



# 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> April 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present:- Councillors R Bayliss (Chairman), J Bogdiukiewicz, G Davies, S Davies, K Harrison and P Herbert.

Also Present: - District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy  
3 Members of the Public (representing St Swithun's Parochial Church Council)

## **Public Time:**

Mrs P Savage wanted to highlight the benefits of extending the cemetery at the Churchyard. Mrs Savage implored the Council to consider it from a human point and not just from where the monies were coming from to pay for the extension.

The Chairman responded by clarifying the Parish Council's position which appears to have been misunderstood.

(Please also see Agenda Item 32/17 ii).

**26/17. Apologies for absence:** Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Chris Connett, Stuart Craddock and Steve Lydon.

## **27/17. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items**

Cllr Jan Bogdiukiewicz declared an interest in Agenda Item 32/17ii.

## **28/17. To approve the minutes Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

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

## **29/17. To receive an update / reports from the County and District Councillors**

A report was received from Cllr Steve Lydon and circulated to Members prior to the meeting. (See Appendix 1).

District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy updated Members on the issues in Marsh Lane.

Cllr Graham Davies queried District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy on concerns regarding local land owners being approached by developers and what protection will the Local Plan provide.

In response, District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy stated that the Local Plan was constantly being challenged in the Stroud area.

### **30/17. To receive an update on the Mankley Field development.**

- Highways have agreed to the repositioning of a Street Light in Marsh Lane.
- Galtec/Barratt's are trying their best to stop the early morning deliveries.
- Barratt's have offered the school a new fence.
- Galtec/Barratt's will dig, roll over and top soil a new picnic area in the Recreation Park later this month.
- Signs have been erected to inform residents of the impending closure of Bath Road. They are also sending the residents affected a letter with useful contact numbers.
- Issues with regards access for Marsh Lane residents are being investigated.
- Stroud District Council have confirmed that they consider construction has now officially commenced, therefore planning conditions should be applicable.

### **31/17. To receive an update from the Clerk:-**

#### **i) 'No Dog' signs at the Recreation Park.**

The new signs have been erected onto the Pavilion; a further sign is to be erected at The Street entrance.

#### **ii) Repairs to current Play Equipment**

The zip wire has had its mechanism changed and should now be fully working. New seats for the swings are on order. Steve Marshall will also paint the swings and make improvements to the slide tower to ensure it can last until it gets replaced next year.

#### **iii) Preparation work for improvements to the facilities provided on the Recreation Park**

The Chairman and Clerk are working on updating the Project List and seeking quotes for future improvements to the facilities. This preparation work is so we can seek funding from the S.106 agreement in relation to the Mankley Field development. The results of all work being carried out in this connection will be submitted for consideration by the Council in the second half of the year.

#### **iv) Confirmation that the Football Club has signed the new agreements for the Pavilion and Playing Field.**

These agreements will be posted to Cllr Stuart Craddock to sign on behalf of the Football Club, as he was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

### **32/17. Financial Issues**

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

Summary of expenditure for April 2017:-

<b>Description</b>	<b>Total Paid Out</b>	<b>Power of Authority</b>
Administration	£1695.62	LGA 1972 s.112(2), LG (FP)A 1933 s.5, LGA 1972s.111, LGA 1972 s.143, LGA 1972 s.142 & LGA 1972 s133
Playing Fields	£ 818.00	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
Village Maintenance	£ 164.00	Litter A 1983 ss.5,6 .
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£2677.62</b>	

*The Council approved the accounts for payment.*

**ii) To consider providing a grant to St Swithun's Parochial Church Council, to extend the Churchyard.**

(Cllr J Bogdiukiewicz left the room whilst this Agenda Item was discussed).

The Chairman, Cllr Rob Bayliss confirmed that the Council has a duty to ensure that 'Public Monies' are spent with due consideration. The Council initially agreed to a grant of £4,000 if this was matched funded by the Diocese, however the Parochial Church Council (PCC) have since informed the Council that the Diocese are not offering any grants for extending cemeteries. No other explanation was offered, so the Council have been trying to explore other options. The Clerk has been in contact with the Diocese to try to understand their position and whether they could help in any other capacity and this dialogue is still ongoing.

The Council have requested that the PCC go ahead with the planning application which the Council have already agreed to pay for. The Council have also supplied the PCC with contact details from the District Council to assist them with the planning application process.

Since the initial meeting between the Council and the PCC, some ambiguity has arisen as to the exact costs of the overall project. The Chairman informed the Members of the PCC present, that the Council would need to have a full understanding of these costs before it could consider the grant application further. It was therefore agreed that the Council should meet with representatives of the PCC again, so each party could have a better understanding of the others position.

The Council will then consider the grant application when all the essential information has been obtained (costs, diocese position, planning, other sources of finance etc). As the next meeting is the AGM, this will be the June meeting at the earliest.

**iii) To consider taking out Ill Health Insurance to mitigate against changes (new risks) to the Gloucestershire Local Government Pension Scheme.**

The Clerk provided the Members with the full details and quote prior to the meeting. Whilst there will be a discount applied to the Employers Contribution (to LGPS) which will equal the cost of the insurance cover (making it cost neutral); it is not known whether the actuaries will apply an administration fee for setting up the insurance.

*The Council agreed to take out the Ill Health Insurance; with the proviso, that if there are any actuaries' fees, they are informed to decide on whether they are considered reasonable.*

**33/17. Planning**

**i) To consider plans received**

**S.17/0535/FUL** Land to the rear of Jimuir – New dwelling to replace existing planning for new dwelling.

*The Council agreed 'No Comment', to this application.*

**S.17/0612/HHOLD** 63A Brimley - To drop the kerbs to a previously constructed vehicular parking area.

*The Council agreed to support this application.*

**S.17/0582/HHOLD** 73 Brimley - Dropped kerb for access to off road parking.

*The Council agreed to support this application.*

**S.17/0645/LBC** Marsh Lodge, Marsh Road – Remove modern fire place surround in lounge. Expose original fireplace and install Stovax Stockton 5 Stove.

*The Council agreed to support this application.*

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

- **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. – **Still Pending.**
- **S.17/0541/FUL** Land at Court Farm, Beards Mill - Retention of farm workers accommodation building (Re-submission) – **Pending.**
- **S.17/0450/HHOLD** 33 Dozule Close – Conversion of the loft to include a new dormer window – **Pending.**

**34/17. Correspondence** – The following item of correspondence was highlighted: -

Cllr Sue Davies has submitted a letter resigning as a Trustee of the Welfare Trust. The Council will therefore need to nominate a new Trustee at the May AGM.

**35/17. Councillors Submissions**

Cllr Jan Bogdiukiewicz requested if the Village Hall Management Committee could proceed with the refurbishment of the toilets and claim the monies from the S.106 monies retrospectively.

Answer: Unfortunately, works already completed would not meet the criteria for funding from S.106 monies. However, The Clerk and the Chairman would like to meet with the Village Hall Management Committee, to discuss future improvements that could be funded by S.106 monies when they become available.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9 pm.

The next **Meeting** will be the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council to be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 **at 7.00pm** followed by the Annual Parish Meeting to commence **at 8pm.**

## **Appendix 1**

### **Leonard Stanley Parish Council April 17 Steve Lydon Councillor Report**

#### **Introduction**

I gave you report 2 weeks ago, there are a couple of things though I wanted to update on.

#### **Bath Rd Closure and Ryeford Road South, Kings Stanley**

Ryeford Road South will be closed from 19th June 2017 to 25 August. This is to allow for bridge strengthening and highway improvement works by Amey working on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council. If however, there is an overrun of the Bath Rd works scheduled for 10th April 2017 to 16th June 2017. Then the Ryeford works can be put back as the legal order runs for 28 days after the 19 June.

#### **Cam and Dursley Station Parking**

I have mentioned before that I am supportive of a long term sustainable solution to this growing problem. I am pleased to report that shortly another 18 spaces are being available, by primarily reconfiguring the existing carpark. Also discussions are underway about other measures such as taxi sharing etc.

#### **Highways**

Potholes etc are still the number one topic of complaint, it's important to flag up soon any works that the PC would like to see undertaken in the new financial year.

#### **Broadband Speeds and Mobile Phone Coverage**

In many parts of the area, the broadband speeds are unacceptably low with customers experiencing real problems getting any response from Openreach. There are also far too many mobile black spots, where the signals are weak/non-existent. On Broadband I am pleased to announce that the euro funded "fastershire" project is now being rolled out throughout the County. On mobile coverage, I have raised this and will continue to challenge the mobile companies via the County economic growth committee, to get better coverage.

#### **Health and Social Care**

The recent announcement that the health care provider "Cleeve Link" is going bust, caused much worry to the recipients of that care, I also understand many of the staff lost their jobs and were not paid. I have asked that County Council monitor providers much more closely so that in future if this situation occurs they can intervene sooner i.e. before the company goes bust.

#### **Javelin Park Incinerator**

Subject of course to the results of the forthcoming May election I alongside other Cllrs in my party have submitted the following motion to be discussed at the first meeting in May of the new County Council.

#### **Incinerator Review and Repeal motion**

*This council notes that the disastrous UBB Incinerator project has been plagued by mismanagement from the start of the process.*

*The Council notes that the contract held between UBB and GCC has been referred to the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA).*

*In light of this, the Council asks that the administration halt all work on the Incinerator site until the CMA has returned on a judgement on this matter.*

*This Council also commits to an immediate independent review of the incinerator contract, specifically examining the way in which the administration has conducted itself throughout the process. This Council uses this opportunity to review the issue*

*of waste management as a whole from the distribution of responsibility throughout the county and the opportunity to update its waste management policy in light of ensuring value for money, including the engagement of new technologies.*