



# 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> April 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Lease Room of the Village Hall.

Present:- Councillors W Bevan, G Davies, S Davies, P Herbert (Chairman), S Lydon and D Targett

Also Present:- County Cllr Mrs Lesley Williams, District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy and Mrs S Walker (for Public Time).

**Public Time:** - Mrs Walker presented the Members with a petition of over 100 signatories requesting a skate area for the Recreation Ground. She also said that it is possible that some would volunteer their time into helping labour for the project and maybe raise some funds.

The Clerk stated that she has been in contact with Stroud District Council, their advice is to ensure that a skate area will be used and that the opportunity to provide alternatives is not overlooked. They suggested ensuring that the youth are consulted and a Steering Group is set up.

Mrs Walker agreed to join the Steering Group.

**23/12. Apologies for absence** – Cllr R Gaunt.

**24/12. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items** – There were none.

**25/12. Minutes** – It was proposed by Cllr S Davies that the minutes of Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012, be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr D Targett and carried unanimously.

**26/12. To receive updates from the County and District Councillors**

- County Cllr Mrs L Williams stated she has been looking into the historic decisions on why Bath Road did not get Traffic Calming measures when a plan was initially put forward 10 – 15 years ago. She will now contact John Kay of Highways to request what plans are now being proposed and when will there be any consultation.
- District Cllr N Studdert-Kennedy – reminded the Members of the forthcoming District elections.
- District Cllr N Studdert-Kennedy informed the Members of changes to the recycling scheme that are coming into effect, and stated that Roadshows are being planned to explain the changes.

## **27/12 To receive an update from the Clerk**

### **i. Pedestrian Gate for the Playing Fields from Bath Road.**

The Clerk confirmed that Highways have given their approval and that the Public Rights of Way Officer has stated that the Council could purchase a Kissing Gate from them and that the Cotswold Wardens would install it.

### **ii. Pride in Your Neighbourhood (PiYN) Event.**

The Clerk stated that our new Neighbourhood Warden Phil Drew had attended the pre-event meeting but unfortunately had been unable to provide an update before tonight's meeting.

It was requested that other organisations could piggy-back the event, the Clerk will provide Cllr S Lydon with the contacts from the Community Events previously held. **CLERK**

### **iii. Re-surfacing Works**

Highways have completed 'heavy patching' works and will now follow this up with 'surfacing dressing', for Downton Road, The Street, Church Road and Marsh Road. The works for Downton Road is due to commence at the end of April.

### **iv. Gypsy Lane.**

The Clerk confirmed that Planning Permission was granted by Stroud District Council to erect stables in Gypsy Lane – S.11/1163/FUL. The Clerk reported that she had received an email from The Clerk at Kings Stanley Parish Council, stating that some concerns had been raised as to whether more than just stables are being erected. However, District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy said that this had been looked at, and that all is in keeping with the permission granted. If the situation does change then the Clerk can notify the Enforcement Officer to investigate.

## **28/12. To set up a Working Group to explore how to improve Play Facilities in the Recreation Ground, including a request for a skate area.**

The Clerk confirmed that Banner Homes have paid the S.106 monies to Stroud District Council. SDC have advised that the funds are for the improvement to Play Equipment on the Recreation Ground and they would expect a public consultation to establish what the young people of the Parish would like. Upon completion of the results from the consultation a proposal should be submitted for their consideration.

The Clerk confirmed that she has received a letter requesting a skate area and has advised the residents that this can be considered as part of the consultation.

The Clerk stated that a skate area would cost in the region of 40 to 50 thousand pounds. It is important to ensure that this will be used.

Other considerations to be looked at are:

- Alternatives to skate area
- Roundabout is broken and needs to be replaced
- Providing equipment which is also suitable for the disabled.
- Repairing or replacing the wooden obstacle course.

The Members agreed to set up a Steering Group, and Cllrs W Bevan and R Gaunt will represent the Council. Mrs Walker has also agreed to join.

The Clerk confirmed that she has placed an article in the school newsletter and will ensure that one goes in the fortnightly news sheet and on the website, this includes a request for volunteers to a steering group. **CLERK**

### **29/12 To consider a request to use the Recreation Park for a Children's Fair in the Autumn**

The Clerk read out a letter from the organiser of the Children's Fair, requesting permission to hold a fair on the Recreation Ground at the end of September or early October.

*The Members agreed to allow the fair, but held the right to withdraw the permission if adverse weather conditions meant that the ground could be damaged. This was proposed by Cllr W Bevan and seconded by Cllr G Davies and unanimously agreed.*

### **30/12. Financial Issues**

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

*It was proposed to authorise the payments in accordance with the RFO Report, this was proposed by Cllr W Bevan and seconded by Cllr S Davies and unanimously agreed.*

Summary of expenditure for March 2012:-

<b>Description</b>	<b>Total Paid Out</b>	<b>Power of Authority</b>
Pavilion and Playing Fields	£1185.98	LGA 1894 S.8(4) and LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
Administration	£ 818.95	LGA 1972 s.112(2), LGA 1972 s.143, and LG (FP)A 1933 s.5.
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£2004.93</b>	

#### **ii. To consider a request for funds for further improvements to Marsh Lane**

The Stanleys Tracks and Trails Group (STTAG) along with Kings Stanley Parish Council and Highways have made significant improvements to the top end of Marsh Lane. They are now looking to complete this project by finishing it off with some fine topping stone, which will cost in the region of £2000.

The Members voiced some concern as to whether the funds requested were enough to enable them to get the work done immediately or would there be a delay for further fund raising. The Clerk will enquire with STTAG on their timescale and report back to the Members. **CLERK**

*It was agreed to make a grant of £300 to STTAG, this was proposed by Cllr G Davies and seconded by Cllr S Davies and unanimously agreed.*

#### **iii. To authorise the purchase of a Kissing Gate for the Playing Fields**

*It was agreed to purchase a Kissing Gate for the new Pedestrian Access to the Playing Fields, this was proposed by Cllr D Targett and seconded by Cllr G Davies and unanimously agreed.*

#### **iv) To receive confirmation of internal financial checks**

The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Gaunt carried out a check on bank reconciliation dated 31/03/12 and on the following payments: cheque numbers 2190, 2199, 2211 and 2219.

## **v. To approve the appointment of an Internal Auditor**

*It was agreed to approve Tim Smith as Internal Auditor. This was proposed by Cllr D Targett and seconded by Cllr W Bevan and unanimously agreed.*

## **31/12. Planning**

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

The following Planning Applications have been received:

- S.12/0472/HHOLD 3 Tannery Close – Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with Garden Room and bedroom over garage.

*It was agreed to support this application.*

- S.12/0501/HHOLD Brookside – resubmission of planning permission S.11/1204/HHOLD for erection of garage block and access alterations.

There was some debate reference the access arrangements.

*It was agreed to support this application.*

### **ii) The following applications have now received permission:**

- S.11/2530/COU Little Orchard, Seven Waters – Change of Use from a garage with gamesroom over to separate dwelling with extension.
- S.12/0150/HHOLD Quietways, The Street – Single storey extension and insertion of roof lights in east roof slope.

## **32/12. Correspondence**

Details of the correspondence received during March had been circulated. The correspondence files were available for inspection at the meeting. The Clerk highlighted the following items:

- District Cllr R Apperley – combating loneliness.
- Community approaches to reducing traffic – event.
- Deadline for nominations for the local elections.

## **33/12. Councillors Submissions -**

- Cllr S Davies reported that she had attended a VHMC meeting. She reported that the Social Club were struggling financially but the Cricket Club has pledged their support over the next season.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm. The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting to take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012 in The Village Hall at 7.00 pm, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm.