

Severn Stoke and Croome D'Abitot Parish Council

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| Laurence Freeman – Chair | Raymond Williams | Susan Faulkner |
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| Pat Preston | Rob Halling | Vacancy x 4 |

Well, here we are in 2023 and on behalf of all of us on your local council we hope that you have a very good New Year.

One of the key challenges that we and most small parish councils face is recruiting new, enthusiastic people to fill council vacancies. Having representatives from across the whole parish area is essential in ensuring that the decisions that we make properly reflect the needs and concerns of everyone. This challenge becomes more important in 2023 as we will be having elections in the early summer. If you are interested in the way your community develops and feel that you might like to join your council but feel you would like more information first, we'd be very happy to have an informal chat with you. Just drop us an email or give us a call and we'd be delighted to hear from you. Alternatively, begin your journey to join your local council by searching online for 'Worcestershire CALC Become a Councillor'.

Soil continues to be moved to the vicinity of the flood bund and a member of the Environment Agency plans to attend the Parish Council meeting on 29th March (7.30pm, Croome National Trust visitor centre SOQ meeting room) to give further details on the next phase of construction – all residents are welcome. At the time of writing the river levels are very high and the parish council is consulting on the community flood evacuation plan. The plan encourages residents to keep themselves informed (and shows them how), ensures that places of flood refuge are ready and ensure that the emergency services will have the correct contact details of those most at risk. All parish households will receive a copy of the final version of the plan in February or you can use the QR code below to view the document now. We encourage residents to familiarise themselves with the contents.

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Parish Flood Plan



This is our first attempt at making it even easier for residents to access parish council documents. Try scanning this QR code using the app on your phone. If this method is successful, we will try slightly reducing the size of these 'codes' in future articles, so that we still have room to provide information as written text.

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

NEXT MEETINGS: PC meet on Wed 29th March 2023, 7.30pm at SOQ meeting room Croome National Trust. Annual Parish Meeting on Wed 24th May, 7.30pm at St Denys' Church.

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