## 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



As we enter the new year of 2024 it seems right to begin with a few words of thanks. With the daily news filling our heads with seemingly endless stories of sadness and cruelty, it is worth remembering that every day there are small acts of kindness taking place that make our lives a little better.

So, 'thank you' to all the residents that have helped us to plant the many daffodil bulbs, with a special call out to

those of you living in Kinnersley -Hannah at Go for Granite, Bev and John Ingram, Carol and Trevor Tolley, John and Jenny Worthington and Michael Hennigan. We look forward to seeing the result of your hard work this coming Spring!

'Thank you' to the residents of High Green who gave First Aid to two cyclists who had an unfortunate argument with a hedge! I'm sure their visit will have left them with warm hearts as well as a few bruises.

'Thank you' to the kind resident of Clifton who came to the aid of our parish clerk when she was trying to fix the door on the notice board damaged by high winds.

'Thank you' to all that have taken the time to trim and tidy your hedges to ensure that our footpaths are left clear for us. If you haven't yet tidied yours, there is still time! We have seen the Environment Agency doing some tree and hedge clearance work during the last month along the line of the proposed and much anticipated flood defence bund in Severn Stoke. We have been advised that the main bund construction works hopes to start this spring but will continue to monitor the situation.

We have purchased a new vehicle activated speed sign which has, initially, been installed in Kinnersley to help deter speeding motorists through the village. Sadly, we have to report an attempt by persons unknown to steal the battery from the unit. Thankfully, this was unsuccessful and although a little damaged, the unit is still operational.

Finally, all public bodies like the parish council are now obliged to take into account biodiversity when looking at planning issues and policies. Over the coming months we will be looking at raising public awareness of the importance of biodiversity and engaging with residents and local businesses and other organisations to explore how best we can assist in making a positive difference.

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

**NEXT MEETING:** Wed 20th March 2024, 7.30pm- Annual Parish Meeting of Residents with the usual Parish Council meeting afterwards – Venue aims to be St Denys' Church, Severn Stoke.

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