

STINCHCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE 2022 AT 7.30 PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present

Mr S. Packer (Chair)
Mrs M Shaw (Parish Councillor)
Mrs D. Davidson (Parish Councillor)

Ms K. Hudson (Vice Chair)
Mr I. Kirkham (Parish Councillor)
Mrs N. Bradley (Clerk)

In Attendance

Mr K. Tucker (District Councillor)
Ms C. Braun (District Councillor)
Mr S. Lane (Playground Group) (until 7.45)

Mr Packer opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

1) Apologies

Ms L. Cohen (County Councillor)
Mr G. James (District Councillor)

2) DPI Declarations and Dispensations

There were no declarations.

3) Approval of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held on 30th May 2022

Acceptance of the minutes of the meeting was proposed by Ms Hudson, seconded by Mrs Shaw and carried unanimously. They were duly accepted and signed. (75/22)

4) Matters Arising From the Minutes

There were no matters arising that are not dealt with later in these minutes.

5) Reports by County and District Councillors

Cllr Cohen's report is attached. (76/22)

The District Councillors' latest report is also attached. (77/22)

Cllr Braun added that there is a new bins policy which she will send on. [Action Cllr Braun](#) (78/22)

SDC's bid for money from the Levelling Up fund was discussed and it was agreed that the PC will write a supporting letter. [Action Clerk](#) (79/22)

6) Planning Matters

New since Last Meeting

- S.22/1228/HHOLD, Park House Stinchcombe Manor, erection of side extension. (80/22)
- S.22/1365/HHOLD, Tumbling Fields, erection of a single storey side extension. (81/22)
- S.22/1354/LBC, The Old Parsonage, conversion of ancillary outbuilding to self-contained dwelling. There was some concern about potential parking problems as vehicles parked at the property could block access to the church and churchyard via the lych gate.. The Clerk will add a comment to the website. [Action Clerk](#) (82/22)

Decided since last meeting

- S.22/0788/HHOLD, Lamport Court, Installation of boiler flue exhaust terminal on rear South Elevation and two ventilation grilles to North Elevation.) Permission. (83/22)
- S.22/0971/LBC, Lamport Court, location of boiler flue exhaust terminal on the southern elevation of ground floor. Install two ventilation grilles to North Elevation. Consent. (84/22)
- S.22/1015/AFP, Land At Stinchcombe, erection of agricultural building. Withdrawn. (85/22) Still Undecided
- S.22/0225/FUL, land At Hill House Wick Lane, erection of two houses Resubmission of S.21/2301/FUL. (86/22)
- S.22/0817/AGR, Land At Stinchcombe, erection of agricultural building. Neighbours have expressed concern that planned planting will block access to their land. The Clerk will check the status of the application and comment if necessary. [Action Clerk](#) (87/22)
- S.22/1020/HHOLD, Bluemead, Echo Lane, erection of garage, rear extension, garden room and driveway extension. (88/22)

Some concerns have been raised about extent of the work being carried out on Overdale House and Cllr Braun will refer the matter to Planning Enforcement. [Action Cllr Braun](#) (89/22)

7) Footpaths and Rights of Way

Mr Davidson is interested in taking on the role of Footpaths Warden and Mr Packer will provide him with Mr Thomas's information pack to help him decide. [Action Mr Packer](#) (90/22)

There has been no progress on the problem of dog mess but Mrs Davidson will continue to try to move the issue forward. Cllr tucker will forward some examples of signage which might be useful and Mr Packer will look into pricing. [Action Mrs Davidson, Mr Packer and Cllr Tucker](#) (91/22)

8) Highways

The VAS application is well under way and it is envisaged that work should begin in September.. The relevant householders have agreed to the installations near their houses and the agreement with Highways is ready subject to a slight change in wording. The current situation is described in more detail in the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held before this one. (92/22)

Ms Hudson will submit an application for a PCC grant towards the cost of traffic monitoring at Berkeley road and Yercombe Lodge. [Action Ms Hudson](#). (93/22)

9) Facilities

Mr Lane updated the Council on the Playground Group's progress. The group has met with the PCC which is broadly supportive of the plans though with some criteria to be met, as a result of which Mr Pinch has redrawn the plans which will be submitted to the PCC at a further meeting.

The group has organised itself into subcommittees and ordered the next steps into a general timeline, though without specific dates at present. The next stage is to obtain pre-planning advice from SDC after which firmer plans can be made and circulated. Residents will be kept informed and will have an opportunity to comment at a meeting to be held later in the year.

Maintenance and end of life have been discussed with the PCC and it is envisaged that there will be a 6-year rolling plan to continue over 20 years with fundraising to cover costs.

Mr Lane or Mr Forsyth will attend future meetings to keep the PC updated and Mr Forsyth may be interested in the Warden's position. More information is included in the meeting minutes and research document into other playgrounds attached to these minutes. (94/22)

The new noticeboard has not been installed yet but Mr Packer will ask Mr Lawfull if he would be able to do it. [Action Mr Packer](#). (95/22)

The new bin has been installed and is well used. The Clerk will write to Mssrs Oakhill and Clare to thank them for their work. [Action Clerk](#). (96/22)

10) Environment

Ms Hudson has reported the presence of Japanese knotweed on Standle Lane. She will produce an ?Enews item to ward residents of and help them to identify this and other invasive species. [Action Ms Hudson.](#) (97/22)

11) Financial Matters

The Statement of Payments and Receipts was signed by Mr Packer and Ms Hudson. (98/22)

It was noted that the Council's Coventry building Society account is no longer suitable for all payments and it may be time to look into moving the account elsewhere. Cllr Braun undertook to make some enquiries with other council's n our behalf. [Action Cllr Braun and Clerk](#) (99/22)

12) Councillors' Reports

Ms Hudson has received an offer from Ms Lawton of wood for a possible bonfire. It was agreed that it might be a good idea to hold a village bonfire in November but there is no use for the wood at present. Ms Hudson will reply to Ms Lawton on the council's behalf. [Action Ms Hudson.](#) (100/22)

Mrs Davidson will revarnish the existing noticeboards before the winter. [Action Mrs Davidson.](#) (101/22)

Mrs Shaw reported that the walks leaflets are ongoing. She is still waiting for the return of the memory stick from the printer's. [Action Mrs Shaw.](#) (102/22)

Mr Kirkham said that work on removing ivy from the Avenue trees has not begun yet but plans are ongoing. [Action Mr Kirkham.](#) (103/22)

Mr Packer has alerted Adult Social Services about several recent occasions when Stinchcombe Manor residents have been wandering alone in the village.

13) Possible Neighbourhood Plan

This would be a major undertaking and it was agreed that any plan would need to be formulated by a separate group of people other than Parish Councillors. It can only go ahead if there is sufficient interest to sustain it and to this end a public meeting will be held later in the year to explain what is involved and gauge interest. (105/22)

14) Data Protection

There were no Data Protection issues.

15) Items for Website

Ms Hudson will post the item about invasive species. [Action Ms Hudson](#) (106/22)

15) Dates of Next Meeting

Wed 27th July 7.30pm

Wed 7th Sept 7.30pm

Wed 26th Oct 7.30pm

Wed 14th Dec 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

STINCHCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF 22ND JUNE 2022
STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS AND AUTHORISATIONS

<u>Building Society balance on 30th May</u>	£ 12,273.84
<u>Receipts since 30th May</u>	
Precept Payment (£2,825) }	£ 2,986.02
CIL Payment (£161.02) }	
VAT Refund	£ 174.21
<u>Payments since 30th May</u>	
Insurance Premium	£ 507.71
Playsafety Ltd (playground inspection)	£ 84.00
Iain Selkirk (Internal Audit)	£ 110.00
Clerk's salary, Feb/Mar/Apr	£ 336.00
<u>Building Society balance on 22nd June</u>	£ 14,396.36

Prepared by

Approved by

E.N. Bradley
Clerk & RFO
22nd June 2022

S. Packer
Chairman

K. Hudson
Vice Chairman

Stinchcombe Parish Council

18th June 2022

1. Meet your councillors

With the Council's agreement, I plan to hold my next meeting on Saturday 24th September. After discussion with fellow District Councillors it makes sense to open this up to allow everyone to be present if they wish and to be able to help residents to understand our different roles and have all questions answered. Could the Council confirm that this would be acceptable

2. Buses

The Bus Services 84 and 85 are under threat of being withdrawn as they are subsidised by Bristol, Bath & North East Somerset and South Gloucestershire Councils . These services are vital for surrounding villages and for the people of Wotton who shop in Yate and get connections into Bristol and Hospitals. See article below:

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/26-supported-bus-services-facing-7149861>

I contacted my equivalents on the relevant councils to express our concerns in advance of their meeting on June 14th. I have already subsequently heard back from the leaders of B&NES and South Glos and we have arranged to meet with colleagues from GCC to look at new and improved but sustainable 'on demand' / community services – creative solutions to solve the issue rather than accept the loss of these bus services. I would welcome hearing from residents and members of the Town Council with thoughts about how we might design a new service.

Prior to this development I was already in discussion with my fellow County Councillor in Dursley as well as District Councillors in Berkeley and Berkeley Vale to explore a new community bus service linking Wotton, Dursley and Berkeley.

3. Road Safety

County Council Motion

At the most recent county council meeting (18 May), councillors supported a Liberal Democrat motion welcoming the council's road safety policy review and backing a focus on

consultation and local community involvement.

As part of the motion, councillors agreed:

To ask officers to provide Environment Scrutiny and Fire and Rescue Scrutiny with a thorough briefing on recent accidents and their causations.

To call on cabinet to ensure that communities and all levels of governance in Gloucestershire are thoroughly consulted on the refreshed Road Safety Policy.

To call on cabinet to work with Environment Scrutiny and Fire and Rescue Scrutiny to develop a policy of ongoing dialogue with our residents to see road safety measures proactively installed in our communities.

New Fund

A new fund has been launched to help create a greener, safer and healthier county, as part of a partnership between Gloucestershire County Council and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC).

The £600,000 Community Speedwatch Safety Fund will give communities the tools they need to combat speeding in their areas.

The fund aims to make the county's roads safer for the pedestrians, cyclists and motorists that use them.

Applications can be made for a range of measures, including Road Safety Officer support, speed surveys, 'Twenty is Plenty' wheelie bin stickers, vehicle activated signs to encourage drivers to slow down, and community speedwatch cameras.

Bids must be supported by the local county councillor and submitted by 31 August.

For more information on the fund, visit:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/your-community/the-community-speedwatch-fund/>.

4. Council's £200,000 Digital Innovation Fund open for applications

Gloucestershire County Council's Digital Innovation Fund will support community projects with £200,000 of funding.

The fund, which launched in 2020, has already given grants 33 projects which have helped local organisations and people to make the most of technology to support their independence, health and wellbeing.

This is the third year of the fund and applications of up to £20,000 per project are welcomed, with the deadline for applications on 1 July. Collaborative partnership bids will be considered for combined funding but would need to clearly demonstrate the added benefit of the collaboration.

Further information on this grant, including access to application forms, can be found at www.yourcircle.org.uk/Information/Digital-Innovation-Fund.

My contact details linda.cohen@gloucestershire.gov.uk . Mobile 07791110906

Stroud District Councillors' Report – June 2022

Report of meetings during May

All Stroud District Council and Committee papers can be found here:

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/meetings> Recordings of meetings are available via the Committee meeting webpage on the Council's You Tube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeH_AmF0s-TShcYIM8Stweg/videos

Development Control Committee – 3 May

The following issues were discussed:

- Unit 1 Parcel E4 Land West of Stonehouse, Grove Lane, Westend, Stonehouse (S.21/2758/REM) (Pages 21 - 40) Reserved Matters Application for a proposed employment development (Class E(g), B2/B8) pursuant to outline planning permission S.14/0810/OUT including details of landscaping, design, scale, and layout. (Description updated 13/04 to reflect outline permission) – Permitted.
- Parcel E4 Land West of Stonehouse, Grove Lane, Westend, Stonehouse (S.21/2759/REM) (Pages 41 - 62) Reserved Matters Application for a proposed employment development (Class E(g), B2/B8) pursuant to outline planning permission S.14/0810/OUT including details of landscaping, design, scale, and appearance. (Description updated 13/4 to reflect outline permission) – Permitted.
- Application and Enforcement Performance Statistics Q1 2022 – this report includes reference to the enforcement cases in progress ([link](#)).

Council Annual General Meeting – 19 May

- **Election to roles** - There was no change to Co-operative Alliance leadership at the annual full Council meeting. Cllr Doina Cornell (Labour) was re-appointed leader of the Council, with Cllr Catherine Braun (Green) continuing as deputy leader. There were a small number of changes were made to Committee vice chair positions but no change to the Committee chair roles. A full list of members of each committee can be found [here](#).
- **Council Plan** - The focus for the Council will be on delivery of the Council Plan, which is the council's vision for the district up to 2026 ([link](#)).
- **LGA Assessment** - The meeting also discussed a recent report from the Local Government Association (LGA) on the performance of Stroud District Council. Three years ago, SDC asked the LGA to undertake a Corporate Peer Challenge. The peer team came back for a three day visit in March 2022 and their feedback report has now been published. The report praised the council's response to the pandemic and improvements to IT systems, and particularly the new (soon to be introduced) digital platform that will improve the council's digital offer to residents and businesses, and its case management and back-office systems.

The LGA's recommendations (report [pages 4-6](#)) include an action plan for improvement to housing services, more effective working with town and parish councils and a more efficient, centralised approach to improve customer services. The Strategy & Resources Committee meeting in June will discuss an action plan to implement these changes.

Standards Sub-Committee – 31 May

The first meeting of the Standards Sub Committee was held. Members include the Chair and Vice Chair of Audit & Standards Committee and Chair of the Council's Constitution Working Group, as well as a Parish Councillor. The Sub Committee adopted the proposed procedure for conducting a Standards Hearing. ([link: item 5](#))

Levelling Up Fund bid

An outline of the Council's bid for £15.9 million for infrastructure improvements has now been published, ahead of discussion by the Strategy & Resources Committee meeting in June, and the bid submission deadline in July. The proposals focus on gateway spaces, cultural landmarks and transport connections in Stroud, with a view to supporting the economy of the whole district. Some projects in the bid have been under development for many years. If the bid is successful, all funding must be spent by March 2025, so there has been a focus on projects which can be delivered within this timescale. According to the Government's rules for the Levelling Up Fund, the bid must be submitted for a particular parliamentary constituency and with the support of the local MP. Full details can be found here ([link: item 5](#)) and in a press release [here](#).

Other issues

Ukraine

Stroud District Council officers continue to work with other authorities to support the Homes for Ukraine programme, through the Gloucestershire Strategic Housing Partnership and with the support of Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers (GARAS).

By 27 May, 187 visas had been issued for Ukrainian refugees to come to Stroud District under the Homes for Ukraine scheme, and of these guests, 101 have arrived. A further 33 visas are still being processed. Stroud District Council has undertaken 97 checks on properties – with 5 checks outstanding.

Across Gloucestershire 989 visa applications have been received, of these 870 have been issued, and 514 Ukrainian refugees have arrived. There have been 138 applications for school places in the county (80 primary, 58 secondary).

Council Tax energy rebates

Eligible households in the district have started to receive their £150 energy rebates. The first payments have been made to residents who pay their council tax by direct debit. The remaining households which do not pay their Council Tax by direct debit will be contacted and invited to apply

via an online portal, with letters being sent out by post with other options for those who do not have an email address. SDC has additional funding of £166,000 which will be distributed to the most vulnerable residents, who were not entitled to the government's £150 council tax energy rebate, with details of this discretionary funding available in June.

Dogs walking advice – ground nesting birds

Dog owners and walkers are asked to help protect ground nesting birds when enjoying country walks by parking in designated bays, keeping to footpaths, and ensuring dogs are walked on the lead. Commons and farmland provide the ideal breeding ground for birds who make their nests on the ground including skylarks and meadow pipits, whose numbers have declined over recent years. The ground nesting bird season lasts from spring until early summer.

Dog fouling

SDC Animal Welfare Officers and Neighbourhood Wardens teamed up recently to reinforce key messages for dog owners, offer safety advice and hear concerns in two operations this month, in Stroud and Nailsworth, with more planned. They officers handed out bags containing poo bags, dog collar lights, personal alarms and advice leaflets, and put up new signs about keeping dogs on leads and picking up after dogs.

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) require dog owners to: pick up dog faeces; put dogs on leads when directed to do so by an officer; keep dogs out of areas signed as exclusion areas, e.g. children's play areas; keep dogs on leads in designated areas such as allotments, cemeteries, car parks, canal towpaths, designated cycle tracks and specified footpaths used to reach schools and colleges.

These were reviewed in consultation with the public in 2020. The council can issue a £75 fine or prosecute in court with a fine of up to £1,000 in cases where dog faeces is not picked up.

Links:

- Dog fouling facts and myths: <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/environmental-health/animal-welfare/dog-warden-service/dog-fouling-facts-and-myths>
- Report dog mess or fouling problems (it's an offence to let a dog in your control foul on 'designated land', if you don't clean up immediately afterwards)
<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/report/report-dog-mess-or-fouling-problems>
- Full litter bins can be reported at <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/report/report-an-overflowing-litter-bin>

Mental health Awareness Week

SDC staff took part in a variety of activities as part of the Mental Health Foundation's week of events aimed at helping people address loneliness with practical help (9 – 15 May). Across the district there are lots of opportunities that people can take part in, that can help combat loneliness. These include Community Hubs, which are places that act as a central point of contact and support for their communities. The Hubs are connectors of people, communities, local groups and

voluntary sector organisations and a place where people can find friendship, positive things to do, acquire new skills and share their expertise, and get help and advice on food, housing, finances, health and wellbeing: <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/community-health-and-wellbeing/community-hubs>

For help and advice: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week/loneliness-help-and-advice>

Innovate to Renovate Project

SDC is working in partnership with other local councils and The Retrofit Centre, to commission a new kind of partnership to help them better understand what is required to encourage homeowners to undertake low carbon retrofit. This will look at both the market and supply chain to generate awareness, capacity and interest in both suppliers and consumers.

In June they will be running a workshop facilitated by experienced professionals to explain the opportunity and the vision of the partnership; help the councils understand more about attendees' expertise and bring potential providers together to evolve collaborations ([link](#)).

Stratford Park Lido, Stroud

Stratford Park's 50 metre, spring-fed Lido reopens on 28th May. Improvements include a modest amount of heating, new morning sessions and a changing room revamp. After securing funding for heating options, a heat exchanger, which takes excess heat from the neighbouring Stratford Park Leisure Centre's electricity generator was installed earlier this month. This should raise the temperature in the Lido by a degree or two but will also allow for more heat to be fed into the water if longer-term plans for heating are realised.

Ocean Railway Bridge reopens

On 23 May, the new bridge at Ocean, near Stonehouse, was officially opened, and renamed 'Ocean Jubilee Bridge' in honour of Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The opening ceremony was attended by the Network Rail Chair and Deputy Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire, as well as councillors, representatives from all the partner organisations, canal volunteers and local residents. This work marks a major milestone in the regeneration of the Stroudwater Canals. A team of 150 operatives from Network Rail and its contractor Alun Griffiths worked to replace the bridge while the railway was closed for seven days between Christmas and New Year 2021.

Forest Green Rovers promotion

A civic reception was held on 8th May to congratulate Forest Green Rovers Football Club for winning the English Football League Two title and securing promotion. This event was attended by national media, with FGR showing off the trophy for the first time.

Playground Meeting 20/06/2022

Present: Naomi Hemming (chair), Chelsea Ions, Rosie Craggs, John Pinch, Steven Lane (minutes)
Apologies: Pixie Thomas, Paul Chamberlain.

Meeting minutes

Update on the PCC meeting /by NH and SL
No zipwire and no greater than 4 m height
Rotated on the back stretch for a number of valid reasons
Ecological survey
Water drainage to be aware of
20% area not including path

Stipulations of the PC

Details of lease – Fiona confirming church would prefer a Repeating 6 year lease .
Maintenance plan. Need finer details to finalise. However general consensus that monthly check possible with a team approach (NF, PC?, PT\RWG, CI. Wider community monitoring on a more regular basis- see an issue and report it. Paul C to draw up maintenance and check rota.SL to Ask Nick regarding maintenance plan at Nibley.
Traffic and parking management plan. – SL to share survey document as prepared for PCC.

RC -Pre-planning advice – photos taken. Group agreed to for RC submit This week, RC, PC to attend along JP if not in France. Scenarios discussed if green light – Timeline could be delayed for ecological assessment etc, materials specification, surfaces- will be asked at preplanning. Costs regarding Eco study RC will investigate costs but wait for outcome of preplanning before actioning.

JP – design update shared –approach to build in phases- plant scheme, younger area – build across. Ground surface costs and options, NH to locate information on surfaces, Slimbridge used astro-turf on their main apparatus. Rubber crumb, resin, bark, rubber matting under – More research and costing required. Compacted Cotswold stone path?
Planting might help as far as shielding surface from the road.

Should we ask if there is expertise in the village regarding planting? -JP will ask Yvette.

Playground warden: NF may be willing on the understanding that the equipment will go to church field.

Timeline

1. Pre-planning
2. Consultation and engagement plan. 2. Costed Plan- tenders
3. Funding Plan- campaign
4. Maintenance Plan
5. Lease agreement
6. Full planning application
7. Project planning - Paul C, Will H?
8. Build Tendering specialist – phases to be identified and completed
9. Landscaping.

Working Groups (Lead person in bold)

Planning – **RC**, **PC**, **JP** – Pre planning, spec to build, costing,

Costings- **JP**, **RC**, **WH**, **PT**, -Quantity surveying, tenders,

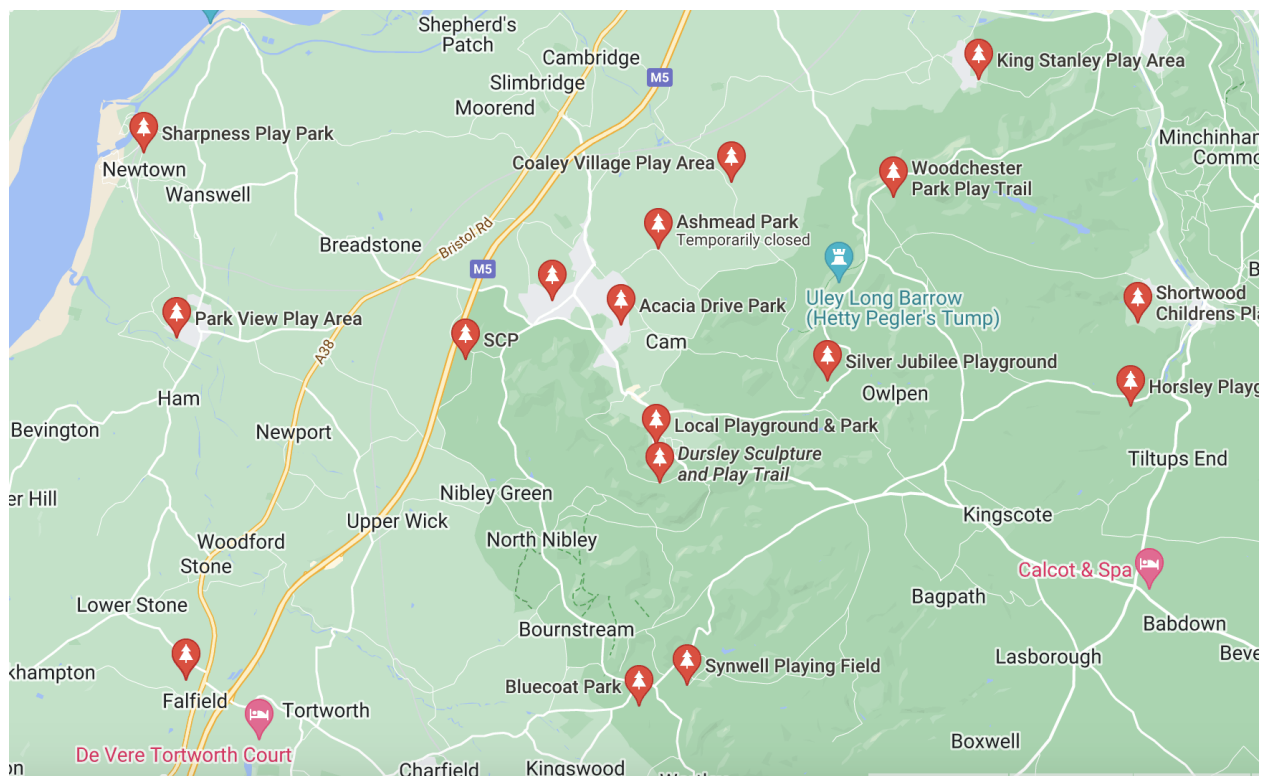
Fundraising- **NF**, **SL**, **CI**– Events

Grants –**NH**, **LB**, Roger B?, Emily Loveday?... applications

Parish council approvals- **SL** **NH** - maintenance, traffic, lease church field, insurance checks

Build planning and delivery-**PC**- plan, team to build, tenders, planning, planting

Community Space and Playground



Existing Playgrounds including redevelopment/due date and budget

Slimbridge (2020, £175000)

Cam Everlands (2022, £100000)

Uley Silver Jubilee Playground (2022, £50000)

Dursley war memorial Recreation Ground (2015, £70000)

North Nibley (2022, £40000)

Wotton-Under-Edge, The Field and skate park(ongoing,

Wotton-Under-Edge, bearlands play area (2018, £50000)

Wotton-Under-Edge, Symn Lane Playground

Synwell Playground and Pavillion (Privately owned, currently fundraising for new equipment)

Hillesley (2015)

Berkeley, Canon Park (2021, £184000)

In light of the above mentioned developments we do not anticipate an disproportional level of use from the wider community when a 'new' playground is in the area,

Parking Survey 2022

Date/ time	Location	Adults	Children	Cars	Observations
17.03.22 17:10	Woodfield, Cam	0	3 x teenagers 2 x 11yo	0	
09.04.22 Sat 14:15	Slimbridge	32	12	13	Men's football match
09.04.22 15:00	Saul	4	8	3	1 car (child with bike learning on drive)
07.05.22	Frocester	1	2	1	Gate open

11:00					onto field parking
07.05.22 15:00	Rec, Dursley	10	15	?	

Limitations of survey- time to observe across the week due to work commitments.

Personal statements from local residents of playgrounds in cam without designated parking:

“The playground on Cam Green is next to our home.

During term time school days, it is mainly used by parents with toddlers during the day and they seem to walk there with pushchairs. After school there are sometimes families who drive there but only 2 or 3 cars and they don't cause a problem.

At weekends and in school holidays there are more families using the playground but I haven't noticed any increase in the number of cars. Many families seem to have dogs and I think a visit to the playground is often part of a dog walk ((dogs allowed on leads and bins provided).

I can honestly say that we have not been inconvenienced in any way by living next door to the playground.”
Cam green resident 2022

“The playground has been part of Woodfield since the estate was created. In the 15 years we have lived here I've not had any issues with people parking to use the park. The majority of children are local and walk. There are greater issues towards the end of the school year with parents dropping off Woodfield school students to practice walking in anticipation for Rednock. Stinchcombe won't have this issue. Although Woodfields has sometimes got a name for itself I can honestly say I love being part of our community, we have shops, allotments, hair dressers, community centre and a playground. We have plenty of dog bins as this used to be an issues many years ago, now everyone looks after the area and cleans up after themselves. A long time ago they were considering putting flats on the playground area but the community didn't want it. The park has been renovated in recent years and is an asset to our community.”

Woodfield resident 2022