

Chair's Report

This year has been an eventful and exciting year for the Parish Council ending with the election in May 2015. I would like on behalf of the Parish Council to say a huge thank you to Stan Harris one of our longest serving Councillors and Vice-Chair for his work, passion and commitment to the residents of Stirchley and Brookside and also to his wife Maureen, Ted and Sylvia Horton and Lynn Holdship all of whom served with dedication. We also said goodbye to Jane Smith, Parish Clerk for 26 years who retired in December, we all wish Jane the best in her well deserved retirement. Jane is succeeded by Gillian Bailey who has been Deputy Clerk since moving to Shropshire in 2008. I look forward to working with Gillian and building on the success of the Parish Council under Jane's direction.

Sambrook Centre Saved

I am pleased and excited to announce that the Parish Council has agreed to purchase The Sambrook Centre from Telford and Wrekin Council, saving it from demolition and retaining it for use by the community. Since the Parish Council moved in to the centre in September 2012 to keep library services for the parish it has developed into a place for people to meet and join in with many activities such as arts and crafts, short mat bowling and games, toddler groups and photographic groups. There is a self service coffee bar, public use computers and photocopying service and of course the library service. Fairshare Credit Union has an office in the building and there is a Citizens Advice Bureau drop in service every Wednesday morning. There will be a lot of work and repairs to the building, I hope you will bear with us for the next few months.

Working with Partners

Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council believe that by working with partners we can achieve more for our community. One of our successful partnership schemes is the Parish Environmental Team. Last year a major restoration project was undertaken at Ludford pond saving it from being lost. The scheme also funded the installation of new posts along Holmer Lane and Churncote. Gateway signage is due to be installed in September 2015 and a large scale project will make the Brookside roundabout the best in Telford. Our 'Frozen' Christmas party organised with Sarah from the community team in Brookside and Brookside Events Group was a huge success and in January working with TCAT, the parish council hosted a Jobs and Training fair.

Working with Residents

We are also proud of our relationships with residents and community groups. A resident from Cherrington approached the parish council to see if they could use one of the raised beds that was looking rather neglected as a small plot to plant vegetables. With permission from TWC our environmental team removed the old plants and weeds and repaired and painted the bed. Stirchley Allotments Association kindly donated the compost. Residents have really enjoyed having some extra growing space. If you would like to do something similar in your street please get in touch with the Parish Office.

Residents in Brookside have worked extremely hard and been successful in their bid for a £1 million grant over 10 years from lottery funds. Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council are delighted to have been approved as the Local Trusted Organisation for Brookside Big Local and look forward to supporting the partnership in the years to come.



Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council 2015

Councillors

Stirchley Ward

Rob Breeze	01952 582874
Luke Roberts	01952 567140
Chris Turley	01952 292722
Judith Turley	01952 292722
Adrian Watkin (Vice-Chair)	01952 594408

Brookside Ward

Arnold England	01952 414443
Robert Fagan	01952 289035
Lynda Hogger	01952 595207
Stuart Parr	01952 593789
Jackie Loveridge (Chair)	01952 414860
Jim Loveridge	01952 414860
Malcolm Randle	01952 503297

Holmer Lake Ward

Greg Sinclair	0787 6537 909
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Parish Council Staff

Gillian Bailey	Parish Clerk
Alison Varney	Assistant Clerk
Stella Barnley	Clerical Officer
John Barnely	Cleaner

Environmental Maintenance

Aaron Kitson	Supervisor
Sam Smith	Seasonal EMO



Josie Thomas
Nikki Boronski
Andrea Warrington



Santa and his helpers December 2014

Residents enjoying The Sambrook Centre



Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015

31st March 2014

31st March 2015

	Income Summary	
204,139	Precept	217,447
62,120	Precept Support Grant	55,345
2,132	Interest Received	1,550
268,391	Sub Total	273,342
	Operating Income	
11,064	Rights of Way	
2,783	Community Administration	22,813
366		
21,127	Parish Centre	23,830
	Neighbourhood Plan Grant	4,750
	Brookside Big Local	18,000
303,731	Total Income	343,735
	Running Costs	
37,980	Environment	
78,919	Community	127,338
4,265	Community Grants	14,875
90,151	Administration	88,126
10,377	Civic Costs	7,000
64,359	Parish Centre	83,829
5,063	Community Plan	9,713
745	Newsletter	750
	Brookside Big Local	11,407
291,859		343,038
	General Fund Analysis	
117,850	Opening Balance	138,041
303,731	Plus: Income for the year	343,735
421,581		481,776
291,859	Less Expenditure for the year	343,038
129,722		138,738
8,319	Transfers From Reserves	653
138,041	Closing Balance	139,391

During 2014-15 the following grants were awarded

Friends of Telford Town Park	100
Telford & Wrekin Arthritis Care	100
Telford Mind	500
Seniors Gym Club	200
Maninplace	300
Brookside Friendly Club	50
Brookside Big Bang	500
TWC Street Games Project	1,125
Citizens Advice Bureau	3,000