



P A R I S H C O U N C I L

LEONARD STANLEY

Minutes of the Leonard Stanley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th July 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

Also Present: - District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy and Mrs Pamela Fawkes.

61/17. Apologies for absence:. Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Jan Bogdiukiewicz, Stuart Craddock and Steve Lydon.

62/17. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items

There were none.

63/17. To approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th June 2017

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

64/17. To receive an update / reports from the County and District Councillors

A report was received from Cllr Steve Lydon. (See Appendix 1).

District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy reported on: -

- IT problems with the Planning System
- Appeal Hearing for Court Farm application
- Complaints received reference traffic on Downton Road

65/17. To receive an update on the Mankley Field development.

- Complaints have been received with reference the site being open very early and work starting well before 8am.
- There is no wheel washing facilities on site at present, due to a lack of water available until Severn Trent Water has carried out their work. Barratt's have arranged for Road Sweepers three times per week and extra when it rains.
- Galtec have done an excellent job in digging out, flattening and adding top soil to create a new picnic area on the Recreation Park.

- Several people have raised their concerns about the HGV's on Downton Road and in the village; some lorries are taking unnecessary risks and show little regard for pedestrians and other road users.

The Council would like to set up a meeting with the relevant parties; to work together on the Traffic Issues (safety) raised.

CLERK

66/17. To agree that 'Kick off Stroud' can use the Playing Field for their Youth Football Club (for week commencing 31st July 2017)

The Council agreed that 'Kick off Stroud' could use the Playing Field.

67/17. To receive a report on the Playing Fields

i) Old goal posts have now all been removed.

The Football Club have now removed all the old goal posts. This will allow some areas on the boundary to be cut back further.

ii) Dead tree to be felled.

There is a dead tree between the Tennis Courts and a property at St Swithuns which needs to be felled and a further tree that overhangs the same property that needs to be cut back.

iii) Anti-Social Behaviour

There were complaints from residents living near the park; that some youths were screaming and making lots of noise until 11pm at night. The Police were called on one occasion and appropriate action taken against 1 young person. There have also been several incidents of low level vandalism; including damage to the slide tower, the fence near the gate in The Street and a bench in the Memorial Gardens.

68/17. To consider a response to the 'Review of (Dog Control Orders) Public Space Protection Orders'.

The Clerk updated the Council that the 'Dog Control Orders' would be changing to 'Public Space Protection Orders'. Stroud District Council wish to amend (remove) some of the requirements and are consulting on these proposals.

The Council decided not to respond to the consultation.

69/17. To consider approving dispensation for non-attendance to Cllr Stuart Craddock.

The Clerk briefed the Members.

The Council agreed to approve dispensation to Cllr Stuart Craddock; for non-attendance. It was agreed that this dispensation would expire on 12th September 2017.

70/17. Financial Issues

j) To authorise payments in accordance with the RFO Report

Summary of expenditure for July 2017:-

Description	Total Paid Out	Power of Authority
Administration	£1199.60	LGA 1972 s.112(2), LG (FP)A 1933 s.5, LGA 1972s.111 & LGA 1972 s133
Playing Fields	£ 24.00	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
Village Maintenance	£ 322.00	Litter A 1983 ss.5,6 and LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
Pavilion	£ 68.40	LGA 1894 s.8(4)
Total Payments	£1614.00	

The Council approved the accounts for payment.

71/17. Planning

i) To consider plans received

S.17/1391/TPO Grange Croft, Bath Road – Remove large dead upper branches in crown and reduce remainder of crown down to same height as removed dead tops to shape and balance the tree. This will be up to 4m in height removed from the tree

The Council agreed to support this application.

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

S.17/0938/HHOLD Milbury Mews, Bath Road – Conversion of garage into Annexe for use as ancillary accommodation to main dwelling. – **Permitted.**

S.17/0854/FUL Knoll Cottage, Gypsy Lane – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling with associated works. – **Permitted.**

S.17/0806/TPO Grange Croft, Bath Road – Remove large dead upper branches in crown and reduce remainder of crown down to same height as removed dead tops to shape and balance the tree. This will be up to 4m in height removed from the tree. – **Approved.**

S.17/1187/FUL St Swithun's Church – Change of use of land to accommodate cemetery extension. – **Pending.**

72/17. Correspondence – There was none highlighted.

73/17. Councillors Submissions

- Phone Box at Seven Waters - is deteriorating.
- Parking by the school – vehicles park right up to the junctions.
- Saxon Barn – Party planned at Priory Farm is not considered a commercial venture and is therefore not connected with the Saxon Barn development/conditions.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 5th September 2017 **at 7.30pm.**

Appendix 1

LSPC SL DISTRICT CLLR REPORT JULY 17

Road Closures

Broad St Kings Stanley- Severn Trent has announced that will need for water mains work for Mankley Field, Broad Street Kings Stanley is scheduled to be closed 28/07/17 to 21/10/17 AFTER the Ryeford Bridge works.

Ryeford Bridge- work has now commenced, the closure is mainly for the bridge strengthening works, so access will be maintained either side of the bridge for residents and businesses. It just depends which side of the closure they are as to their routes in and out.

The closure is from junction of Brockley Rd to junction of the by-pass in order that through traffic is diverted at a suitable junction and does not have to turn around in the road.

Seven Waters Leonard Stanley- This road will be closed at Seven Waters from 1st November 2017 to 17th November 2017. This is to allow for culvert repairs by Amey working on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council.

Central Garage Kings Stanley

The applicant has appealed against the stop notice placed on him by SDC and the matter will subject to a public enquiry, in October. On the matter of the pavement, and pedestrians being "forced" to go into the have raised this with the Geraldine Le Cointe Planning manager at SDC and Neil Troughton at GCC Highways Development. I believe that key to resolving this matter is getting the County to agree that this is a Public Right of Way (PROW) ie the whole pavement.

Stroud and Vale Hospitals Minor Injuries Units

Following various reports on social media regarding the MIU closing more often in order for staff to be sent to cover shortages at Stroud, I met last week with the Chair and Chief Exec of the Gloucestershire Care Services, along with Cllr Doina Cornell the SDC rep on the County Health Scrutiny Committee and David Drew the new Stroud MP. It would appear that there has been increased staff sickness in the past month or so and recruitment problems, which has impacted on staffing levels. Also, following the Care Quality Commission inspection recommendation last year that 2 qualified staff must attend at all times, this has placed an extra constraint at a time when nationally there is a recruitment crisis. We did receive assurances that GCS is very committed to both MIUs, which was good to hear. I am still concerned however that there are cuts to our health services in the pipeline, details as yet unknown, and we must do what we can to keep as many services as local and accessible as possible. We emphasised that consistent opening was important as were regular opening hours. There is another meeting of the county scrutiny committee on 11 July when this matter will be raised there again. Meanwhile, if you have concerns and want to get in touch please do.

Local Government Funding

Central government is cutting Stroud's Revenue Support Grant faster than anyone else in Gloucestershire; SDC will have no grant from 1st April 2018. In 2019-20 we will have to make a payment to Government of just over half a million. We are now in the process of looking at budgets, discussing possible savings and ways to increase income. Once we have a clearer

idea of some of the options, we will consult with town and parish councils in order to get your input into how this may affect local residents.

Fire Safety

By way of continued reassurance to everyone, none of SDC buildings have been constructed or refurbished with aluminium composite materials used to clad **Grenfell Tower**, London. (These are the materials that failed in tests carried out by the Building Research Establishment for councils around the country). The Council's **fire risk assessments** across all its built estate are up to date, with one non-residential building currently being reviewed. Earlier this year, as part of regular checks made in respect of council housing, there was a comprehensive audit of fire safety in communal areas and fire safety corridors. A corporate group has reviewed all aspects of the Council's approach to fire safety, including fire safety awareness and training for staff. Also the Cooperation group leaders have had a briefing on contingency and emergency planning to assure ourselves that processes and procedures are in place.

SDC Awards

Two teams who were runners-up in regional awards recently;

- The **Planning Strategy** team in the South West Royal Town Planning Institute awards. They go forward into the national awards for work on the Local Plan
- the **Heating Services** team in the South West Energy Efficiency & Healthy Homes Awards as Regional Landlord of the Year