

*Parish Council Chairman's Report*

1. Finances

- Small excess of current account expenditure over income of £373.21 out of a total spend of £29311.15 (excluding VAT) in financial year 2017-2018 which reflects careful financial planning.
- Overall Council Tax precept for financial year 2018-2019 increased to £30000.00 to cover slightly increased expected expenditure and maintain reserves but this has been possible with no increase in the amount paid by residents at Band D owing to the increased number of occupied properties in the Parish.
- Future precepts will be helped by further additional households.
- Grants given to Toddler Group (£150), Citizens Advice Bureau (£350) and St. Swithun's PCC (200.00).
- "Section 106" funds from the Mankley Field development for community capital projects now coming on-stream.
- Regularly seeking funding / grants from a variety of sources.

2. Community projects

- New picnic area next to play area
- New playing field fencing
- New/replacement play equipment
- Dead trees and scrub clearance on playing field providing additional junior football space
- Tennis courts refurbishment/upgrade
- Extensive Village Hall refurbishment
- Substantial Pavilion upgrade to reflect huge success of youth football programme and provide appropriate facilities for potential future expansion of adult and youth activities
- War memorial cleaning
- Protection for war memorial triangle against vehicle damage
- Seven Waters phone box purchase and change of use
- New website
- Defibrillator - training on 23 May 2018

### 3. Regular work

- Monthly Parish Council meetings
- Financial management
- Consideration of planning applications
- Management of village facilities
- Responding to issues from residents
- Continued communication with Barratt Homes to minimise issues
- Attendance at meetings with other organisations including:
  - Stroud District Council parish and town council liaison sessions
  - Regular liaison with Gloucestershire County Council Highways Department
  - Village Hall Management Committee
  - Leonard Stanley Football Club
  - Village Welfare Committee
  - Stroud Parishes Cycling Promotion Group
  - Police liaison sessions
  - Gloucestershire County Council events
  - Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils training seminars
  - Regular liaison with Stroud District Council Neighbourhood Wardens

### 4. Other work

- Attendance at Stroud District Council local plan review presentation event
- Input to the local plan review
- Representing the Parish Council at church events

### 5. Thanks

- Dave and Heather Longworth our footpath wardens
- Maggi Mukasa for her litter-picking
- Steve Marshall for his village maintenance work
- Andy Beamish our SDC Neighbourhood Warden
- Steve Lydon and Nigel Studdert-Kennedy our District Councillors
- Lorraine Patrick our County Councillor
- Irena Litton our Clerk
- Our Parish Councillors for their time and effort given for no financial remuneration
- All our clubs and societies who make the village a vibrant community