



# 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 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present:- Councillors R Bayliss (Chairman), J Bogdiukiewicz, S Craddock, C Connett, G Davies, S Davies K Harrison, P Herbert and S Lydon (arrived at 8.05pm).

**89/16. Apologies for absence:** Apologies were accepted from District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy.

### **90/16. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items**

There were none.

### **91/16. To approve the minutes Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

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

### **92/16. To receive an update / reports from the County and District Councillors**

A report was received from Cllr Steve Lydon and has been circulated to Members. (See Appendix 1).

A report was received from District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy and has been circulated to Members. (See Appendix 2).

### **93/16. To receive a report from the Clerk:-**

#### **i) On the installation of the defibrillator (at the Village Hall)**

The paperwork has been completed. It has been added to the Insurance. Notices and a note will be put into the newsletter when confirmation is received from the Community Heart Trust that the unit can go live. Training will also be arranged. **CLERK**

#### **ii) Village Champion Award**

The competition has been advertised in the newsletter and a poster with the criteria has been placed on the village notice boards. It has been requested to be advertised in the schools newsletter and website.

The deadline date for nominations is the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

## **94/16. To receive an update on the Mankley Field development.**

The Chairman gave a comprehensive update to Members which included discussions on the following points:-

1. Surprise at the revised documentation online – without any prior warning.
2. Two letters of response have been sent to John Chaplin the Planning Officer.
3. Concern and dissatisfaction with regards the sign being erected and a hole in the hedge being made. (We are expecting to receive an application for the Advertising Boards in the near future).
4. The need to keep the lines of communication open with Barratt's, but some Members were sceptic to whether Barratt's are only paying 'lip service' to the Parish Council.
5. Barratt's will arrange for us to meet the site manager.

The Chairman queried with District Cllr Steve Lydon on the representation to the Planning Officer with regards to the need of a Banksman and the level of work required on the access points prior to building the houses; which appeared to be at a lesser level than the Parish Council was requesting.

Cllr Steve Lydon to chase Gloucestershire County Council on a response to a query on the Marsh Lane junction. **SL**

The Chairman and Clerk will continue to correspond with Barratt's and the District Council as deemed necessary. **CHAIR/CLERK**

## **95/16. Financial Issues**

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

Summary of expenditure for October 2016:-

<b>Description</b>	<b>Total Paid Out</b>	<b>Power of Authority</b>
Administration	£ 992.19	LGA 1972 s.112(2), LG (FP)A 1933 s.5, & LGA
Playing Fields	£ 20.00	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
Village Maintenance	£ 460.00	Litter A 1983 ss.5,6 & Highways A 1980 s.96, Highways A 1980 ss.43.50.
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£1472.19</b>	

*The Council approved the accounts for payment.*

### **ii) To receive confirmation on an internal audit check.**

Cllr Sue Davies carried out a bank reconciliation and internal audit check on the following payments:- chq no 002634 Steve Marshall £346.94, chq no 002640 Mrs I Litton £745.57 and chq no 002644 TW Hawkins and Sons £1039.18.

## **96/16. Planning**

### **i) To consider any other plans received**

**S.15/2590/OUT** Brunsdon Yard Hybrid Planning Application for full planning permission for demolition of existing buildings and erection of a single storey Class A1 foodstore with parking spaces, access and landscaping. An outline planning permission for Class A1 retail terrace, drive through, access and landscaping.

*Highways have requested further information and requested an extension to prevent permission being granted. No further information has been received on the retail units; therefore the Council agreed to defer their decision.*

**S.16/1927/HHOLD** White Hart Inn, The Street - Retrospective application for a dormer window to rear elevation.

*The Council agreed to support this application.*

**S.16/1990/FUL** Leaze Farm, Gypsy Lane - Extension to farmhouse and change of use of agricultural land to domestic

*The Council agreed to support this application.*

**S.16/2097/HHOLD** 16 Brimley - Access ramp and path alteration.

*The Council agreed to support this application.*

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

**The following plans are still pending:-**

**S.16/1853/LBC** Marsh Lodge – External Repairs.

**S.16/1903/COU** Former Saxon Church To West Of Priory House, Church Road - Change of use of building for use as event space (weddings, funeral wakes and private parties)

**The following plan was withdrawn:-**

**S.16/1642/FUL** Belle Vue - Resubmission of withdrawn application S.16/1298/FUL - New dwelling to rear of garden area.

**The following plan has been refused:-**

**S.16/1568/CPE** Downton Farm, Downton Road - Use of building as an industrial workshop for design and manufacturing of equipment and parts for fitting out vehicles (B1(c)).

**The Appeal for S.15/1417/OUT Greenstiles; is now going to a full hearing.** The Clerk will resend in their response to the Appeal, as it doesn't appear on the website. The Clerk and Cllr Sue Davies confirmed that they will attend the hearing commencing on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016, at Ebley Mill.

**97/16. Correspondence** – The following item was highlighted:-

Information Evening on Highway Matters – to be held at Ebley Mill on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

**98/16. Councillors Submissions**

- Mankley Road – Will be closed for the Bath Road end to be re-surfaced. This is due to be carried out sometime in November.
- A letter should be anticipated from the Church requesting a contribution towards the Churchyard.
- Marsh Lane – an electrical cable has been laid across the road; has this been authorised? The Clerk will investigate. **CLERK**
- Remembrance Day Service – Cllr Phil Herbert will ask Eric Davies to lay the wreath. **PH**
- War Memorial – The Members were asked to look at the conifers by the War Memorial and requested that it be considered at the next meeting as to whether they should now be removed. **MEMBERS**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 at 7.30pm.

## Steve Lydon Report for September 2016

**Waste Collection-** During 2016 Stroud District Council will be making some important changes to waste and recycling collections.

What's happening?

As well as the items that you currently recycle, you will be able to recycle all your food waste in new food waste bins.

Wheelie-bins will also be provided to replace black bags for your rubbish, which will be collected fortnightly, instead of weekly.

If you haven't received your containers by 20 October 2016 please email SDC at [recycling@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@stroud.gov.uk) or call 01453 754424.

Your new waste service

So, from November 2016 here's how your new household waste and recycling collection service will look:

Collected every week Food waste - in a dedicated, sealed bin

Collected every two weeks-Green wheelie-bin/green bag – as present for food tins and drink cans and cans, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and packaging, aerosols and foil.

Recycling box – no changes - paper, cardboard and cartons  
Left over non-recyclable waste in wheelie-bins (or bags where bins are impractical)

**Mankley Field-** John Chaplin the SDC Planner for this application has indicated that conditions will probably be discharged by week ending Friday 7 October. So any further points need to be made ASAP. The route proposed by the developer has been agreed by GCC. Nigel and I have made the case for "banksmen" to be sited on the main entrances and exits to the site to assist in easy movement of traffic. We have also argued and it appears to have been accepted that the works to Marsh Lane and Bath Rd entrances must be completed before main work can start.

Closure - TTRO 2456 Mankley Road, Leonard Stanley

Please be advised that between 1st November 2016 and 31st December 2016 the following road will be closed to allow for highway works by Amey working on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council. This is from the Bath Rd Junction to half way along. Local residents should be able to access the road. There may be times when the works team and plant are on site which will delay access to properties, but access will be maintained as much as possible.

Works will be taking place sometime between the two dates, so as soon as I receive confirmation of the dates I will send you an update.

**Future of Stroud Hospital-** alongside other Labour Cllrs have raised my concern that the proposed cut of the overnight Minor Injuries Unit Service at the hospital, is a sign of future cuts in service. This raises the whole question of there being a long term future for the hospital. Have formally written to the fund holders Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group and to Gloucestershire Care Services who run the community hospitals in the County raising this matter. It was confirmed on the 20 September that the Unit will close overnight.

**Stroud Maternity Unit**- this is administered by the Gloucestershire Royal Hospitals NHS Trust, who have recently announced that they are now £11.1m in the red. This of course is very worrying and raises important questions about financial oversight and the role of the Board. It also poses a serious question mark over the future of the Unit.

**Skills Strategy** - am keen that locally in Stroud District and across the County we have a clear vision for how best to ensure that in terms of the future we have an agreed clear view on what are local skill needs and how best to meet them. Successful employers in the area recognise the value of qualified, well motivated and rewarded staff. There is a clear need to ensure that all our people who are economically active are equipped with the right skills and knowledge to meet current and future skill needs. It is also important that whilst there is nominally low unemployment we look to reduce the number of people in work who rely on in work benefits to make ends meet.

**Planning**- Despite being the only Council to have a Local Plan in place in the County, we are still facing a number of legal challenges from Developers all of which take valuable resources to defend. Also we need to be mindful that the Joint Core Strategy deliberations could lead there being more houses required on the Stroud/Gloucester border.

David Hagg the CEO and I have jointly written to the Minister ref "Land Banking ". Basically this is with reference to Developers who get planning permission but do not progress with building.

The current regime has too much 'red tape' associated with it. We have said there is an opportunity to make a modest and fiscally neutral means of delivering more new homes. We would be very willing to illustrate in detail what this means for our authority.

We have discussed this state of affairs with both our MPs, Geoffrey Clifton-Brown and Neil Carmichael, and have concluded there needs to be both 'stick and carrot'. The incentives for developers are there, both at a Government and local level. We would strongly support a national planning policy that prevents an applicant who, having gained permission for housing development, merely sits on the permission for years. We would support the introduction of a tariff if a proportion of approved homes have not been completed and occupied within a reasonable time period. This tariff could be constructed using a formula based on Band 'D' council tax and New Homes Bonus at prevailing rates. We would be very willing to illustrate in detail what this means for our authority. There is also growing evidence that planning appeals for housing developments are a lawyers paradise. Unlike the important changes your Government has made in respect of Local Plan EIPs, removing much of the adversarial and legally focused approach, the position with planning appeals has worsened. The costs borne by the council taxpayer are growing. Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP has proposed that appellants should be required to pay the 'reasonable costs' of a council and we consider this should apply where a council has an adopted Local Plan under the NPF framework.

We are awaiting a formal Govt response

## **Appendix 2**

### **Report by District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy**

1.The District Council Accounts 2015/2016 have received an unqualified report from the external auditors.

2.The decrease in interest rates means a reduced return from invested capital in what is already a restricted treasury investment market.

3.There are revenue pressures to be addressed in the budgets for the next term of the financial plan.

4.The plan for routing construction traffic for the Mankley Field has not been finalised despite many long discussions. It would appear that no one route suits all and even if it did additional problems may arise when the work on Ryeford Bridge is undertaken.

5.The matter of the signposting of the Cotswold way on the Canal was corrected on Thursday 29th September

6 Councillors should be aware that appeals are still being made in the hope that, despite its local plan, Stroud District Council does not have a five year land supply.