

5. **Monthly reports:** To receive monthly reports from:

(a) County Councillor – Cllr Turner

Cllr Turner submitted a written report ahead of the meeting ([Appendix 1: County Councillor's Report](#)). Cllr Turner was in attendance and gave a verbal update on the following:

- GGC's Thriving Communities grant programme has reopened until 13th October <https://gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/public-health/our-communities/thriving-communities-grant/>. This programme aims to help local organisations with projects that help people to stay well and support them to live independently for as long as possible.
- At Environment Scrutiny Committee last week, the report does go some way to explain why we have found it so difficult to secure GCC support for residents' requests e.g. a pedestrian island in Thrupp. More positively, it should also help us identify factors in any future request likely to support its success: https://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/documents/s104340/Scheme%20prioritisation%20and%20post%20implementation%20review_Sept%2024.pdf
- Cycle September is underway <https://lovetoride.net/gloucestershire>
- GCC is moving closer towards its goal of planting one million trees by 2030
- GCC has a new programme of digital bootcamps designed for young people not in education, employment or training (NEET): gloslibraries.uk/space-to-create
- New bus timetable – https://tiscon-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Timetables/West/2024/Stroud/67_010924.pdf
- In answer to a query regarding clearing tree foliage obscuring the street lamps on the A419, Cllr Turner explained that the cutting programme has now started as the nesting season has ended (31st August). She signposted any reporting to Fix my Street or Councillors can email on the dedicated Councillor email address.

(b) District Councillor – Cllr Aldam

Cllr Aldam was not in attendance but submitted a written report for August ahead of the meeting ([Appendix 2: District Councillor's Report](#))

(c) District Councillors – Chalford Ward

Apologies were received from Cllr Fenton and Cllr Watson who were unable to attend the meeting.

(d) Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

Apologies were received from PCSO Mel Olivera who was unable to attend the meeting.

6. **Planning applications:**

(a) To **consider** the following planning applications and **agree** any comments to be submitted by the Parish Council:

- S.24/1371/HHOLD – 75 London Road, Brimscombe, Stroud, Gloucestershire
The Council agreed to 'No comment' on this application. Stance Neutral
- S.24/1550/HHOLD – 93 Thrupp Lane, Thrupp, Stroud, Gloucestershire
The Council agreed to 'No comment' on this application. Stance Neutral

(b) To **receive** application received since the posting of the agenda, **consider** and **agree** any comments to be submitted by the Parish Council
No additional applications were received

(c) To **note** decisions made by Stroud District Council on planning applications.
The Council noted decisions made by Stroud District Council on previous planning applications.

7. Finances:

(a) To **approve** the accounts for payment

Payments made between meetings to be ratified: September 2024

	Payee	Details	Payment method	Amount
1	Robert Whenray	Bar supplies for POTPF	BACs	£ 241.38
2	Stroud Brewery	Cider for POTPF	BACs	£ 248.69
3	Stroud Brewery	Beer for POTPF	BACs	£ 652.92
4	Tim Harris	Reimbursement for PLI insurance for bands for POTPF	BACs	£ 96.00
5	Poddley Properties (All Cleared Out)	Rubbish disposal for POTPF	BACs	£ 22.00
6	Hannah Warren	Reimbursement for payment to Brandon Hire Station for generator and Lead hire for POTPF	BACs	£ 507.24
7	Madeline Staples	Provision and delivery of art services for POTPF	BACs	£ 400.00
8	A & E Fire and Security	Fire-extinguisher hire for POTPF	BACs	£ 39.94
9/10	Salaries	Salary – August	BACs	£ 1,791.11
11	NEST	Pensions	DD	£ 240.51
12	Miss Lorna Elizabeth Kerr	Toadsmoor bus shelter refurbishment	BACs	£ 750.00
13	Hannah Warren	Expenses - MS office	BACs	£ 20.64
14	James and Owen	Stationary	BACs	£ 8.50
15	WaterPlus	Allotment water supply – July	DD	£ 57.26
16	WaterPlus	Allotment water supply - August	DD	£ 59.41
	TOTAL			£ 5,135.60

Accounts for approval and payment: September 2024

No.	Payee	Details	Payment method	Amount
17	Isa Clee	Stagecoach bus shelter refurbishment	BACs	£ 555.10
18	Kazz Hollick	Stagecoach bus shelter refurbishment	BACs	£ 340.00
19	Rory Boden	Maintenance work – July	BACs	£ 447.00
20	Hannah Warren	Expenses - MS office	BACs	£ 20.64
21	Hannah Warren	Salary – September	BACs	£ 1,276.48
22	Penny Starr	Salary – September	BACs	£ 514.63
23	NEST	Pensions	DD	£ 240.51

24	PATA	Payroll services - July, August, Sept 2024	BACs	£ 77.10
25	HMRC	2nd quarter payment	BACs	£ 576.72
26	GAPTC	Training course - New Councillor Toolkit	BACs	£ 45.00
27	Rory Boden	Maintenance work – August	BACs	£ 437.00
28	Stroud Brewery	Beer for POTPF	BACs	£ 96.16
29	TW Hawkins and Sons	Fromeside playing field grass cutting	BACs	£ 273.96
30	WaterPlus	Allotment water supply	DD	£ 59.41
	TOTAL			£ 4,959.71

The accounts were approved for payment.

(b) To receive and note monthly breakdown of income and expenditure

The Council received and noted a monthly breakdown of income and expenditure

(c) To receive monthly budget monitoring statement, including **noting** of any budget variances

The Council received the monthly budget monitoring statement. There were no variances to note.

(d) To receive monthly bank reconciliation

The Council received the monthly bank reconciliation.

(e) To receive internal control report

The Council received the internal control report.

8. Items requiring a decision/resolution:

8.1 Remembrance Day:

- (a) To **agree** attendance at the Remembrance event on Sunday 10th November 2024

Cllr Grant volunteered to attend

- (b) To **approve** donation to the Royal British Legion

The Council approved a donation of £50 to the Royal British Legion [**ACTION: Clerk** to arrange donation]

- (c) To **approve** hire of PA system and contractor and **approve** associated budget

The Council approved the hire of PA system, contractor and associated budget of £75 + VAT [**ACTION: Clerk** to arrange hire and payment]

8.2 Lease of land: To review plans regarding the lease of land adjacent to Fromeside Playing Field from Gloucestershire County Council and agree actions needed

In his absence, the Chair read out Cllr Pilley's case for leasing this land. Following that, concerns were raised including treating the Japanese Knotweed on the land, maintenance of trees, ground water and leaching from the landfill and potential hazards in the site.

[**ACTION: Clerks** to look through the ecological survey and see what else needs to be followed up on. **Clerks** to then contact GCC addressing any issues identified including the water leak. **Clerks** to set up a meeting with the Biodiversity Working Group (and Cllr Harvey) to discuss next steps.]

9. Reports and working groups: Reports from committees, working groups and projects – to bring members up to date on progress since the last meeting. No decisions can be made under this heading but can be an agenda item for the next meeting:

(a) Clerk’s report: To **receive** the monthly report from the Clerk
The Council received the monthly report from the Clerk which was sent ahead of the meeting.

(b) Port Community Hub Committee: To **receive** an update
The August meeting was postponed as nothing to report but one is planned for October 7th 2024.

(c) Green Space and Biodiversity Working Group: To **receive** an update
There hasn’t been a recent meeting but one will take place shortly to discuss potentially leasing the land adjacent to the playing field.

(d) Road Safety Working Group: To **receive** an update
Cllr Turner gave an update on the proposed crossings. There are ongoing discussions around having a two-way cycle route on the road along from the Waitrose roundabout to Thrupp Lane.

(e) Staffing Committee: To **receive** an update
The Clerk reported that Penny Starr has passed her probation period [**ACTION: Clerk** to send the committee the review].

(f) Party on the Playing Field: To **receive** an update
Cllr Harris gave a summary of the event. From an attendance and ‘fun’ perspective the party was a massive success. The event affectively broke even as there was a surplus from last year that covered this year’s deficit. Cllr Middle offered to get more involved in raising sponsorship next year. Problems included some people not paying at the gate, a few entrances weren’t covered and a lack of Sum up machines. Cllr Harris added that the event was very volunteer heavy. In conclusion a calendar plan is needed, also, a critical path plan where there is a budget based on just the infrastructure and basic costs and another if a grant is received.

(g) BATCOM: To **receive** an update
Cllr Pilley was not present at the meeting so no update was given.

10. Agenda items: To **agree** items for the next agenda or forward to Clerk by **Friday 27th September 2024**

11. Date of the next meeting: 6.00pm Tuesday 8th October 2024 at **The West Suite, Port Mill, Brimscombe, GL5 2QQ**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.05PM**

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Appendix 1: County Councillor's Report

District Councillor report - September 2024

Do contact me any time on: Chloe.turner@gloucestershire.gov.uk Tel: 07710514689

- GGC's Thriving Communities grant programme has reopened until 13th October <https://gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/public-health/our-communities/thriving-communities-grant/>. This programme aims to help local organisations with projects that help people to stay well, and support them to live independently for as long as possible. Parish councils, community and voluntary organisations can apply for this funding to connect people to their local communities, strengthening ties, reducing isolation, and improving physical and mental wellbeing. Since 2018, the Thriving Communities Grant has supported over 310 projects, investing £2.4 million in local groups. Q&A webinars are being run on Wednesday 11 September 12:00-13:00, Tuesday 17 September 16:00-17:00 and Tuesday 1 October 12.30-13:30. If interested, please email thrivingcommunities@gloucestershire.gov.uk for an MS Teams invitation for your preferred session.
- At Environment Scrutiny Committee last week, officers brought this report which you may find informative – although not a cheery read, it does clearly set out the assessment process by which new road safety infrastructure (eg a new traffic island) is triaged. As there is only £1.5m per annum budget across the county for this work, the report does go some way to explain why we have found it so difficult to secure GCC support for residents' requests eg a pedestrian island in Thrupp. More positively, it should also help us identify factors in any future request likely to support its success: https://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/documents/s104340/Scheme%20prioritisation%20and%20post%20implementation%20review_Sept%202024.pdf
- Cycle September is underway, and GCC is offering great prizes through <https://lovetoride.net/gloucestershire> so do log your rides this month
- GCC is moving closer towards its goal of planting one million trees by 2030, increasing the current county total planted under its scheme to just under 400,000. All trees planted now come with a maintenance agreement to increase the likelihood of survival.
- Following a Green group motion at GCC, free travel cards for bus travel are to be made available to veterans who are seeking employment in Gloucestershire. Jobcentre Plus establishments in the county will issue them.
- GCC has a new programme of digital bootcamps designed for young people not in education, employment or training (NEET). The first Stroud session is on WordPress web design – Stroud Lab, 4 September – 18 October 2024. More at gloslibraries.uk/space-to-create
- New bus timetable – hopefully you're aware of the new, late 67 services along the valley on Friday and Saturday nights – full timetable here: https://tiscon-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Timetables/West/2024/Stroud/67_010924.pdf

Appendix 2: Stroud District Councillor report - August 2024

Council meetings in July

Link to meeting agenda and documents in the committee title.

Development Control Committee - 9th July

- Land Northwest of Box Road, Signal Road, Cam. 5 Dwellings. Refusal
Erection of five dwellings on former car park and associated infrastructure and landscaping.
- Land North East of, Kingston Road, Slimbridge. Battery storage facility. Permitted
Installation and operation of a 36MW battery storage facility and ancillary equipment.
- 19 Colliers Wood, Nailsworth, Stroud. Garden Shed. Permitted
Construction of a garden shed for a period in excess of four years.

[Video here](#)

Strategy and Resources Committee - 11th July

- Stratford Park Leisure Centre & Lido 5 year maintenance plan requires £2.7m capital and £244,000 per annum.
- Gloucestershire Economic Strategy. Some concerns about SDC's views not being taken into account and agreed that SDC should 'note' the strategy rather than 'endorse' it.
- Community Wealth Building. Initial funding to explore an initiative to empower local communities to retain benefits locally of economic growth and building social wealth.
- A number of public questions relating to Cam and its employment and economic development status were raised.
- Updates on: the migration of the SDC local land charges register to HM Land Registry, Performance Management, Leadership Gloucestershire, NHS Integrated Care Board, City Region Board and Canal Project.

[Video here](#)

Full Council - 18th July

- Approved the 5-year investment in the Leisure Centre & Lido, as per Strategy & Resources Committee recommendation. Full details in [press release](#)
- Appointed a Member Champion for Litter and a Clean Environment – Cllr Gill Thomas (Green, Minchinhampton)
- Noted Gloucestershire's Economic Strategy (2024 to 2034) which the Council felt needed more ambition, greater focus on achieving net zero / decarbonisation, more meaningful actions across all sectors on addressing the economic inequalities within communities and greater acknowledgement of differences between urban and rural areas.
- Agreed in principle to support the Pride in Gloucestershire bid to host EuroPride in 2027. The winning region/city will be announced in November.

[Video here](#)

Audit & Standards - 16th July

- Reviewed the Strategic Risk Register. Cyber attack and requirements of the building safety regulator were among the risks identified. Actions have been taken to mitigate these and other risks.
- Resolved to approve the unaudited [Statement of Accounts 2023/24](#). This is a very informative document showing what SDC does.
- Reviewed and approved various plans and reports in relation to audit.

[Video here](#)

Other News

- Brimscombe Port project: SDC aims to conclude contractual negotiations in the autumn with the developer partner, St Modwen Homes, with a public consultation expected later in the year, before a detailed planning application is submitted ([link](#)).
- Museum in the Park –has won the best Museum & Art Gallery award in the Slow Travel Cotswolds Awards 2024 ([link](#)). The museum also has a new display of King's Stanley eye-popping fossil fish ([link](#)). A rare collection of nine beautifully preserved fossil fish - including an eye-popping pachycormus fish in three dimensions.
- Summer holidays - a helpful guide to free and low cost activities to keep children and young people entertained over the summer. Also lots of good summer trip ideas for adults! ([link](#))
- Longfield Trust, which provides hospice at home care, has been selected at SDC's charity of the year ([link](#))

Local Updates

- Nu-Pro have been pro-active in changing their lights and there has been positive feedback from residents
- Response to three public questions to GCC about crossings in the Brimscombe, Thrupp and Butterrow ward are below:

Question	Response
<p>There needs to be a pedestrian crossing outside the communities of Bownham Mead, Bownham Park and Shepherd's Well on Rodborough Common. There are many children crossing to catch the bus to and from school and the speed limit is 40mph, which is incredibly dangerous. When will the Council consider this? Exact location here: https://maps.app.goo.gl/nH7AuE6zz96mHWxB6</p>	<p>Our road safety strategy aims to reduce road deaths and serious injuries across the county, tackling high speed roads and protecting vulnerable road users in urban areas and villages. We prioritise our funding to those locations which have the highest number of casualties and work with district planning authorities to secure developer funding for improvements where justified. Requests such as this one are collated and reviewed periodically (e.g. quarterly) by the road safety team. This information is then used to help us develop road safety schemes for funding in future years.</p>
<p>There are young families living on Toadsmoor Road that do not have access to a stretch of pavement, preventing them from walking down their own road, due to the speed that vehicles travel along that road. Can the residents have this stretch of road made suitable for pedestrians? Exact location here: https://maps.app.goo.gl/nch2yRd88hnPHB26</p>	<p>I will ask the Local Highways Manager (LHM) to carry out a site visit, then provide a current assessment, outlining if there is a need to improve road safety for all who use this road. The Highways team use these assessments to develop road safety schemes for funding in future years.</p>
<p>The campaign is growing for a lower speed limit and pedestrian crossing on London Road in Thrupp, potentially in front of the Kingfisher Business Park. Children cross the road here for school and to catch school buses and it is extremely dangerous. Are there concrete plans to</p>	<p>I am not aware of any plans at this time. The LHM will carry out an on-site safety assessment and feedback the findings. This way we are sure that the areas warranting lower speed limits and/or a pedestrian crossing can be appropriately considered.</p>

implement a crossing here, or somewhere along the 1.5 mile stretch without a pedestrian crossing of any kind? Location here: https://maps.app.goo.gl/dkutE55bJLoMZqGG9	
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If anyone is interested in knowing more about this, please contact Beki (cllr.rebecca.aldam@stroud.gov.uk) for further updates.