

Stoke Canon Parish Council - chairperson's report 2024 – 2025

Introduction

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting. I would like to thank Tracey for a successful first year as Clerk and for her support towards me during my first year as Chair.

Highways report

We continue to keep a close eye on the state of the local roads, reporting issues to Devon County Council as they arise. The speed restrictor at the Rewe end of the village has been repaired this year.

Flooding

There have been at least 5 flood alerts but the village is coping well with the rain this year. There has been on going investigation on the High Street in relation to a leak in the village but no update regarding this.

Closure of the A396

The work is necessary to underpin the road to prevent subsidence, however after a series of dates being proposed and cancelled, there is no current date in place for this work to take place.

Community Payback Teams

We have used the Community Payback Teams successfully to complete maintenance jobs around the village again this year. They started work again as part of the 'Great British Spring Clean' at the end of March and will continue to help us to keep the village tidy.

Sandy Lane Crossing

The Sandy Lane Crossing has continued to have closures and the lights have been bagged up at various points throughout the year. Thanks to Andy for keeping an eye on this as part of his role as a volunteer for Footpaths. All currently open.

Play park and school playing field

The play park and adult exercise equipment continue to be well used. The equipment is inspected annually.

The school playing field is now being very well maintained by volunteer Scott Hunt and our thanks go out to him for his regular mowing of the field which has greatly improved it's playing surface.

Requests for a bench for the playing field have been agreed and we are in the process of ordering and installing this.

Grass cutting (not done by EDDC)

All grass areas, including the path to the Sandy Lane crossing, are cut on a regular basis by Sam Campbell. Our thanks to Sam and all his team for their efforts.

Litter and Dog Fouling

Thank you to the villagers who have carried out several litter picks through out the year. Signs have been put up around the village to remind dog owners to clear up after their dogs and free bags provided at three points around the village. All bins can be used for this waste.

Stoke Canon Flood Plan

The flood plan has recently been updated and there will be a meeting for the flood wardens sometime in the future.

Village defibrillator

This is found in an unlocked cabinet attached to the side of the Jubilee Hall. It is registered with 'The Circuit' which is a national database for defibrillators. The defibrillator is checked monthly and the online records updated. This is kept in full working order by Derek Boustred.

I would like to thank our County Councillors and District Councillors for their support over the last 12 months and to welcome the newly elected Councillors too. Enormous thanks to Derek Boustred who continues to carry out the lion's share of the work for the Parish Council. Thank you to Janine Whitely for her energy and enthusiasm on the Council during her time with us. Janine drove the project that provided the adult exercise equipment for the park and organized regular litter picks as well as keeping us aware of everything climate related. Welcome to our new Councillor, Mike Kemp. Many hands make light work and more councilors are welcome to join us!