

# Severn Stoke and Croome d'Abitot Parish Council

Severn Stoke & Croome d'Abitot Representatives		
Laurence Freeman – Chair	Raymond Williams	
Graham Seward – Vice Chair	Royston Garrard	
Pat Preston	Rob Halling	
Susan Faulkner	Jayne Rowe	Vacancy x 4

Firstly, thank you and best wishes to Nikki Cox and a warm welcome to new Cllr Jayne Rowe. We now have four parish councillor vacancies. The parish council is particularly looking for representatives in Kinnersley and Croome areas. Give the Clerk a call!

**Parish Hall rebuild project** The parish council has been exploring options for a new parish hall in partnership with the Hall Management Committee. A parish survey in 2020 and subsequent AGM of the Parish Hall Committee indicated local and wider need for a facility in the parish. This gave the Committee confidence that the community supported the rebuild and provided the input which has driven the feasibility study design, which presents one option for a rebuild on the existing site. At the time of writing, this option and ideas for other sites will be presented at the forthcoming Hall AGM. The AGM will be a useful way of gauging resident reaction to all the ideas that the Management Committee and the Parish Council has. After that meeting and before the end of the year, Parish Councillors aim to formally survey all Severn Stoke residents and narrow down the options, along with referendum approval for ideas of how to fund the project. The crucial thing for now is that residents know that the parish council has made no decisions and that households will always be consulted. The parish council firmly believes that this is a collaborative project and will work with the Parish Hall Committee to realise an outcome that reflects local opinion. **If you want your say on the financial side of things, please make sure you are registered to vote.** Financial decisions for this project will require a formal vote offered to all registered electors of Severn Stoke and Croome d'Abitot parish. <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

**BT Phone Box High Green** The Parish Council is undertaking a postal survey of views of High Green residents as to whether it should adopt the old red BT telephone box in the village. The telephone box can be adopted by the council for the nominal sum of £1 but with that comes an ongoing commitment and cost to renovating and maintaining it. The other question posed in the survey is how it might best be used? Residents are asked to leave their replies in the telephone box by 20th September. Whilst this is mainly a High Green issue all parishioners are free to contribute to the survey if they wish. The survey form can be found on the Severn Stoke and Croome d'Abitot parish council website (under consultation papers) <https://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/MyParish/> or from the parish clerk via email: [severnstokeandcda@gmail.com](mailto:severnstokeandcda@gmail.com). The response will help the council come to a decision that best reflects the desires of the residents.

**NEXT MEETINGS: - Wed 21st September 2022, 7.30pm & Wed 23rd November 2022, 7.30pm. Meeting venue: Croome National Trust SOQ conference building**

Please contact Lisa Stevens our Parish Council Clerk with any queries you may have

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Website: <https://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/MyParish> Severn Stoke

Severn Stoke Parish Council would like to remind Severn Stoke parish residents that there is a Wednesday Community Bus Service available for pick up and drop off at the war memorial Severn Stoke village. Details below. This service is funded by the County Council as a trial run. The route is flexible. If this service is ordered by phone, then the bus will be diverted and will pick up Severn Stoke customers after visiting Earls Croome. Similar for the return journey. Below is a copy of the front of the flyer.

**COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE - CB2**  
  
**\*New Service\***  
**between Upton-upon-Severn and Tewkesbury**  
**Every Wednesday**  
**leaving Tunnel Hill at 1000**  
**via The Graftons, Upton High Street, Ryall, Earls Croome,**  
**Severn Stoke, Baughton, Naunton, Uckinghall & Ripple**  
Plus other stops that may be added  
**Arriving Tewkesbury approx. 1110**  
**Return trip leaving Tewkesbury 1300**  
Plus other stops that may be added  
**All journeys must be pre-booked.**  
  
**For more information, please call Community Action on**  
**01684 892381**  
**(9.00 – 3.30 (Mon-Thurs) and 9.00 – 12.30 Friday)**  
  
**This is a 'Ring and Book' service operated by Community**  
**Action Malvern which is flexible to meet your local transport**  
**needs**  
  
**The Time Table is on the reverse of this Notice**

Finally, another reminder.... MHDC are running a successful grant initiative called Destination Zero. This is a five-year programme with funding of £100,000 earmarked for Community led projects across the MHDC area. One project funded through this is a car and bike borrowing project through the Malvern Hills Car Club - a scheme that relies on community champions to put energy into getting the local critical mass needed to make it work. Residents can join existing schemes by paying a monthly fee or can start up new groups local to them. Parish Councillors would encourage residents to explore and sign up to this scheme as an excellent way of reducing carbon footprints. <https://malvernhills-carclubs.org.uk/>