



# 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> December 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Lease Room of the Village Hall.

Present:- Councillors R Bayliss, C Connett, G Davies (Chairman), S Davies, P Herbert , S Lydon and M Macefield

Also Present:- District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy and 1 Member of the Public

## **Public Time:**

Mrs D Odell from the Mankley Field Action Group updated the Council on a meeting with Phil Skill (Head of Planning) at Stroud District Council. The meeting was very positive and gave advice with reference to Rule 6, in which the Action Group could take part in the proceedings at an appeal hearing, (although this could incur significant financial risks).

Mrs Odell also gave an update on a meeting with Neil Troughton (Development Manager for Gloucestershire Highways) and subsequent correspondence. She reported that she was unsatisfied with his response with regards accidents at the junction of Marsh Road/Church Road.

Mrs Odell further raised a concern that there will be no Parish Council meeting in January despite the likelihood of another planning application due in from Gladmans for Mankley Field.

*It was confirmed that this issue would be dealt with under Agenda Item 112/13iii.*

**102/13. Apologies for absence** were received Cllrs Stuart Craddock and Steve Lydon

## **103/13. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items**

Cllr Graham Davies and Cllr Sue Davies declared an interest in Agenda Item 112/13iii.

## **104/13. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

Cllr Phil Herbert requested that the following amendment be made under Agenda Item 100/13.

The minutes should read "It was confirmed that the Cricket Club is almost certain no longer in existence".

*Subject to this amendment, the minutes were approved and signed as a true record.*

## **105/13. To receive updates from the County and District Councillors**

The Chairman stated that a report has been emailed to all Members from Cllr Steve Lydon.

Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy reported the following:-

- Stroud District Council have agreed to write to the government protesting that the NPPF does not protect the countryside from unwarranted development.
- Woodside Lane; this planning application has been refused for similar reasons to those for Mankley Field.
- Mankley Road; the last resident has moved out and the council are set to proceed with the demolition.
- That a property in St Georges Close can be viewed by appointment, to demonstrate the heat pump system, which is to be used in Council properties where the gas supply is not readily available.
- Bedroom Tax; no one has been evicted by Stroud District Council as a result of the new charge.
- Stroud District Council are in talks with reference setting the new budget.

### **106/13. To receive an update on Highways Issues**

Cllr Steve Lydon, District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy, Mrs D Odell (from the Mankley Field Action Group) and the Clerk met with Mr Neil Troughton & Mr Chris Rose from Highways, who explained the reasons for their response to the Planning Application for Mankley Field. They did agree to go back and check the information supplied by Gladmans.

Cllrs Steve Lydon, Sue Davies and the Clerk are to meet with Richard Gray to discuss; the installation of a bollard at new build out at Lamb's Triangle, the cutting back of the hedge, the drains in Gypsy Lane, potholes and possibility of installing a finger post at the corner of the Street.

**CLERK/SL/SD**

### **107/13. To consider whether to request the reinstatement of the street light at Popular Gate Lane**

The Clerk confirmed that she has written to all the residents in that area, and received a tremendous response from them. There is some confusion as to what light is not working as the main light, which is important to the residents, is working. This is therefore still being investigated.

**CLERK**

### **108/13. Playing Field:-**

#### **i) To consider what action to take to recuperate monies spent repairing the Playing Field after the fun fair in October 2012**

The Council agreed to write to Mr Angus Peddrick and inform him of the full costs incurred and request that he now pay.

**CLERK**

If Mr Peddrick fails to pay or respond then the Council agreed that this should be taken to the Courts mediation service. Further action should be decided when the full facts are known.

#### **ii) To consider purchasing new litter bins and a bench**

The Clerk confirmed that a new litter bin would cost approx. £250 and a new bench would also cost approx. £250 plus £100 to install both. The bin should be installed by the kissing gate entrance to the park and will be emptied by Stroud District Council. The bench should be installed near to the new play equipment.

**CLERK**

### iii) To consider adding a wide ramp to the embankment slide

The Clerk stated she had received a request to add a wider ramp and remove the top bar from the embankment slide. The Clerk stated she had spoken with HAGS who reported that the bar was required under safety standards, to encourage children to sit down whilst using the slide and prevent them from roller-skating down. If the Parish Council were to remove the bar it would invalidate the insurance.

*It was agreed to install a wider ramp to access the embankment slide.*

**CLERK**

### iv) To discuss the vandalism

The Clerk reported that some youths, not thought to be from Leonard Stanley, pulled up the goal posts. The police were informed but the youths could not be found.

### v) To receive confirmation on the reinstatement of the fence on the Playing Field

The Clerk confirmed that a fence across the gate has been reinstated.

### 109/13. To consider the options for the Pavilion

The Council discussed the various issues with regards to the Pavilion.

The Council are minded to agree to a request from the Football Club to enter a longer 3 year hire agreement, but would like to tighten the condition on which works could be done, to ensure that the Parish Council approves them before any work is undertaken. The Council would also like to meet with several representatives of the Football Club, (hopefully the Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman) to discuss what rent should be charged.

It was agreed that Cllrs Rob Bayliss, Chris Connett and Phil Herbert should represent the Parish Council in these talks and report back to the Parish Council in February's meeting. The Clerk should write to the Football Club to request a meeting.

**CLERK/RB/CC/PH**

(Cllr Mia Macefield departed).

### 110/13. To consider ideas put forward for the Community Pay Back Team

Various possibilities were put forward and considered but no suitable projects were found at this time.

### 111/13. Financial Issues

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

Summary of expenditure for December 2013:-

<b>Description</b>	<b>Total Paid Out</b>	<b>Power of Authority</b>
Pavilion and Playing Fields	£ 10.00	LG(MP)A 1976
Administration	£564.03	LGA 1972 s.112(2) & LG (FP)A 1933 s.5
Village Maintenance	£318.00	Highways A 1980 ss.43 & Litter A 1983 ss.5,6
Grants	£ 24.00	S.137
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£916.03</b>	

*The Council approved the accounts for payment.*

#### **ii) To receive a donation of £516.46 for future improvements to the Tennis Courts**

The Clerk reported receiving a cheque for £516.46 from the Tennis Club, which should be used for future maintenance and improvements to the Tennis Courts.

The Clerk will send a letter of thanks.

**CLERK**

**iii) To consider grants**

The Council considered a verbal request for some monies to be granted to the Village Hall Management Committee. The Council asked that the VHMC send a letter detailing the amount they would like the Parish Council to consider and what the grant would be used for.

A request from St Roses 'save the school fund' was not felt appropriate; however the Council were willing to write a letter of support.

**CLERK**

The Council agreed to approve the following grants:

Monday Club	£150
Stroud CAB	£350
Ring and Ride	£100
St Swithuns' PCC	£100
LS Toddler Group	£100

**iv) To revise the budget for the Financial Year 2013/2014 and to set the budget for Financial Year 2014/2015**

The Council considered a request from the Twinning Association to set aside funds for a possible grant to them for Financial Years 2014/15 and 2015/16. The Council agreed to set aside £500 for Financial Year 2014/15 and will consider next year if/what funds should be set aside for Financial Year 2015/16. The Clerk to inform the Twinning Association of their decision.

**CLERK**

The Council considered the information provided by the RFO for a revised budget for Financial Year 2013/2014 and a proposed budget for Financial Year 2014/2015 and suggested some minor amendments. (see appendix 1)

*Subject to some minor amendments the Council agreed to approve both budgets.*

**v) To set the Precept for Financial Year 2014/2015**

The Clerk advised that the Stroud District Council were unable to supply the details of the Tax Base as yet.

It was therefore agreed to request an extension to respond for the precept request from Stroud District Council and defer the setting of the precept until the February meeting.

**112/13. Planning**

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

**a) S.13/2559/HHOLD** Chosen View, Stanley Downton – Proposed two storey side extension, additional dormer window, rooflights and ground floor window all to match existing.

*It was agreed to support this application.*

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

The following application has now received permission:-

**S.13/2277/DEM** 21 Mankley Road – Demolish half pair of Woolaway Houses.

The following application has been refused:-

**S.13/2109/FUL** 35 Brimley – Proposed single storey single bedroomed dwelling.

The following application is still pending:-

**S.13/2190/FUL** Chapel House, The Street – Erection of one dwelling.

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

The Clerk updated the Council on a recent meeting with Phil Skill, which as previously reported by Mrs Odell, was positive.

Stroud District Council have informed the Council that they are expecting to receive a duplicate planning application from Gladmans.

*The Council agreed to hold a special meeting in January 2014, if a response to this application was required before the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014.*

**113/13. Correspondence** - The following item was highlighted:

- A certificate for Cllr Rob Bayliss for attending training with GAPTC for Roles and Responsibilities and Code of Conduct.

**114/13. Councillors Submissions –**

The Chairman Cllr Graham Davies wished to thank Cllr Sue Davies for stepping in last month and setting up the hall and taking the minutes. The Chairman then thanked all the Members and the Clerk for their contribution in what has been a challenging year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35 pm. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014**, in the Village Hall.

## Appendix 1

	Revised Budget Totals 2013/2014	Proposed budget  Total 2014/2015
1. Admin		
Employment	6672	7000
Expenses	360	360
Meetings	150	150
Subscriptions	519	550
Audits	220	400
Stationary & Computer	500	200
Training	100	200
Wreaths	40	40
Miscellaneous	120	250
Legal Costs for Repairs to PF	300	0
Village Champions	158	0
Neighbourhood Warden	200	225
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9339</b>	<b>9375</b>
2. Insurance	<b>1740</b>	<b>1800</b>
3. Projects		
General Grants	1000	1500
Twinning Association	0	500
Action Group	754	0
Grant to Apple Day	80	80
Grant to Village Fair	257	300
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2091</b>	<b>2380</b>
4. Village Maintenance		
Litter Pickup	700	700
Grass Cutting	2020	2100
Hedges	335	340
General Maintenance	500	500
Winter Maintenance	100	100
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3655</b>	<b>3740</b>
5. Playing Field		
Grass Cutting	1633	1800
Tennis Court Rates	0	50
Inspections/Servicing	250	300
General Maintenance/Repairs	500	500
Repairs to damage on Playing Fields	2610	0
(include c/f of £2100 from 2012/13)		
New Bin and Bench	600	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5603</b>	<b>2650</b>
6. Pavilion		
Servicing	100	300
Contingency	100	200
Maintenance/Improvements	2500	500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2700</b>	<b>1000</b>
7. New Play Equipment	<b>49973</b>	<b>0</b>
8. Tennis Court Improvements	<b>0</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>75101</b>	<b>21195</b>

