2011 – Gloucestershire County Council increased its Council Tax by 2.3% last February. This being the lowest rise ever for the County Council. This increase is below the level of inflation and the increase in the basic state pension thereby helping residents on fixed incomes in these difficult economic times.

PROPOSED 20 YEAR EXTENSION OF THE GRUNDONS WASTE SITE – It was hoped that this application would go the County Planning Committee on May 20th; this has now been delayed until the July County Planning Committee at the earliest. The main reason is that the Dustscan Report which the Environment Agency commissioned had not yet been submitted. A draft set of results have been produced which require further scientific analysis. In addition to this I am advised that County Planning are also awaiting the final version of the updated neighbourhood health profile.

I have formally objected to this application on a number of planning grounds.

CRE SITE DECISION – Following several years of involvement with this issue and indeed a meeting with the Government Office for the South West together with County and Borough Officers and Parish Councillors a decision was finally taken last Thursday to approve the proposals for this site subject to the Secretary of State's Approval.

STOKE ORCHARD PARISH COUNCIL – Finally I should to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman and Vice Chairman together with their fellow members for their help and support on many issues within the Parish over the last twelve months.

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