



# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present:- Councillors C Connett, G Davies (Chairman), S Davies, P Herbert and S Lydon - (arrived at Item 70/3)

Also Present: District Cllr N Studdert-Kennedy and 2 Members of the Public

### **Public Time:**

Ms Mia Macefield, the Landlady of the White Hart Inn, informed the Council that she would like to erect some signs to alert passers-by of the pub's location. The Council stated that they wished to help local businesses and therefore are supportive in principle.

**67/13. Apologies for absence** were received Cllr Stuart Craddock, PCSO Liz Ward and Neighbourhood Warden Phil Drew.

### **68/13. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items**

Cllr Phil Herbert declared an interest in Agenda Item 75/13i (White Hart Inn)

### **69/13. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2013**

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

### **70/13. To receive updates from the County and District Councillors**

District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy updated the Council on:

- The Development Control Committee paid a site visit to Mankley Field prior to their meeting next week.
- The planning application for Woodside Lane has now been submitted, and is likely to go before the Development Control Committee in November.
- The planning application for a supermarket at Brunsdon Yard has also been received; a joint meeting with King's Stanley Parish Council and Stonehouse Town Council to share information is being arranged.
- The local elections for Stroud District Council will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014.

County Cllr Steve Lydon updated the Council on:

- The work that has commenced at Lambs Triangle.
- The new Highways contract due for renewal next year.
- County Council may consider putting some more money into Highways from their reserves.
- Will investigate whether it is feasible to fund additional slow signs in Bath Road from his Members allocation.

- The County Council are considering their long term budgets.
- Gypsy Lane – Highways have confirmed that they will add the upgrading of the culvert onto their wish list of jobs to be done. It was agreed to ask Highways to consider removing the grating and monitoring the affect. **SL/CLERK**

**71/13. To receive an update from the Clerk:**

**i. The new play equipment.** All the equipment is now in place but work still needs to be completed on the embankment slide, in which the turf laid has died. The Clerk has asked the contractor to remove the security fence, as children keep pulling it down

It has been reported that a little girl suffered a broken arm after falling from the monkey bars, the Clerk has asked the contractor to ensure that the safety surfacing is suitable and compliant.

The Council wished to thank the Steering Group for the success of this project. **CLERK**

**ii. The repairs to the Playing Field.** Following a meeting with Sports Ground Maintenance, attended by Cllrs Graham Davies and Stuart Craddock some infill of top soil is still required to areas on the football pitch, which has been turned back to the original position.

**iii. Stroud District Councils proposals for Mankley Road.** The Clerk confirmed that Stroud District Council has held a public consultation. Cllr Steve Lydon stated that the last residents will be moving out shortly, the fences have been erected and the demolition work should commence in October.

**iv. Application for unregistered land.** The application was submitted but was refused due to only limited acts of occupation on the land. The Land Registry has refunded the fee (not yet banked). Mr D Camm has asked if he can continue to investigate this, to which the Council agreed.

**72/13. To consider whether to sign up to Stroud District Council’s Charter**

*The Council agreed to adopt Stroud District Council’s Charter.*

**73/13. To discuss the application for Village Green Status**

Cllr Phil Herbert raised his concerns on the application for Mankley Field to be designated a Village Green. It was noted that this application has been submitted by a group within the village and not by the Parish Council.

**74/13. Financial Issues**

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

Summary of expenditure for August and September 2013:-

Description	Total Paid Out	Power of Authority
Pavilion and Playing Fields	£ 1354.54	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
Administration	£ 1728.92	LGA 1972 s.143, LGA s.137, LGA 1972 s.112(2) & LG (FP)A 1963 LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3) % LGA 1972 s.111
Village Maintenance	£ 600.00	Highways A 1980 ss.4350
Grants	£ 2585.18	LGA s.137 & LGA 1894 s.8(4)
Play Equipment Project	£59966.76	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)

<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£66235.40</b>	
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*The Council approved the accounts for payment.*

**ii) To receive confirmation of an internal check.**

Cllr Sue Davies has carried out a bank reconciliation and internal check on the following payments; chq no 002336 for £120.00 payable to Tim Smith, chq no 002338 for £220.00 payable to Ken Greenway, 002339 for £15.00 payable to Walkers are Welcome and chq no 002353 for £125.50 payable to Gloucestershire LGPS.

**75/13. Planning**

**i. To consider any plans received:**

**S.13/1392/FUL** White Hart Inn, The Street – Erection of rear ground floor extension and loft conversion.

*The Council agreed to support this application but would like the neighbours' concerns to be addressed.*

**S.13/1780/COU** Westhorn, Marsh Lane – Change of use from agricultural land to residential.

The Council agreed to ask for an extension to respond, in order for queries regarding the rights of way to be fully investigated first.

**ii) To receive an update on the planning application for Mankley Field**

The planning application will be determined by the Development Control Committee at Stroud District Council, on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013. The Clerk will make representation on behalf of the Council.

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

The following plan has been refused:

**S.13/1018/FUL** Downton Farm, Stanley Downton Internal and external alterations in the change of use of light industrial building (former cow shed) to private residential dwelling. Re-roofing and facing materials associated external works.

The following plans have received permission:

**S.13/1016/LBC** 2 Seven Waters, Bath Road – Replacement of 2 no. dormers and casement windows. Installation of 2 no. new rooflights. New roof covering proposed to building – acme plain clay tile.

**S.13/1019/FUL** Downton Farm, Stanley Downton – Erection of timber framed stables, food/hay store and tack room.

**76/13. Correspondence** - The Clerk highlighted the following items:

- Letter of thanks from Leonard Stanley Football Club
- Invitation to Stroud CAB AGM

- Letter from Persimmon with reference the land on which the Pavilion is sited (the Clerk has requested further information).

### **77/13. Councillors Submissions –**

- i. **Overgrown Hedges.** It was noted that several hedges in the village are impeding pedestrians. The Clerk will contact the owners and request that they are cut back. **CLERK**
- ii. **Mankley Field.** It was noted that if the District Council refuse the planning application that Gladman's may appeal this decision. No funding has been promised to assist with opposing any appeal.
- iii. **Unauthorised access gate onto the Playing Field.** To be included on the October Agenda.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.45 pm. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013**, in the Village Hall.