



# 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 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Lease Room, Village Hall.

Present:- Councillors C Connett, G Davies (Chairman), S Davies, P Herbert and R Price.

Also Present: Former Cllr Mrs Wendy Bevan, Mr D & Mrs H Longworth (Footpath Wardens)

### **Public Time:**

1. Mrs Wendy Bevan thanked Members for the flowers and gift vouchers.
2. Mr and Mrs Longworth updated the Members on their concerns with reference to the safety of walkers using the footpaths on and near to the motocross circuit in Frocester. They stated that they have contacted the Environmental Department and the Rights of Way Officer, but no-one has taken responsibility to resolve the matter. They reported that Clay Pigeon shooting takes place, aiming at where the footpath is, but no warning signs or diversions are put into place first.  
They confirmed that they have now enlisted the help of the Cotswold Wardens, but would like the Parish Council to add their support in protecting the users of the footpaths.

**1/13. Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs S Craddock, R Gaunt, S Lydon, District Cllr N Studdert-Kennedy, County Cllr L Williams, PCSO Liz Ward and Neighbourhood Warden Phil Drew.

**2/13. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items** – Cllr C Connett declared an interest in Item 6/13ii, Village Champion.

### **3/13. To approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

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

### **4/13. To receive updates from the County and District Councillors**

There were none present.

### **5/13. Playing Fields and Pavilion:**

- i. **To receive an update on legal proceedings against the Fun Fair Organiser**

The Clerk issued Members with a copy of the letter sent from the Solicitor.

## **ii. To receive an update on setting up a Pavilion and Playing Fields Committee**

The Clerk confirmed she had written to those concerned and the representatives for the Committee are as follows:-

Cllr R Price - General Users  
Cllr S Craddock – Football Club  
Mr C Oakes – Cricket Club  
tba – Village Fair  
tba -Tennis Club Users

Cllr P Herbert requested that the Committee consider where the official entrance to the field should be, as some use the gap between the garage/pavilion, others the gate the other side of the pavilion, and others the entrance from Bath Road.

Cllr R Price will organise the first meeting, the Clerk to assist with contact details. **CLERK/RP**

## **iii. To receive an update from the Steering Group for Play Facilities in the Recreational Park**

Cllr Price confirmed that a successful consultation was held at the school, where children and parents chose the overall design they preferred and also which equipment they liked the best.

The Public Consultation in the Village Hall coincided with the freezing weather, so turn out was poor.

The Steering Group is to meet again, and discuss the finding before making a recommendation to the Parish Council.

## **6/13. To receive an update from the Clerk**

### **i. Highways**

The Clerk circulated a letter of response from Mr R Gray, Local Highways Manager.

Summary:-

- Church Road/Marsh Road - The Micro Surfacing is an effective treatment of roads, which restores skid resistance and extends the life of the road. It was unfortunate that before the treatment had a chance to cure, we experienced extreme storm weather.
- Remedial work will be scheduled, when the weather conditions allow, and the area around the raised covers will be accessed.
- Gypsy Lane – the drainage team are to undertake investigation and primarily design.
- Lambs Triangle – a redesign is being drawn up with a tweak to the kerb line, to allow the buses to turn. This will now be subject to a Traffic Regulation Order, so there will be further consultation. The markings were reinstated, as a duty of care.
- Bath Road, outside the school – The area is not suitable for a 20mph zone, without additional traffic calming features.

The Members discussed the urgent need for Gypsy Lane flooding problem to be investigated before the remedial work is done on Church Road and the gullies should be cleared. **CLERK**

## ii. Village Champion Award

The Clerk circulated copies of the nominations received so far, and confirmed that it will be included on the Agenda for next month to decide. **CLERK**

### **7/13. To consider a request for a bus shelter to be provided**

The Clerk stated that she had received a letter requesting a bus shelter and also a letter requesting improvements to the stop at Seven Waters.

The Members discussed the request for a bus shelter, but decided against it.

The Members did agree to seek a quote for a hard standing to be provided in Seven Waters, having noted that a previous request to Inter-grated Transport was rejected. **CLERK**

### **8/13. Footpaths, to discuss concerns raised by the Footpath Warden**

The Members considered that request from the Footpath Wardens to lend their support, in their efforts to ensure the footpaths on and near the motocross circuit adhere to proper health and safety procedures. Also to notify the Enforcement Officer, regarding the static caravan placed there.

The Clerk to contact the District/County Councillors for their assistance, as well corresponding with the Environmental Department and the Public Rights of Way Officer. **CLERK**

## **9/13. Financial Issues**

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

Summary of expenditure for December 2012 and January 2013:-

<b>Description</b>	<b>Total Paid Out</b>	<b>Power of Authority</b>
Pavilion and Playing Fields	£ 310.80	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
Administration	£1116.66	LGA 1972 s134(4) LGA 1972 s.112(2) & LG (FP)A 1963)
Projects (Grants)	£ 800.00	S.137 & S.142
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£2227.46</b>	

*The Council approved the accounts for payment.*

### **ii. To consider a request from the Football Club to reimburse additional expenditure incurred as a result of the damage to the Playing Fields**

The Clerk further reported receiving an invoice from Sports Ground Maintenance, for marking out of the football pitch. The Football Club had asked them to invoice the Parish Council, as they had endured difficulties getting their equipment out from the garage.

The Clerk stated that she has also received a request from the Football Club to reimburse costs for the hiring of a replacement pitch, the weekend of the Fun Fair and getting the Senior League to assess the new pitch. This request was approved.

The Members were opposed to paying for the marking out of the pitch but agreed to pay the invoice to Sports Ground and Maintenance, in lieu of reimbursing the other costs.

### **iii. To consider a request to fund a Kissing Gate off Gypsy Lane**

The Footpath Wardens stated that commitment by Leonard Stanley Parish Council and King's Stanley Parish Council attracts match funding for further investment. The kissing gates which cost approx £200, are also installed free of charge by the Cotswold Wardens.

*It was agreed to fund the cost of a Kissing Gate, to be installed in a field off Gypsy Lane.*

### **iv. To approve the Revised Budget for Financial Year 2012/2013**

The Clerk circulated the details of the Revised Budget.

*The Revised Budget for the Financial Year 2012/2013 was approved.*

### **iv. To approve the Proposed Budget for Financial Year 2013/2014**

The Clerk circulated the details of the Proposed Budget.

*The Proposed Budget for the Financial Year 2013/2014 was approved.*

### **v. To set the Precept for Financial Year 2013/2014**

The Clerk had previously circulated details reference the changes to the tax base, which results in a 12.5% increase, if the precept request was to remain at £19,425.

The Clerk further explained that Stroud District Council has offered a grant for the financial year 2013/14. The implications of accepting the grant but reducing the precept request were detailed.

The Members considered all the implications and decided that the best way to protect against the long term financial implications was to ask for the same precept as last year plus the grant. This would result in a 12.5% increase to Band D Properties, equivalent to 38p per month.

*It was agreed to request a Precept amount of £19,425 plus the grant of £2,036 making a total request of £21,461.*

The Members requested that the Clerk communicate the decision prior to the Council Tax Letters being sent out.

**CLERK**

## **10/13. Planning**

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

**a.** S.12/2375/HHOLD 57 Brimley – Construction of dropped kerb to allow access to driveway.

*It was agreed to support this application.*

**b.** S.13/0046/HHOLD Ecclesfield, The Street – Erection of porch.

*It was agreed to support this application.*

## **ii. The following applications have now received permission**

**a.** S.12/2298/LBC Stable And Cartshed South West Of Leonard Stanley House  
Alterations and extensions.

**b.** S.12/1898/COU Land Lying To The South Of, Downton Road  
Change of use of part of field from agricultural to equestrian and the erection of stables.

**c.** S.12/2425/LBC Ivy Cottage, Church Road  
Demolition of single storey rear extension and removal of partition wall. Construction of new rear single storey extension.

**d.** S.12/.2424/HHOLD Ivy Cottage, Church Road  
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### **11/13. Correspondence**

Details of the correspondence received during December and January had been circulated. The Clerk highlighted the following item:

- Thank you letter from Monday Club
- Thank you letter from St Swithuns' PCC

### **12/13. Councillors Submissions –**

**i)** Cllr P Herbert reported that new regulations brought in by Gloucestershire County Council resulted in the loss of the snow plough, but Highways had not consulted with the Parish Council. (The Clerk to ask Cllr L Williams of why the Parish Council were not previously informed). **CLERK**

**ii)** Cllr C Connett reported that the field off Bath Road had recently been surveyed by a developer. The Chairman responded that the Council will take appropriate action, if/when an application is received.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05 pm. The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013** in The Lease Room of the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.