



# 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 3rd February 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

Also Present:- 1 Member of the public

A minute silence was held in remembrance of Edna Ellis.

**1/15. Apologies for absence** was received from Cllr Stuart Craddock and District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy

### **2/15. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items**

There were none.

### **3/15. To approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 2nd December 2014**

*The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.*

### **4/15. To receive an update / reports from the County and District Councillors**

Cllr Steve Lydon sent in the following report:- (which was emailed to members prior to the meeting).

#### **Children's and young people fund**

The priority for this fund is to support activities for 5 to 12 year olds, there is £5k for the whole division. Can clerks and members please remind local groups about the availability of this fund more details below or they can contact me. <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/mobile/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=61585&p=0>

#### **Local Plan**

SDC agreed the no of 11,200 houses to include the controversial West of Stonehouse site just before Xmas. The Planning Inspectorate were due to reconvene the public examination into stage one of our draft local plan last week but this has to be postponed due to illness. It was due to take place at the very end of January. It is essential that we have a plan in place as soon as possible. Rather than slow down the process, the planning inspector has asked SDC to proceed with the public consultation on the draft plan, which was approved by the council in December. He will then reconvene the examination after that. The consultation will begin next Wednesday and run for six weeks.

#### **Mankley Field**

The Judicial Review against the Planning inspectors decision being undertaken by SDC commenced on Feb . 2 in the High Court in London.

#### **Mankley Road Development**

I am informed that work should commence this month , however this will not be the first time that I have been told work will start shortly!

### **Highways**

I met with John Kay our local Highways manager and a representative from AMEY. The AMEY rep accepted many of the points and promised to endeavour to resolve them. However, there is still no clear method of recording complaints or whether or not the complaint will be acted on and if the work has been completed or not. I suggested the need for a customer care agreement setting out clear reporting arrangements, AMEY have agreed to draft one.

### **County Council Budget**

On February 18th the County Council will debate its budget for 2015/16, the controlling Conservative group are proposing a budget £8m less than last years, with cuts being proposed in key areas including care, bus subsidies, adult education and highways

### **District Council Budget**

This was approved last Thursday, there is no increase in the local council tax, Council rents will rise by 3%. Stroud is the only council in the County which is not making redundancies. The priorities for the next year include Jobs and Growth, Housing, support for welfare agencies including the CAB, Food bank and Credit Union. A major new project is to support flood alleviation in the Stroud Valleys freeing up brownfield land for housing and industrial development.

### **Incinerator**

On the same day as the Budget meeting, an emergency motion will also be debated to cancel the incinerator planned for Javelin park adj. to Junction 12. The Secretary of State Eric Pickles decision to overturn the unanimous decision of County Council Planning Committee, means this is the last opportunity to stop the incinerator.

### **Health Matters**

Just before Xmas there were a series of " major incidents " at Gloucester Royal Hospital with not enough beds being available. This had a knock on effect on services throughout the County including cancelling or operations, increased waiting times at A& E . This led to a public row with the Hospitals Trust blaming other partners primarily the County Council. The Health and Scrutiny Committee which I Chair convened an emergency meeting, calling on all Chairs of all the health bodies to collectively agree a way forward on Joint Working, to focus on patient needs.

### **Active Together**

This is sum of £40k allocated to each County Council Division, to support people who do not normally participate to take part in projects to improve their health. Projects that I have endorsed and have been supported are All Sorts, World Jungle, Dursley Rugby Club and The Vibe, The sums are between £3k and £10k.

### **Poor Car Parking and Local Crime**

Irena and I are due to meet later this month with the new Police Sergeant for our area, to discuss the above

## **5/15. To discuss the Motocross activities at Frocester**

The Chairman invited Dave Longworth to join in the discussion.

A new motocross track has been built below the existing site and is being used for more events than the previously agreed 4 per year. The location of the new site has exacerbated the noise from the events. One event prior to Christmas was especially loud and many residents found this completely unacceptable with several complaints being received.

Further concerns were raised that the new site encroaches on the public rights of way and renders them unusable if an event is being held.

The Members were not anti-Motocross but were frustrated that no-one has sought consultation prior to the new circuit being built and used. It was noted that no planning permission is required.

The Parish Council would therefore welcome discussions with the organisers on frequency, location of the circuit and reassurances that footpaths are not blocked.

*The Members agreed that the existing agreement should be enforced. The Parish Council would like the Event Holders to make known their proposals so that these maybe given proper consideration.*

## 6/15. To receive an update from the Clerk:

### **a. Casual Vacancy**

The Clerk confirmed that Mia Macefield had been automatically disqualified from being a councillor due to lack of attendance. This has created a Casual Vacancy and as no poll has been called will now be advertised. **CLERK**

### **b. Village Green application**

Several Members of the Action Group and County Cllr Steve Lydon attended the Pre-Inquiry, where it was agreed to hold the full Inquiry in the Village Hall. The Inquiry will commence on Monday the 13th April at 10am and is open to the public should they wish to attend. The barrister has now made a site visit. The group are much encouraged by the number of witnesses statements made.

The group are being represented by a barrister, who has agreed a much reduced rate and a legal representative. However, as the Inquiry will now be for 7 days instead of 5 days further costs are envisaged, therefore the Action Group intend to hold a fund raising event and would welcome further donations.

## 7/15. Financial Issues

### **j) To authorise payments in accordance with the RFO Report**

Summary of expenditure for January/February 2015:-

<b>Description</b>	<b>Total Paid Out</b>	<b>Power of Authority</b>
Administration	£2097.52	LGA 1972 s.112(2), LG (FP)A 1933 s.5, LGA 1972 s.143 & LGA 1972 s.111
Village Maintenance	£ 87.98	Highways A 1980 ss.43,5, Highways A 1980 s.96 & Litter A 1983 ss.5,6.
Playing Fields	£ 40.00	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
Grants	£800.00	S.137
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£3025.50</b>	

*The Council approved the accounts for payment.*

## 8/15. Planning

### **i. To consider any plans received:**

There were none.

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

The following planning applications have received permission:-

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

**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)

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

The following planning application has been refused:-

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

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

**9/15. Correspondence** – The following items were highlighted:-

- Thank you letter from Citizens Advice Bureau.
- Walkers are Welcome. (Kings Stanley Parish Council has decided against renewing their part of the subscription). The Chairman asked the Mr Dave Longworth (Footpath Warden) if he saw any benefits in remaining within the scheme. The Members decided against renewing the subscription.

**10/15. Councillors Submissions –**

- a. It was requested that a note be put in the newsletter about clearing up dog fouling when walking footpaths, as the farmer has reported a number of calves that have been aborted due to disease. **CLERK**
- b. Cllr Rob Bayliss reported that the Postal Collection Service has changed in the village with the exception of the post box outside the Old Post Office at Seven Waters (plus the Post Office in King's Stanley). Mail is now collected by 9am each morning, therefore any mail posted after 9am will NOT be collected to the following day making a non-sense of next day delivery. Cllr Rob Bayliss has written to Royal Mail.
- c. Cllr Rob Bayliss and Cllr Sue Davies confirmed that they will be attending the Town and Parish Council Meeting at Ebley Mill on the 19th February.
- d. Verges. The damage done to several verges within the village will be discussed in the March Meeting. **CLERK**
- e. Playing Field Lights. Cllr Stuart Craddock has said that a certificate is in the post to the Clerk. However, further concerns were raised and these are to be investigated and discussed in the March meeting. **CLERK**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm. The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 3rd March 2015**.