

Severn Stoke and Croome D'Abitot Parish Council

Laurence Freeman – Chair	Raymond Williams	Susan Faulkner
Pat Preston	Royston Garrard	Lee Russell
Nicola Sumner	Richard Hill	4 vacancies

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**A warm welcome to our new parish councillors
Nicola Sumner and Richard Hill.**

Flood bund. Parish councillors are dismayed to learn of yet more delays to the Severn Stoke flood alleviation project. The Parish Council is keeping in regular touch with the Community Interest group (previously the flood action group), district and county councillors and with our MP who has assured residents that she will continue to do everything she possibly can to bring this important project to a conclusion. The parish council will in the meantime push for shorter term mitigations to ensure that affected households can cope this winter and pull through as a community. The existing parish council flood plan, focusing on

emergency evacuation should it become necessary, is ready to go and will be issued to those residents most affected. Residents are encouraged to approach the parish council with any new concerns and questions. As we write, a drop-in session is planned by the Environment Agency at St Denys' church on 13th October. Any outcomes from that will be communicated to relevant residents via a leaflet drop.

Now is the time to cut your hedges. This is a reminder to all landowners to ensure that hedgerows facing onto public highways are cut in a timely and regular manner each year. The number of complaints that the Parish Council receives with regard to hedge height, width and general untidiness is increasing. The Parish Council can liaise between County Hall and landowners wishing to conduct safe cutting of hedges along busy/narrow roads. So, if you need assistance please get in touch.

Defibrillator. Residents have asked for defib equipment to be placed in Severn Stoke village and so we have applied for a grant. Options for hosting are somewhat narrowed after the news regarding the flood bund, so the parish council is exploring a stand-alone option with a solar powered battery. High Green already has defib provision via the estate office. Kinnersley and Clifton have the option to be included in future funding once current resident requests have been fulfilled.

Kinnersley daffodil planting – daffodil bulbs are being delivered to Kinnersley for planting along the verges (specific sections). Volunteers to help plant these would be welcome please. Thanks to resident donors and our district/county councillors.

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

NEXT MEETING: Wed 29th November, 7.30pm at Croome visitor centre SOQ room

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