



LEONARD STANLEY

P A R I S H C O U N C I L

Minutes of the Leonard Stanley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd December 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present:- Councillors R Bayliss, J Bogdiukiewicz, C Connett, S Craddock, G Davies (Chairman), S Davies and P Herbert

Also Present:- District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy, PCSO Liz Ward and PCSO Stephen Waddley

110/14. Apologies for absence was received from Cllr Steve Lydon

111/14. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items

There were none.

112/14. To approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th November 2014

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

113/14. To receive an update from PCSO Liz Ward

The Chairman Cllr Graham Davies welcomed both PCSO Liz Ward and PCSO Stephen Waddley.

Crime update:- PCSO Liz Ward reported that no new shed break-ins or burglaries have taken place since the last meeting.

Parking update:- photos showing examples of poor parking had been emailed to the police prior to the meeting.

PCSO Liz Ward agreed to send out a strong message using the school and village newsletters and follow this up using a warning notice that can be placed on the windscreen (an example was shown to the Members). She requested that Members call '101' and report any incidents.

LW

Sgt Dan Woods has agreed to meet with the Clerk, Cllr Steve Lydon and Cllr Rob Bayliss.

(PCSO's Liz Ward and Stephen Ward departed).

114/14. To receive an update from Cllr Rob Bayliss on the Cluster Meeting

Cllr Rob Bayliss stated he attended the Safer Communities Cluster meeting, which attendees include representatives from Stroud Town and Parish Councils, Neighbourhood Wardens, Highways, Environment Department and the Police.

Cllr Rob Bayliss reported that Inspector Andy Poole gave a comprehensive update on the recent non-dwelling break ins, burglaries and damage to vehicles. Inspector Andy Poole had informed those present at the Cluster meeting that there is usually an increase when the clocks go back and the majority of incidents take place between 4pm and 5pm.

There is also a police initiative that rewards children that go beyond that of good behaviour, and the police have issued about 20 of these 'positive tickets' so far.

115/14. To receive updates from the County and District Councillors

District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy reported:-

- There is a notice up (on the lamppost opposite the Co-op) with reference to removing the parking restrictions (yellow lines).
- Local Plan numbers - Stroud District Council will debate the numbers to recommend to the Planning Inspector next week. This will include including land West of Stonehouse for development. These figures are being challenged by The Strategic Planning Alliance.

District/County Cllr Steve Lydon sent in the following report:-

Crime and Police

Have discussed with Irena supporting the Parish Council to have discussions with the police about what more they can do to prevent crime and antisocial behaviour such as bad parking.

Local Plan

The key debate to decide what should be submitted to the Inspector will be held at a full council meeting next Tuesday the 9th of December. All parties are working to agreement on a number that it is hoped will be acceptable to the Inspector. I Chair and Nigel is a member of the Planning Advisory Panel which has overseen the work preparing the submission to the Inspector.

Highways

Sadly there is little sign of improvement in the service. It is very frustrating, I asked the following question at the last full County Council meeting held on 26 Nov, " when will frustrated cllrs and parish and town councils and residents a) acknowledgement of their report b) get a report that the work will or not be done , there is total confusion about what AMEY will or will not do , and c) get a report when the work has been undertaken d) go back and do the job properly if it has not been done properly the first time. It's 8 months since the contract was awarded. Is this too much to ask? I have compiled a log of all outstanding reports since July, sent it in 2 weeks ago guess what not even had an acknowledgement yet alone a solution! "

following up to the letter written by on behalf of Dursley Town Council.

I intend to move a vote of no confidence in the Cabinet member responsible for Highways if there is no improvement.

One slight glimmer of hope, is that John Kay our GCC locality manager has recently returned to work after being away for the last couple of months with sickness.

Buses

Similar to the Highways situation. It was farcical that many people only found out about changes to the timetables and or routes from the drivers just before the changes were brought in.

Sadly the bus companies do not legally have to consult with local communities only with the bus regulator 6 weeks before proposed changes.

Following lobbying and pressure from local residents some changes to timetables have been made eg

The County Council subsidise some routes however that money is being cut. I have asked for a review of the criteria used to for allocating the subsidy. Which applies to certain services, it is based on

I have also asked the County to raise formally with the bus companies the total lack of local engagement.

Active Together

This a budget of £40k to support public health activities particularly aimed at widening participation for groups that have low rates of taking part. The budget is for £40k over 2 years. Please see below the allocations so far.

CLLR SLYDON						Committed	To spend
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036LYDSTR (J)	Allsorts (Application 1 of 2)	Cllr S Lydon	Dursley		£3,832.00	
053LYDSTR	Dursley Rugby Football Club Ltd	Cllr S Lydon	Dursley		£10,000.00	
072LYDSTR	World Jungle	Cllr S Lydon	Dursley		£6,500.00	
137LYDSTR	Dursley Town Council	Cllr S Lydon	Dursley	£10,000.00		
Total spend by councillor					£30,332.00	9668.00

Youth Fund

This is a small sum of £5k I have subject to the paperwork allocated this to the new Dursley Youth Centre.

NHS

There are considerable problems throughout the County. We face a shortage of GPs and other key frontline staff. This is evidenced by the recent closure of one of the wards at

Stroud Community Hospital leading to the loss of third of the beds. This had the knock on effect of exacerbating the bed blocking problems format he main hospitals in Gloucester and Cheltenham.

There are still problems with the 111 service not just in Gloucestershire but in the neighbouring areas, this is being run by a private body CareUK. Also, patients are still experiencing problems with the non-urgent patient transport service run by Avviva (check) . A recent issue brought to my attention by a local Dursley GP , was the fact that there was a backlog, of letters going back to patients after MRI and Oncology tests it was ascertained there was a backlog of over 1500 letters. This situation is now being rectified.

£20k Highways allocation

This is a sum allocated to each County Councillor to support local infrastructure needs. At present I am considering allocating

£5k – Reinstatement of hardstanding areas on Peak Lane, Coaley.

£15k – Reinstatement of block paving on Parsonage Street, Dursley.

County Council Budget

There is a proposed budget cut of approx. £25 m for next year. The controlling administration are looking for the majority of the cuts to be made

in the area of adult and social care ie for elderly people and for those People With Disabilities. It si hoped that demand with residential care can be cut.

The controlling administration is not proposing to raise the community charge.

116/14. To receive an update from the Clerk:

a) Floodlights on the Playing Field

Cllr Stuart Craddock stated that the lights are only used for training. He has asked that the electrician provide a safety certificate.

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b. The gap between the Village Hall and Pavilion

The Clerk confirmed that the Sleepers are now in place and requested that the Football Club ensure the barrier is raised when the playing field/pavilion is not being used.

c. Village Design Statement

The Steering Group received an update from Mrs Hayley Holland at which an action plan/timetable was agreed.

d. Village Green application

The pre-inquiry will take place at Shire Hall on the 19th January and the application should proceed to full inquiry in April 2015.

117/14. To consider appointing a further representative to the Village Hall Management Committee

It was agreed that Cllr Jan Bogdiukiewicz be appointed as a further representative to the Village Hall Management Committee.

The Clerk is to inform the secretary of the VHMC.

CLERK

118/14. Financial Issues

j) To authorise payments in accordance with the RFO Report

Summary of expenditure for December 2014:-

Description	Total Paid Out	Power of Authority
Administration	£1036.27	LGA 1972 s.112(2), LG (FP)A 1933 s.5, LGA 1972 s.143 & LGA 1972 s.111
Village Maintenance	£1112.98	Highways A 1980 ss.43,5, Highways A 1980 s.96 & Litter A 1983 ss.5,6.
Playing Fields	£ 50.00	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
Village Green	£ 390.05	(from funds raised)
Total Payments	£2589.30	

The Council approved the accounts for payment.

ii) To receive confirmation on an internal review

Cllr Sue Davies carried out an internal audit review on cheque numbers 002471 £42.80 to HMRC and 002473 £138.00 to Zeta Printers.

iii) To consider grants for local groups/organisations (from 2014/2015 budget)

It was agreed to award the following grants:-

CAB £350
Toddlers Group £150
Church £300

It was agreed that the Church could re-approach the Council for further funds in the next Financial Year, if required to assist them with the replacement of a sit on mower.

iv) To consider the revised budget for the Financial Year 2014/2015

Cllr's Rob Bayliss and Sue Davies met with the Clerk to review the budget and took into account monies already spent and likely expenditure to the end of this financial year. A report showing these revised figures was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting.

It was agreed to adopt the revised budget for Financial Year 2014/2015.

v) To consider a request for a grant to the Twinning Association for Financial Year 2015/2016

It was agreed to award a grant of £500 to the Twinning Association, from the Financial Year 2015/2016 budget.

vi) To consider setting the budget for the Financial Year 2015/2016

Cllrs Rob Bayliss and Sue Davies met with the Clerk to consider the details and funding required to set the budget for 2015/2016. A report showing these figures was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting. A few amendments were reported and asked to be considered.

The Members debated whether any items of expenditure could be cut back to reduce the overall spend. It was noted that extras above the normal expenditure; included the Village Design Statement, providing funds to allow events like the Village Fair and Apple Day to be hosted and providing a defibrillator all of which they would not wish to see cut. The Members noted that this would result in an increase to the precept of approx. £1.00 per month for a Band D property.

It was unanimously agreed to set the budget for the Financial Year 2015/2016 (included the amendments), as per Appendix A.

v) To set the precept for the Financial Year 2015/2016

It was unanimously agreed to set the Precept at £25,000 for the Financial Year 2015/2016.

119/14. Planning

i. To consider any plans received:

S.14/2541/HHOLD Old Lawn, Bath Road - Proposed 2 storey side extension and relocation of existing garage.

It was agreed to support this application.

S.14/2488/FUL Little Orchard, Seven Waters - Amendment to form two storey house. (Previous approval S.13/1368/FUL). (Revised drawings received 10.11.14)

It was agreed not to comment on this application.

S.14/2544/HHOLD 28 Brimley - Rear extension and cladding of external building.

It was agreed not to comment on this application.

ii. To receive a progress report from the Clerk on applications already responded to

The following application has been refused:

S.14/2272/LBC Yew Tree Cottage, Church Road – Replacement kitchen roof.

The following planning applications have received permission:-

S.14/1269/LBC Downton Farm, Stanley Downton - Amended details to existing planning/listed building consent in the change of use of redundant tithe barn (unit 4) to residential.

S.14/1965/LBC Priory Farm, Church Road - Internal alterations to provide an annexe accommodation for a family member - applied retrospectively. External steps and veranda providing access to building.

The following planning applications are still pending:-

S.14/1268/COU Downton Farm, Stanley Downton - Amended details to existing planning permission in the change of use of barns, units 2,3, 6 to residential.

S.14/2082/FUL Land at Bath Road/Downton Road - Erection of 17 dwellings, new access and internal roadway and ancillary works.

S.14/0525/FUL Land at Woodside Lane - Erection of 48 dwellings (including 15 affordable dwellings), including landscaping and associated infrastructure works

120/14. Correspondence – The following item was highlighted:-

- GAPTC Advice on NALC Pay Award
- Invite from Stroud District Council to meet with Parish and Town Councils on Thursday the 19th February at 7pm (Planning from 4.30pm).

121/14. Councillors Submissions –

- Neighbourhood Warden - The Clerk to enquire as to who the replacement for Phil Drew will be. **CLERK**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15 pm. The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 3rd February 2015.**

Appendix 1

Balance @ 01/04/14 (including Reserves)	13734	-	Bal c/f from 2014/15	12549	<u>12549</u>
Anticipated Income			Anticipated Income		
a. Precept	19500		a. Precept	25000	
b. SDC Grant	1635		b. SDC Grant	1250	
b. Rents	90		c. Rents	100	
c. Interest	80		d. Interest	80	
d. Wayleave	20		e. Wayleave	20	
e. Grant for Play Equipment	650		f. Grant fo VDS	500	<u>26950</u>
f. Other	50	<u>22025</u>	TOTAL FOR 2015/2016		-
TOTAL FOR 2014/2015		<u>22025</u>	Less Expenditure		
Less Expenditure			1 Administration	12825	
.1 Administration	11890		2 Insurance Premium	1900	
.2 Insurance Premium	1860		3 Projects	4930	
.3 Projects	2235		4 Village Maintenance	3845	
.4 Village Maintenance	3745		5 Playing Fields	2800	
.5 Playing Fields	3280		6 Pavilion	500	
.6 Pavilion	200		7 Tennis Court Improvements	500	
		<u>23210</u>			<u>27300</u>
Total Income	22025		Balance b/f from 31/03/15	12549	
Minus Total Expenditure	-23210		Total Income	26950	
Bal b/f @ 31/03/14	13734		Minus Total Expenditure	-27300	
Forecasted balance at 31/03/15	12549		Forecasted balance at 31/03/16	12199	