

PLANNING COMMITTEE - 24th March 2003

AGENDA NOTES

Item 9 – High Street Pillar Box

Royal Mail and English Heritage have issued a joint policy statement regarding the retention and reinstatement of historic letter boxes. The one in the High St was closed after a postal worker was injured by a syringe when emptying the box. Royal Mail have been made aware that the drug problem in the town centre is considerably reduced and Andrew Watton, who has a particular interest in letter boxes, would like to see it reopened, either in its present location or elsewhere in the centre of town.

Do we support his request to reopen this box, either in its present location or elsewhere in the town centre?

Item 10 - Two Clocks Restoration

Restoration of Stroud Time and the Blackboy clock were the subject of our application for a jubilee grant from SDC (£1500 per parish, regardless of size) and which we have received. In addition, £500 was set aside. At Finance and Policy on 2nd April 2002, STC committed £1500 to the Blackboy Clock to be paid on completion of the work. A proposal has not yet come forward for replacing Stroud Time that was the other project in this budget heading. The Blackboy fund is still approximately £2200 short, taking into account our contribution of £1500. Besides the £500 in the Two Clocks budget, there is also £3000 unspent in the Restoration reserve. This could be carried forward into next year or an additional sum awarded to the Blackboy Clock.