# Survey of Views

## Survey of Views on Funding Village Projects using Council Tax

This survey has been issued jointly by the Speed Watch Group and Stinchcombe Playground Working Group. The closing date is now noon on Wednesday 20th January.

### Not got yours?

We have done our best to deliver a copy of the one page survey form and the covering letter to every house in the parish. If you haven't received yours, please email ***preceptsurvey@stinchcombepc.co.uk***

### Need socially distanced collection?

Most people will be able to email their completed form or drop it off at one of the collection points. There are probably a few who don't use email and are shielding, or just not very mobile. We can provide socially distanced collection, if required. If you know someone in this position, email ***preceptsurvey@stinchcombepc.co.uk*** to make arrangements, after first checking with the person concerned.

### Playground Questionnaire

To save you having to type in the URL, this is the link for the ***Playground questionnaire*** mentioned.

It is aimed at households that include young children, are planning a family or receive child visitors likely to use playground facilities.

# Cycling Forum

## Calling all cyclists and would be cyclists

If you cycle on our local roads or you would like to but don't for whatever reason, please read on.

### First Gloucestershire Cycling Forum

Siobhan Baillie MP has invited the Parish Council to her first Cycling Forum on 17th November at 6pm. Virtual not face-to-face, of course.

She describes it as an *opportunity to discuss how cycling and other sustainable methods of transport can be improved across the Stroud District and Gloucestershire*. The District Council and the County Council will be there to discuss their existing and planned cycling schemes.

### What are your views?

I am happy to attend as a Parish Councillor and fair weather cyclist. I'll report back on anything relevant to Stinchcombe. But I can't represent your views unless you tell me what they are. I know there are some keen cyclists out there.

- What are your experiences of cycling locally?
- What would make it better?
- If you don't cycle yet, what would encourage you to take to your bike?

**Please let me know before 17th November.**

*Kath Hudson*

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# Parish Council Changes

## Parish Council News

The Parish Council is very pleased to welcome a new member, Mr Ian Kirkham who was co-opted at the meeting on 23rd September to replace Ms Trudy Chinn who stood down recently.

Mr Kirkham is a software architect who has lived in Stinchcombe for nine years. He is involved with the Scout movement, has been actively involved in his previous communities since student days and has acted on behalf of the Parish Council as Tree Warden for several years.

The Council would also like to thank Ms Chinn for her hard work and valuable contribution over the last three years.

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# Parish Council Vacancy

Another vacancy has arisen as Cllr Trudy Chinn has decided to stand down after three years on the Council.
She has made a very valuable contribution to the council and we are very grateful for her hard work. Fortunately, when there was a vacancy recently, a second person expressed interest in joining the PC, so hopefully, this vacancy can be

filled quickly and easily!
*Nola.*

# NOTICE OF VACANCY
# IN OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR

# PARISH OF STINCHCOMBE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

That a casual vacancy has arisen in the Office of Councillor for the Stinchcombe Parish Council.

If by Monday 7 September 2020 a request for an election to fill said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at the address below by TEN electors for the said Parish, an election will be held to fill the vacancy, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

Dated 18 August 2020

Signed *Nola Bradley*

Clerk to the Parish Council of Stinchcombe

Returning Officer
Stroud District Council
Council Offices, Ebley Mill
Ebley Wharf, Stroud
GL5 4UB

# Road Works Started

## Taits Hill Road Works

The Road Works have started on Taits Hill Road. Opposite Yew Tree Pub to Lay new Gas service from 5th Aug until 11th Aug. **https://one.network/?117557563**

From the 14th to 26th it's for the Carriageway Resurfacing on the hill **https://one.network/?115027377** with the road closed 7pm until 7am.

## Other Road Works

Also from the 14th until 26th, there is resurfacing of the B4066 Berkeley Road. **https://one.network/?**115027373

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# Tree Protection in Conservation Areas

## Stinchcombe Conservation Area

Many of us live within the Stinchcombe Conservation Area (see the area marked in green on the map).

### Protection for Trees

Not everyone realises that this gives automatic protection to any trees on our land above a certain size. You can also see it on this map. Cutting down, lopping or wilfully damaging a

tree with a **diameter of more than 75 mm at a height of 1.5 m above the natural ground level** is an offence. Unless a Section 211 notice has been submitted to Stroud District Council (SDC). The notice must be submitted at least 6 weeks before the work is carried out. To enable SDC time to consider it.

## *Exceptions*

- a tree being felled solely to improve the growth of other trees must have diameter less than 100mm
- SDC's Planning Enforcement Policy states that consent is not required for dead, dying or dangerous trees
- If a planning application that includes specified tree work. It can be treated as a Section 211 notice for works to trees immediately affected by the proposed development.

## *Replacement*

Landowners have a duty to replace felled trees with another tree of an appropriate size and species, in the same place, as soon as they reasonably can. SDC has the power to enforce this duty or to grant a dispensation in response to a written request.

## *Enforcement*

SDC's Planning Enforcement Policy puts complaints involving protected trees into the "Priority Complaints – Requiring Immediate Investigation" category. They have six months to bring a prosecution. This could lead to a fine of up to £20,000 in the magistrates' court or an unlimited fine in the Crown Court. In many cases they may negotiate remedial works with the landowner or issue an informal warning rather than prosecute.

# Road Works

## Road works information

I had an email from a reader saying the dates on the website did not concur with the information posted through his door..so I have been on the Gloucestershire Website and found a really useful page.

This shows a map of all current and planned roadworks. This map comes from One Network

Anyway, to settle the query, the

- A38 is closed (with Traffic lights during day) 14 Aug – 26 Aug at the Prince of Wales (RIP) for Carriageway Resurfacing from 19:00 to 07:00 see https://one.network/?115027373
- Tait's Hill is closed (with Traffic lights during day) 14 Aug -26 Aug at Clingre Down for Carriageway Resurfacing from 19:00 to 07:00 see https://one.network/?115027376
- And then, at present, (though it might change) there is a **Complete Road Closure at Vale Vets** from 27 Aug – 31 Aug for Severn Trent Water

*Why the Severn Trent Water starts the day after the rest finish is beyond me…..*

I hope this all helps, and in answer to a query sent to me, **YES, Road Works ARE allowed to block access to your property!**