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	<p>750,000 watched the Bike Tour of Britain' through Gloucestershire. GCC is solvent with a good budget planned. Over 50's clubs to be set up in some Libraries. Build Back Better Fund. Further money is available if good schemes can be put via Cllr Steve Davies. Local Plan for Stroud District is in an incomplete state. Many questions are raised about Housing developments affecting J12 and J14 on the M5. Decisions have a direct effect on location of much needed Secondary Schools. Without housing decisions, no schools can be planned.</p> <p>Road closures around Weir Green by Gigaclear scheduled for 22 – 29 January 2024.</p>	
<p>8 District Councillor's Report</p>	<p>Cllr Gill Oxley sent apologies but sent this report. The Polling District Review and Place consultation closes Wednesday 22 November 2023</p> <p>The Member Development Working Group with the help of officers have created a Jargon Buster of acronyms to help peoples understanding. Jargon-Busting-Doc-for-Youth-Council (Worth a look)</p> <p>Rural England Prosperity Fund - Now Live (Grants available for business and community organisations</p>	
<p>9 Report from Severn Voice Meeting</p>	<p>Shown in AOB.</p>	
<p>10 Finance Update</p>	<p><u>Account update: FY 2023/2024</u> The account remains in a healthy state with a balance on 10th November 2023 of £7,623.98. No major spending is expected.</p>	
<p>11 Special Projects</p>	<p>Layby Bins In the absence of VM, JH will contact him for an update.</p>	<p>VM JH</p>
<p>12 Highways Update - VM</p>	<p>Bin Stickers (40mph) have been distributed.</p> <p>Question about why speed rumble strips appeared on the road by Hollow Farm. Cllr Steve Davies agreed to follow this up.</p> <p>NM had received a phone call from a new owner of the field at Hollow Farm which a Sale notice on it. A question to the PC</p>	<p>Cllr SD.</p>

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	about a plan to build a firewood storage building measuring 40 x 60. NM referred him to the planning requirements.	
13 Planning Update – NM	Haywicks Lane Barn. Planning enforcement agent was attempting to deal with the owner. New applications would be needed. Common Room, Hollow Farm. Planning enforcement agent believes the tenants still live here. The tenant told them to speak to the owner but would not say who it was. Wild Swimming. SDC had informed us that as the access road to it was on an unadopted road and so was no issue for them. Nothing was said about whether planning was needed for use of this area as a public business.	
14 External Services - JH	JH agreed to follow up work with VM.	
15 Data - MB	WhatsApp group for the village. He would send information to TJ for The Bridge.	
16 Assets - MH	Both defibrillators have been checked regularly and they are working properly. Both will need new batteries in the coming year. Oil needs to be applied to preserve the notice board. It was agreed that new oil could be purchased for this.	TJ
17 Any Other Business	Report from the Severn Voice Meeting: Lower Severn Drainage Board – work in Elmore is completed, C&RT – villagers have serious issues with Live on Board resident people on boats. Use of local resources are being overstretched. The School Admissions Policy for the area is not working fairly for local families. Verge Cutting contract. All PC's in this scheme know in advance when and how much payment will be due. Prompt payments must be made to the Contractor.	
Date of the next Parish Council Meetings - Monday 18 th March 2024 at 7.00 pm		
<u>2024 Meeting Dates corrections.</u>		
Monday 20 May 2024 (Annual Meetings) Monday 16 September 2024 Monday 2 December 2024		
The Chairman thanked those present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.		
Signed..... Date		