## Severn Stoke and Croome D'Abitot Parish Council News

Severn Stoke & Croome d'Abitot Representatives		
Stephen Watkins – Chair	Susan Faulkner	Rob Halling
Pat Preston – Vice Chair	Paul Sturgess	Graham Seward
Terry Breslin	Royston Garrard	Raymond Williams
Nikki Cox	Eileen Hadley	
Vacancy x 1. Duly advertised. Existing applicants to be considered 24th March		

2021 has certainly come in with a bang, with lots of snow, ice and what feels like the inevitable flooding, particularly in Severn Stoke. It has however shown what a great community we have, with support provided to neighbours stranded by snow and the efforts to help the Rose and Crown fill their sandbags to help prevent too much devastation - again illustrating what a great place we live in. Parish Councillors eagerly awaiting news of the next steps for the Flood Alleviation Scheme for Severn Stoke, as the need is obviously great.

In the last edition we talked about the Speed Survey that was undertaken. Having analysed the responses, 91.4% of Severn Stoke village responses indicated that speeding is an issue and 84% indicated that they want the Vehicle Activated Speed sign (VAS) replaced. This has demonstrated enough local concern that the Parish Council has agreed with Highways for the allocation of funds for a new VAS (plus battery), repainting of some road signs and replacement of zebra bollards. This is excellent news and is a start in the right direction to try and combat these issues. We also agreed to write to the County Council to look at speed limits again, with a request to consider making all of Severn Bank A38 30mph, encompassing the Kinnersley turn and extending the 30mph limit at the northern village entrance. CCllr Middlebrough noted that the forthcoming roundabout at the Upton turning will bring about a speed limit review, so it is an opportune time to raise this possibility. We are also going to ask Highways to reconsider white gates for Severn Stoke village at both A38 entrances. If options to the south of the village remain prohibitive, then explore the possibility of just having white gates to the north of the village.

The corner near Croome Arch has been on our agenda for some time and CCIIr Middlebrough reported that recent public parking during lockdown has been very dangerous, with vehicles parked on both sides of the road. Double yellow lines are an option. CCIIr Middlebrough agreed to explore how enforcement of the yellow lines would work and whether this could be used in conjunction with the knee rail fencing also being proposed, as we noted that yellow lines on their own might exacerbate the parking on the verges.

Your Parish Clerk will shortly complete one year of service and wishes to thank you all for the very warm welcome - though opportunity to meet many of you has been limited!

## NEXT MEETING: 24th March 2021

Please contact Lisa Stevens our Parish Council Clerk with any queries you may have T: 01905 820956/07950256363, E: <a href="mailto:severnstokeandcda@gmail.com">severnstokeandcda@gmail.com</a>

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