



# 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 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

Also Present: - 2 Members of the Public

## **Public Time:**

- Mrs Fawkes informed the Council of the problems caused by the road near Poplar Gate being closed for works carried out by Severn Trent Water.
- Mrs Bogdiukiewicz asked the Parish Council to look favourably at the request for £5,000, on behalf of the Parochial Church Council to extend the cemetery.

**1/17. Apologies for absence:** Apologies were accepted from Cllr Steve Lydon and District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy

## **2/17. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items**

Cllr Jan Bogdiukiewicz declared an interest in Agenda Item 9/17ii.

## **3/17. To approve the minutes Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

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

## **4/17. 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).

## **5/17. To receive a report from the Clerk:-**

### **i) The results from the ballot on Street Names for the Mankley Field Development**

The Clerk announced the results of the ballot: Alder, Bond, Clutterbuck, Dixon, Holbrow, Lusty, Morgan, Powell, Stafford and Wyman.

These names will be passed onto the District Council.

## **ii) Kissing Gate Bath Road/Mankley Field**

The Kissing Gate on the Bath Road end of Mankley Field is no longer required. It is hoped that this can be relocated to Footpath 'MLS 3' at the entrance to the Bluebell Woods from the Sewage Works. Permission from the landowner is being sought.

## **iii) Changes to the 66s Bus Route**

The bus no longer goes along Seven Waters but does a loop around the village, coming up from Downton Road past Marsh Garages. Changes also mean that you catch the bus using the same stops (same side of the road) regardless of whether you are heading towards Stroud or Gloucester.

## **6/17. To receive an update on the Mankley Field development.**

- Western Power are burying the power lines, this along with works carried out by BT caused considerable disturbance to residents in Marsh Lane.
- Enforcement action doesn't apply until the building actually starts, so we can't prevent early starts or late finishes.
- Barratt's have started work on making the two access entrances, and are making it a priority to provide car parking on site.
- There have been issues with early starts, but Barratt's are trying to address this.
- There have also been issues with mud on the roads; Barratt's are now ensuring that the roads are swept twice daily.
- A street light in Marsh Lane was reported as faulty and although this is the responsibility of Highways to fix, Western Power have stepped in to try and provide lighting.
- Barratt's will make some repairs to the broken surfaces on Marsh Lane; this whole section of the Lane will as part of the development be strengthened and re-surfaced.
- Barratt's will also check the sewers in Marsh Lane with a camera to ensure no cracks or blockages.

## **7/17. To receive an update on the Stroud District Council's – Parish and Town Councils Forum**

The Chairman updated the Members on the forum and gave particular praise to the planning session.

Summary:

- Local Plan first review is to commence in April 2017 and be completed by 2020. This will include a review of the Tiers.
- Update on recent appeal decisions - it appears that large developments that have been refused by Stroud District Council are being allowed on appeal, whilst the smaller developments are being dismissed at appeal.
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – is to commence on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017. A seminar is being held at Ebley Mill on the 7<sup>th</sup> March.
- Building Control – changes to who carries these out (can now be done privately).
- Planning online at Stroud District Council – new I.T. system coming soon.
- Sustainable Building consultation by Stroud District Council – will be a voluntary code.
- Gloucestershire County Council, the six District Councils and other county partner organisations have shelved their bid for devolution.
- Budget for Stroud District Council is looking bleak for the next 5 years.
- New homes bonus is being reduced.

- To inform the District Council, if Members want buildings which are not currently listed to be given additional protection, whether or not they meet the Listed Building criteria.

**8/17. To consider the amendment of the following Parish Council meeting dates:-**

- The meeting to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> March to be moved to the 14<sup>th</sup> March.
- The Annual Parish Meeting and The Annual General Meeting to be set for the 9<sup>th</sup> May.
- The meeting to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> July to be moved to the 11<sup>th</sup> July.

*The Members agreed to move the dates, as listed above.*

**9/17. Financial Issues**

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

Summary of expenditure for January / February 2017:-

<b>Description</b>	<b>Total Paid Out</b>	<b>Power of Authority</b>
Administration	£2144.24	LGA 1972 s.112(2), LG (FP)A 1933 s.5, LGA 1972s.111 & LGA 1972 s133
Playing Fields	£ 161.00	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
Village Maintenance	£ 147.97	Litter A 1983 ss.5,6 & Highways A 1980 s.96, Highways A 1980 ss.43.50 & LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
Grants	£ 500.00	S.137
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£2953.21</b>	

*The Council approved the accounts for payment.*

**ii) To consider a request from St Swithun's Parochial Church Council for a grant of up £5,000, spread over several years, to enable them to extend the cemetery.**

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

The Members discussed this issue at great length. The Members were keen to see the Cemetery extended but they were concerned the burden was falling too heavily on the Parochial Church Council and felt that the Diocese should also contribute.

*The Members agreed to a grant of £4,000 over three years if this was matched by the Diocese, subject to planning permission being granted.*

(Note: If the Diocese did not agree to match fund then the Parish Council would discuss further on how they would like to proceed).

*The Members further agreed that they would pay for the cost of the Planning Application, so this could be progressed.*

The Clerk is also to look into the possibility of the Parish Council becoming a Burial Authority.

**CLERK**

## **10/17. Planning**

### **i) To consider 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.

The Clerk advised the Members that the company did not want to publicly disclose the details of the retailers. This application is likely to be heard by the Development Control Committee at Stroud District Council next month.

*The Council agreed to not comment on this application.*

**S.16/2903/FUL** Knoll Cottage, Gipsy Lane - Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling with associated works.

*The Council agreed to support this application.*

**S.17/0025/HHOLD** Marsh Leaze, Downton Road - New fencing (1.83 metres) and gate to front of property.

*The Council agreed to support this application.*

**S.17/0098/FUL** Land Adjacent to Liddiatt House Bath Road - Erection of 1 dwelling.

*The Council agreed to support this application.*

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

#### **The following plans have been approved:-**

**S.16/2321/HHOLD** 18 Dozule Close – Two storey rear and side extension.

**S.16/2600/HHOLD** Chosen View, Stanley Downton - new Dormer window.

**S.16/2581/HHOLD** Howith, The Street - single storey rear extension.

#### **The following plans have been refused:-**

**S.16/2558/FUL** Land at Court Farm - retention of farm workers accommodation building.

**S.16/2409/CPE** Downton Farm - use of building edged red on plan as industrial workshop (B2).

## **11/17. Correspondence** – The following item was highlighted:-

1. Thank you letter from Diane Odell (Village Champion).

## **12/17. Councillors Submissions**

1. Cllr Phil Herbert wished to amend the resolution made under Agenda Item 118/16 so that the full name of 'Lyndon Morgan' (with Way as a suffix) is submitted as the main through way to the Mankley Field development. This was supported by Councillors S Davies, G Davies and K Harrison. As such a resolution amendment must be submitted to the Clerk by four members in writing by the Monday in the week preceding a Council meeting (now received), this proposal will be considered in the March meeting. **CLERK**
2. Cllr C Connett wanted improved 'No Dogs Permitted on the Playing Field' signs to be erected on the Pavilion.
3. Cllr R Bayliss informed the Members that the street sign for Sandford Close was erected with the incorrect spelling. Stroud District Council have been made aware of this.
4. The Clerk is to offer the Pavilion car park for use by the parents of the school for drop off and pick up, to ease congestion whilst Mankley Field is being developed. **CLERK**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm.

## **Appendix 1**

### **LSPC Report from Steve Lydon County and District Councillor Feb 17**

#### **Highways**

An ongoing saga, ref the number of potholes etc. It would be good to identify for the next financial year where there are major road improvement issues/problems in the area. These can then at least be put forward for consideration for next financial years capital programme.

#### **Mankley Field Development**

Sadly many of the lessons learnt from the Woodside Lane development have not been learnt by the developer of Mankley Field. The work to put in the basic utilities has now been started, sadly with much chaos and inconvenience to local residents, hours of work, mud on road etc. The planning enforcement team Nigel and I are closely monitoring the situation, however, I think it's a case of there will be more problems now work has commenced. LSPC are working hard to maintain having a meaningful relationship with the developers but it's not easy.

#### **Mayos Garage Kings Stanley Retrospective Planning Application**

This has been turned down by the SDC Development Control Committee, the applicant of course has the right to appeal. Again appreciate the support of my fellow ward Cllr Nigel on this difficult matter, ultimately the planning rules etc must be respected and adhered to.

#### **SDC Budget**

This was discussed and debated at SDCs Strategy and Resources Committee on Thurs 26 January and will go forward to Full Council on 9 February. The controlling cooperative alliance of Labour Green and Lib Dems will be proposing a council tax increase for a Band D property to go up 10p a week (£5 a year). This is the maximum allowed without having a referendum.

Key messages are

- Tight budget but still managing to invest in the future of the District
- SDC revenue budgets are under relentless pressure – getting worse over next four years – Government removing its £1.3m funding and we will be paying Government over £1/2m from year 3 onwards – a gap of nearly £2m created by the Government
- Rewards for housing growth being cut by Government and real uncertainty about the future business rate regime – makes future financial planning very difficult.
- A capital programme which provides for supporting the completion of the canal from Stonehouse to Saul and to support having more affordable homes for rent.

#### **County Council Budget**

In summary the budget has been based on best estimates as per the 4 year minimum funding guarantee and dialogue with district councils. The financial settlement was given by Govt in late December and has been used to confirm these estimates. The proposed council budget for 2017/18 is a

forecast affordable budget of £397.13 million based on a council tax increase of 1.99%, and a 2% national Adult Social Care levy.

The budget totals £397.13 million and is based on a 1.99% Council Tax increase, only the second tax increase levied by the Council in six years. The effect of not putting up the Council Tax year on year by the controlling administration has led to the budget falling further and further behind in meeting clear needs evidenced by example by the state of our roads, and further job cuts. There is also increasing demand for adult social care and children's services. A key feature is the continuation of the 'social care precept' allowing upper-tier authorities to increase council tax levels by up to 2% specifically to fund Adult Social Care. This 2% social care precept raises an additional £4.98 million for Adult Social Care services, in addition to the normal Council Tax referendum limit.

An example of real cuts is below, prevention ironically is so much more effective than treatment!  
Public Health Grant

The February 2016 announcement refers to a reduction of 3.9% in real terms to 2019/20 in Public Health funding, with the ring fence remaining for the next 2 years. The Council has forecast a reduction of around 2% for 2017/18.

It's worth noting that on the Council Tax demands residents receives through their door. The majority of the funding goes to the County, then the Police and Crime Commissioner , then Stroud District and lastly the Parish/ Town Council.

## **Appendix 1**

### **Leonard Stanley Parish Council SL Report for December 16**