



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 7th October 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

Also Present:- District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy and 2 members of the public

Public Time:

Concerns were raised by the 2 members of the public present; that the proposed development at Land at Bath Road/Downton Road should not be seen as an extension to the village, as the land falls outside the settlement boundary. The field is not an infill and has been made derelict as a result of the building of the Scout Hall. They were concerned that the proposals to pack in houses in such a small area would not enhance the village and have an adverse visual impact. They also voiced fears that these proposals would lead to further development behind the Scout Hall going down Downton Road.

The Chairman thanked them for their comments and informed them that the proposal would be discussed in Agenda Item 91/14i.

88/14. Apologies for absence was received from Cllr Steve Lydon

89/14. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items

There were none.

90/14. To approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September 2014

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

91/14. Planning

i. To consider any plans received:

a.) S.14/2082/FUL Land at Bath Road/Downton Road - Erection of 17 dwellings, new access and internal roadway and ancillary works.

The Members discussed the need for starter homes within the village, but felt that this application was unacceptable.

The Council unanimously agreed to object to this application; on the grounds that the proposals were too high a density, that it is outside the settlement boundary, that an overspill of cars from the development will park on Bath Road (the visibility is poor and this is considered dangerous to other road users and pedestrians), the access point is itself dangerous and is it out of keeping for Leonard Stanley.

The Members further requested that this is called into the Development Control Committee, if the Officer is minded to accept the proposals.

It was noted that the plans include protection of a Bus Stop by the garage in Downton Road, the Clerk is to make the Planning Officer aware that this Bus Stop is not used. **CLERK**

b.) S.14/2127/FUL Priory Farm, Church Road - Construction of agricultural building.

The Council agreed to support this application.

c.) S.14/2023/FUL Priory Farm, Church Road - Siting of 416 solar panels on two existing barns.

The Council agreed to support this application.

d.) S.14/1965/LBC Priory Farm, Church Road - Internal alterations to provide an annexe accommodation for a family member - applied retrospectively. External steps and veranda providing access to building.

The Council noted the comments by the Planning Officer regarding removal of the balcony but disagreed with her assessment.

The Council agreed to support this application.

e.) S.14/1269/LBC Downton Farm, Stanley Downton - Amended details to existing planning/listed building consent in the change of use of redundant tithe barn (unit 4) to residential.

The Clerk advised the Members that there was a lack of detail regarding the amendments and the Council agreed to defer this item until the next Agenda. **CLERK**

f.) S.14/1268/COU Downton Farm, Stanley Downton - Amended details to existing planning permission in the change of use of barns, units 2,3, 6 to residential.

The Clerk advised the Members that there was a lack of detail regarding the amendments and the Council agreed to defer this item until the next Agenda. **CLERK**

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

The following planning applications have received permission:-

S.14/1621/LBC & S.14/1620/HHOLD The Menders House, Beards Mill. Change of use from a domestic workshop to a studio. Replace existing external door with a glazed door. Folding timber screen to match existing. The erection of a timber framed and timber clad garage.

The following planning applications are still pending:-

S.14/1699/FUL Chapel House. Erection of one dwelling (Revised application following refusal of S.13/2190/FUL).

S.14/0525/FUL Land at Woodside Lane - Erection of 48 dwellings (including 15 affordable dwellings), including landscaping and associated infrastructure works

iii. To consider whether to take further action in regards a complaint made to Stroud District Council in respect of Mankley Field.

The Clerk advised the Members that Stroud District Council have declined to comment further regards the concerns that have been raised. The Mankley Field Action Group is proceeding with a complaint via the Local Government Ombudsman and the Council are being asked whether they would like to add their name to this process.

The Members felt that there were still questions unanswered that warrant further investigation.

The Council agreed to add their name/support to the complaint of the handling of the Mankley Field planning application by Stroud District Council, to the Local Government Ombudsman.

92/14. To receive updates from the County and District Councillors

District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy reported:

- That the final figures for the Examination in Public (EIP) will be issued by the beginning of November. The EIP will then re-commence after Christmas and the process will take approximately a year before the Local Plan can be fully adopted.
- Has been visiting various building sites across the district, including Hunts Grove.

District Cllr Nigel Studdert read out a report from Cllr Lydon (this report has been circulated to the Member):-

Highways The new contract provider AMEY is still not delivering. There are many issues including failure to supply materials for the footpath volunteers. We have numerous potholes, verges not being cut, pavements and kerbs full of weeds. We need clarity on what how and when they will perform. Also getting feedback on when jobs are done needs to be given. John Kay our local Highways Contact is on long term sick. I am asking all parish and town council clerks to send me a copy of outstanding highways queries so I can raise the full list with the head of highways at GCC.

Mankley Field The decision by the planning inspector is now subject to a Judicial Review, which will be heard in 6 months' time I am told. The decision on Woodside Lane will not be determined until the Mankley Field is resolved. The Planning Advisory Panel of SDC will soon meet with members of the Action Group to hear their views on how best improve the Planning service.

Supermarket Wars You will have seen in the local press that the last meeting of the Development Control Committee, agreed to defer any decision on the 4 applications. This was because it wants to understand and receive further information ref. the proposal for the Market Tavern Site in Stroud Town Centre.

GCC Community Empowerment Chest This will be launched shortly, it's a £100k fund to support local groups to diversify and become more business-like. The Community

Empowerment Chest will provide grants, of up to £5,000 per bid, to Gloucestershire's community start-ups, community enterprises and voluntary and charity organisations to kick start, develop or improve the services they provide the people of Gloucestershire in order to improve community resilience.

Mankley Rd Construction After some hold ups owing to ensuring the planning process was carried out in an objective way (i.e. SDC not being seen to grant planning permission to itself). I am informed the contractors should be on site in November.

Health There are considerable issues with our local health service. The 111 service is still not performing to contract nor is the non-urgent patient transport contracts. GP waiting times are increasing and the Gloucester Royal AE is the busiest it has ever been. All these matters are being raised and monitored by the County Health Scrutiny Committee which I Chair. The South West Ambulance Service Trust performance in rural areas is still poor and is being raised at the Joint Health Ambulance Service Committee for Gloucestershire Bristol and adjoining areas.

GCC Budget Details of the budget cuts will be released this month primarily in the area of adult and social care. The budget is set to be cut by between £75 to £100 million over the next 4 years. I am Labour spokesperson for Finance and will continue to endeavour to fight to protect services for the most vulnerable in society.

Social Value This is a topic I am very keen on i.e. maximising the benefits to the local community by the purchasing power of the County and the District. Benefits, could include, apprentices, jobs, training, environmental works.

Defibs campaign Defibs save lives I am campaigning for each local community to have one, and am lobbying local parish Councils, Stroud District and the County Council to support.

Buses- Changes to Timetables and Loss of services I am very concerned that because of the reduction of subsidies by Gloucestershire and neighbouring County Councils, we will see the reduction of some services and the loss altogether of others. I am seeking an urgent meeting with County lead officer to clarify matters.

93/14. To receive an update from the Clerk:

a. Hedging for Bath Road end of the playing fields.

The hedging has been planted.

b. Gap between the Village Hall and the Pavilion car parks.

The cost of sleepers will be £120 (for 6) plus a further £200 for delivery and installation (which will involve concreting in the sleepers using brackets and bolts).

The Council agreed to the purchase and installation of the railway sleepers at a cost of approximately £320.

c. Village Design Statement Project.

Mrs Holland has had further meetings with Gloucestershire Rural Community Council.

The following costs have been identified to fulfil the project:-

- Commissioning of an environmental survey from Gloucester Council Environmental Records - approx. £250.

- Printing of the questionnaires - approx. £250
- Printing of about 20 hard copies of the VDS - approx. £25
- Photography - approx. £25
- Stationary - approx. £25

Mrs Holland will now meet with the Steering Group and approach key individuals for information to take the project forward.

94/14 To receive feedback from the independent playing field assessment

The Clerk stated that the report has not yet been received from Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association, but they had raised an issue with regards the temporary goal posts. The concern was therefore passed to the Football Club, who has resolved the issue raised by putting away the goal posts after use.

95/14 To consider proposals to install community defibrillators

The Community Heartbeat Trust along with South West Ambulance is offering various packages for Community Defibrillators. The defibrillator would be secured in an external high visibility casing which can only be opened after contacting the emergency services. Training is provided but can be operated without prior knowledge, as the machine itself will issue the instructions and will not work if it detects a heart-beat.

It was agreed that the Pavilion or the Village Hall would be the most suitable location.

The Clerk is to investigate the various packages available. **CLERK**

The Council agreed to include the cost of providing a defibrillator, in the budget for the next Financial Year.

96/14. To consider a response to Stroud District Council's:-

a. Boundary Review

The Council agreed to respond by requesting that they recommend no changes to the actual boundary for The Stanley's, and that they continue to be served by two ward councillors.

CLERK

b. Draft Housing Strategy Consultation

The Council decided not to respond to this consultation.

97/14. Financial Issues

i) To authorise payments in accordance with the RFO Report

Summary of expenditure for October 2014:-

Description	Total Paid Out	Power of Authority
Pavilion and Playing Fields	£ 20.00	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
Administration	£880.82	LGA 1972 s.112(2) & LG (FP)A 1933 s.5 & LG & Rating Act 1997 s.31 & LGA 1972 s.111
Village Maintenance	£322.00	Highways A 1980 ss.4, Litter A 1983

		ss.5,6 & Highways A 1980 ss.43,50
Village Green	£138.00	(from funds raised)
Total Payments	£1360.82	

The Council approved the accounts for payment.

98/14. Correspondence - There was none.

99/14. Councillors Submissions –

a. Village Green application. Cllr Graham Davies reported that the Head of Legal Services for Gloucestershire County Council have agreed for the Village Green application to proceed to inquiry.

b. Gypsy Lane. Cllr Phil Herbert requested that two metal rakes are purchased, for clearing the grating in Gypsy Lane. **PH**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.51 pm. The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 4th November 2014.**