

Severn Stoke and Croome d'Abitot Parish Council



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Congratulations

CLlr Laura McEwan-Hill

on your new appointment to
Severn Stoke and Croome d'Abitot
Parish Council
as Councillor for the
Severn Stoke ward.

**We warmly welcome you and look forward to
representing local interests as a fantastic team.**

We still have vacancies on the parish council.
Contact the parish clerk for more information: Lisa Stevens 07950256363

Our joint parishes of Severn Stoke and Croome d'Abitot recently welcomed a new **Parish Footpaths Volunteer** – with great joy it has to be said, as footpaths and rights of way are an important asset for residents. **What does the role entail and how can residents help?** A Footpaths Volunteer walks all routes at least once a year and checks on the condition of the Public Rights of Way network. Any issues are reported direct to Worcestershire County Council for action via the 'Report-it' function on their website and also to the Parish Clerk for information. The volunteer also assist with minor maintenance works to keep paths open, particularly by cutting back overgrown vegetation that restricts access. All ably assisted by our Parish Lengthsman where needed.

The parish council is currently in the process of negotiating permission from the County Council to assist land owners with the maintenance of gates, stile cross steps and other furniture on the Public Rights of Way network – we shall see how

successful we can be with these negotiations. If we do get anywhere, then we will work closely with residents and farmers, The National Trust and Savills on this project.

Residents who walk the rights of way can report issues that they find using the same website: <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/travel-and-highways/report-road-or-path-issue> Alternatively, take a photo and a few details and email/whatsapp it to the Parish Clerk who can report it for you.

If you see our Footpaths Volunteer around the parish, please stop to say hello and introduce yourself – as the role does depend on local knowledge and often jobs can quickly be sorted if we know the right person to approach.

Other things that residents can do to help is keep dogs on the lead in fields – particularly those with crops – and pick up dog waste. In return the parish council encourages landowners and farmers to keep official routes across the fields clear and accessible – particularly after ploughing. Thank you.

NEXT MEETING of Severn Stoke and Croome d'Abitot Parish Council: 16th July 2025, 7.30pm – Croome National Trust Visitor Centre SOQ room. Parish Council Clerk, Lisa Stevens, T: 07950256363, E: parishclerk@severnstokeandcroomedabitot-pc.gov.uk
Your councillors are Richard Hill, Laurence Freeman, Ian Daly, Susan Faulkner, Royston Garrard, Laura McEwan-Hill, Pat Preston & Raymond Williams. We have 4 vacancies.