

Severn Stoke and Croome D'Abitot Parish Council

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Here we are, halfway through May and it seems to have been an extremely busy month so far. First we had the round of local elections across the country (congratulations to our district councillors), quickly followed by the celebration of the coronation of King Charles III and then the first meeting of the new parish council. We have said goodbye to a number of retiring parish councillors and give a very warm welcome to one new one - Cllr Lee Russell. As we look to the future as a re-formed council we have a couple of significant issues that we will be focussing on.

First of all, the continuing saga of the building of the protective flood bund in Severn Stoke. Some of the soil has now been delivered but that represents only a tenth of what is needed so there is a lot more to come.

Hopefully, we will see more progress now that the warmer and drier weather has come but there is still

much to do and we are in the hands of the Environment Agency (EA) to push this forward. We managed to escape the worst of flooding this year but we may not be so lucky if we are without the bund next winter, so we will do our best to keep the pressure on. The EA has given us their commitment that they will update date all residents very soon.

The second issue is that relating to the flood damaged and now unusable Severn Stoke village hall. We have been in discussions with the Hall Management Committee and other interested parties to explore what options might exist to replace the hall and it is clear that this will not be an easily resolved situation. On the 24th May, starting at 7.30 pm, we held the Annual Meeting of Residents of the parish at St. Denys church and had a session to start to bring everyone up to date on the situation, including some options for new locations across the parish as suggested by the land owners of the current site St Monica Trust. The Parish Council is committed to exploring all options and will not move forward with the suggestions for alternative sites without further input from residents, particularly those most likely to be affected. We will hold more events in the coming months and hope as many residents as possible will join us for these discussions.

Finally, a personal plea. In common with many parish councils we continue to have a number of vacancies that we would love to see filled. We are your 'community' council and the broader the representation that we have, the better we can truly understand and take forward the issues that matter most to you. If you think that you might be interested in joining us, why not give us a call for an informal chat to learn more about the role.

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

NEXT MEETINGS: Wed 14th June. Wed 19th July. Wed 27th September.

All at 7.30pm at Croome visitor centre SOQ meeting room

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