



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 April 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

Also Present:- Steven Miles from Stroud District Council

Presentation: By Steven Miles on Youth and Community Services

The Chairman welcomed Steven Miles, who was standing in for Simon Gillings.

Steven Miles introduced himself to the Members as a Senior Youth Worker for Stroud District Council. He spoke about youth provision and strategy aimed at 13-19 year olds.

Summary of the presentation:-

- The district is divided up into eight localities and Leonard Stanley falls within Stonehouse area.
- Local Youth Forum gives a voice and helps to influence matters that concern them.
- Forums then feed into the District Council Youth Council.
- Positive volunteering work.
- Links with the police and schools.

Steven went onto say that in the past they have had representatives from Leonard Stanley but they haven't had anyone since Christmas. Therefore they wish to highlight the service and encourage any young person who wishes to consider being part of the forum to contact the Parish Council or himself.

The Council agreed to advertise the service in the Village Newsletter.

CLERK

24/15. Apologies for absence was received from District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy

25/15. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items

There were none.

26/15. To approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 2015

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

27/15. To receive an update / reports from the County and District Councillors

(Clerks note: Cllr Steve Lydon was known to be arriving late and it was agreed that this agenda item and agenda item 28/15c be deferred until his arrival. Cllr Steve Lydon arrived at agenda item 31/15).

The following report was sent in by County/District Cllr Steve Lydon and circulated to the Members prior to the meeting:

1 AMEY and Highways

The situation is still dire, sadly even when work has been carried out much of it is not upto standard and needs redoing. At the recent County Council full meeting, there was all party support for a motion to no longer accept that the problems were caused it being a new contract and that financial penalties should be used. I have endeavoured to help by working on a clear customer charter setting out how and when repairs will be carried out.

2 NHS out of hours and hospital pharmacy

The Out Of Hours GP service in the County from April 1 will be run by the South Western Ambulance Service. I am keen to hear of people experiences of the new service. The pharmacy services at Stroud and the Vale hospitals will no longer be delivered by the acute trust at the hospital. Lloyds will now administer the contract and deliver the drugs etc to the hospital

3 Bus Services

After pressure from a myself and Helen the time to respond to the recent survey was extended. I am keen that which services are subsidised and the way the bus companies communicate changes are discussed with parish and town councils.

4 Total Transport Fund

This is a pot worth £7.6m from which GCC has bid and been awarded £350,000 to fund a pilot scheme in the south of the county titled Building Better Transport. It will aim to exploit links between social care, health and education transport working closely with the health service non-emergency patient transport provider and with community and public transport to help to join up services in the Stroud and Dursley areas. If successful the aim would be to roll out the approach across the county.

5 Incinerator

The legal case challenging the secretary of states decision to support the planning inspector will be held in June. The case is supported by all parties at Stroud District. the case will be heard in June. Sadly the County Council leadership have yet to agree to a date to meet with Stroud to discuss concerns.

6 Contracted Out Services

The majority of services delivered by the County are delivered by contractors. Services such as home care are critical not only to the elderly and vulnerable people that use them, but also in the role they have supporting people to stay in their own homes and not in hospital when they have no medical need to be there. Many of the staff are on low wages (some not even receiving the minimum wage) are not paid for travel times, receive poor training and are only given 15 minutes per visit. I supported a motion to have a task group on this whole topic to ensure the contracts require high standards.

7 Car Parking

This is problem throughout the division. We need to work on ensuring there is enough parking for domestic and business use. That people also park respecting the needs of their neighbours. I am keen to progress particularly increasing parking at Cam and Dursley station, at the last GL11 meeting we agreed to call together the officers from rail/district/county authorities to agree a way forward.

8 Active together/youth and highways fund

These are discretionary funds allocated to each County Cllr to support schemes and activities. In relation to Highways I have supported Parsonage St Dursley (block paving) and Peak Lane Coaley (lay by areas) . On the Active Together and Youth Funds, the following organisations have been supported primarily for activity for young people . All Sorts, Dursley Rainbows, St Josephs Nympsfield, Frocester Cricket Club, Dursley Rugby Club, The Vibe youth centre and World Jungle.

Cllr Steve Lydon also updated the Members at the meeting on the following points:-

- The grant of £5,000 for the Tennis Courts is still being processed.
- Stroud District Council are holding a meeting to consider the supermarket proposals.
- The Inspector should be looking at the numbers and details for the Local Plan in May.
- The contract for Mankley Road is about to be signed, so it is hoped that work will commence shortly.

- The Boundary Review is now complete and there will be full elections for District Councillors next year.
- The proposals for 17 dwellings in Bath Road/ Downton Road are being considered by the Planning Inspectorate.

28/15. To receive an update from the Clerk:

a. Table Tennis Table

The table has now been installed on the Playing Fields.

b. Village Design Statement

The Steering Group met with Hayley Holland who is continuing on the gathering evidence stage on the plan. The group were impressed with both the quantity and quality of the work she has carried out so far.

The first public consultation event is planned for Tuesday the 21st April 2015 in the Leaze Room of the Village Hall from 6pm, in which residents are invited to share what they value about the village i.e. green spaces, a tree, a particular building etc.

c. Village Green Application

The Clerk updated the Members on the background and issues which has led to the Inquiry being postponed. The Clerk also updated the Members on the financial implications of this action.

It is expected that the Inquiry will be heard shortly after the High Court action has been completed.

The Easter Egg Hunt provided an enjoyable afternoon and over £300 was raised. Further fun events are now being planned.

d. Casual Vacancy

The Clerk informed the Members that although she has received some enquiries no-one has yet come forward to apply for the Vacancy.

The Council agreed that candidates should be asked to submit a short briefing or cv.

29/15. Financial Issues

j) To authorise payments in accordance with the RFO Report

Summary of expenditure for April 2015:-

Description	Total Paid Out	Power of Authority
Administration	£1269.28	LGA 1972 s.112(2), LG (FP)A 1933 s.5, LGA 1972 s.143, LGA 1972 s.111 & LGA 1972 s.142
Playing Fields	£ 173.00	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
Village Green	£ 593.39	(from fund raising)
Total Payments	£2327.67	

The Council approved the accounts for payment.

30/15. Planning

i. To consider any plans received:

S.15/0520/LBC Vine Cottage, The Street - Remove Gypsum plaster and replace with lime plaster to three walls in the living room and three walls in the dining room. Remove existing floorboards in living rooms and laminate flooring in dining room. Install reclaimed solid wood floorboards.

The Council agreed to support this application.

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

The following planning applications are still pending:-

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.

S.14/2082/FUL (APP/C162/W/15/3003612) Land off Bath Road/Downton Road (near the scout hall). - Erection of 17 dwellings.

S.15/0385/HHOLD Rose Cottage, Bath Road - Single storey flat roofed extension to rear of dwelling to provide new kitchen/dining area.

iii. The following plans have received permission:

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

iv. The following plan has been refused:-

S.15/0297/FUL Land at 30, Bath Road - 5 bedroomed detached house

31/15. Correspondence – The following items were highlighted:-

- Thank you letter from Leonard Stanley Parochial Church Council
- Quarterly crime report from PCSO Liz Ward

32/15. Councillors Submissions –

- The Verges at the end of The Street have been re-grassed.
- Parking problems highlighted - The Clerk will meet with PCSO Liz Ward. **CLERK**
- The Clerk was requested to contact Highways with reference to the poor state of pavements within the village. **CLERK**
- The fence in the Recreation Park with the boundary of Bath Road is broken - this is to be added to the May Agenda. **CLERK**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

The next meeting will be **The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council** will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 12th May 2015 at 7pm followed by **The Annual Parish Meeting** at 8pm.