



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 1st December 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present:- Councillors R Bayliss (Chairman), G Davies, S Davies and P Herbert

100/15. Apologies for absence: was received from Cllrs Jan Bogdiukiewicz, Stuart Craddock, Steve Lydon and District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy

101/15. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items

There were none.

102/15. To approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd November 2015

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

103/15. To receive an update / reports from the County and District Councillors

A report was received from Cllr Steve Lydon and circulated to Members prior to the meeting. (see Appendix 1)

104/15. To receive an update from the Clerk:-

- a. **Goal posts for the Playing Field.** The Football Club have agreed to this request.
- b. **Dog signs to the entrances to the Playing Field.** A new sign will be erected on the gate at Bath Road, at all other entrances it will be painted onto the ground to say 'no dogs'.
- c. **Recent Highways meeting.** Cllr Sue Davies and the Clerk had a constructive meeting was held with Andrew Middlecote from Highways.
- d. **The name for the new development at Mankley Road.** The Clerk reported that Stroud District Council has agreed to the recommendation of Sandford Close.

105/15. To receive a report on the recent Joint Cluster Meeting

Cllr Rob Bayliss gave a detailed report from the recent Cluster Meeting he attended.

The Neighbourhood Wardens will be back up to 8 with 2 Senior Wardens.

106/15. To receive a report on a recent sewage blockage

Cllr Rob Bayliss updated the Council on a recent sewage blockage; which resulted in the part of the playing fields and Pavilion being flooded with sewage. The Council wished to thank Severn Trent Water who responded quickly and did a brilliant job in clearing up the mess.

The Chairman to send a letter of thanks to Severn Trent Water.

CHAIR

107/15. To consider a request from 'Kick off Stroud' for a one day camp on the Playing Fields

It was agreed to allow Kick Off Stroud to hold a one day club over the Christmas Holidays.

The same terms and conditions are to be applied, as were imposed for the October Half Term Club.

108/15. Financial Issues

j) To authorise payments in accordance with the RFO Report

Summary of expenditure for December 2015:-

Description	Total Paid Out	Power of Authority
Administration	£1193.14	LGA 1972 s.112(2), LG (FP)A 1933 s.5 & LGA 1972 s.111, LG & Rating Act 1997 s.31
Playing Fields	£ 59.00	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
Village Maintenance	£150.00	Litter A 1983 ss.5,6 & Highways A 1980 s.96
Village Green	£825.60	From donations
Total Payments	£2227.74	

The Council approved the accounts for payment.

ii) To consider grants for local groups/organisations (from 2015/16 budget)

The following grants were agreed:

- CAB Stroud £350.00
- Toddlers Group £150.00

iii. To consider the revised budget for the Financial Year 2015/2016

The Clerk circulated a report to Members prior to the meeting.

The revised budget for the financial year 2015/16 was approved.

iv. To consider setting the budget for the Financial Year 2016/2017

The Clerk circulated a report to Members prior to the meeting.

The budget for the financial year 2016/2017 was approved.

v. To set the precept for the Financial Year 2016/2017.

It was agreed to set the precept unchanged at £25,000 for the financial year 2016/2017.

109/15. Planning

i. To consider any plans received:

S.15/2511/HHOLD Old Lawn Bath Road Erection of single and two storey extensions

It was agreed to support this application.

S.15/2492/HHOLD 58 Dozule Close Replace car port with garage (attached to bungalow).

It was agreed to support this application.

S.15/2597/HHOLD 28 Woodlands Extension to rear and side elevations

It was agreed to support this application.

S.15/2666/HHOLD 4 Church Road Single storey rear extension

It was agreed to support this application.

S.15/2742/CPL Grange Farm, Bath Road Attached Conservatory

No Observations.

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

The following plans have been refused:

S.15/1856/FUL Proposed Solar Farm (site 1) To the south of Stanley Downton Sewage Farm – 4.7MW Solar Farm and associated infrastructure

S.15/1781/FUL Proposed Solar Farm (site 2) To the west of Stanley Downton Sewage Works – 4.7MW Solar Farm and associated infrastructure.

The following plan is still pending:

S.15/1417/OUT Greenstiles (Land East of Seven Waters) – Outline Permission for a Residential Development of 44 dwellings and a children's nursery.

110/15. Correspondence – The following item was highlighted:-

- Update on Frocester Motocross

111/15. Councillors Submissions

The Mankley Field Village Green Inquiry is to commence on Monday the 7th December 2015.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd February 2016 at 7.30pm.

Appendix 1

Review and Autumn Statement

Although the full implications for the district council and county council of the measures in the Chancellor's autumn statement will not be fully worked out for a week or two, it is possible to say where they will affect SDC's budget before being quantified.

Core central government funding, made up of business rates and revenue support grant to local government will fall by 24% over the next 5 years in real terms. Some key messages include:

The government announced it will consult on reforms to the New Homes Bonus, the funds the council receives for a 6 year period for every new home built or brought back into occupation. The suggestion is that the payment period be reduced from 6 to 4 years.

There will be reductions to the public health budget. This will have a significant negative effect of the essential prevention services provided by the council, which works in close collaboration with the county Clinical Commissioning Group on such measures.

Councils will be able to use capital receipts from the sale of assets for revenue (subject to circumstances yet to be announced). Of course once the assets are sold they can't be used again.

The planning system will benefit from an uplift in planning fees. Gloucestershire's devolution bid has argued that the fees should be locally determined to meet each planning area's characteristics.

There was nothing in the autumn statement to encourage building affordable housing for rent either by councils or housing associations. In fact £12billion will be taken out of local investment in housing by 2020.

Stroud District Local Plan

As you will know, at the council meeting on 19th November councillors adopted the Stroud District Local Plan. It is the first council in Gloucestershire to have an up-to-date local plan in place and means the council can plan strategically on housing and employment land, and will help considerably in opposing speculative applications. The government inspector supported allocated housing and employment sites within the Stroud Valleys, west of Stonehouse, North East Cam and at Hunt's Grove (Hardwicke) as promoting sustainable development.

In particular he mentioned that while supporting the planned 450 dwellings in Cam, he stated that alternative sites such as Elm Lodge, Lower Knapp Farm and land east of Dursley would represent a significant incursion into open country side.

Since the inspector's report was published two appeals against refusals for development have been withdrawn.

The application for development at Harding's Drive has now been recommended for refusal.

Syrian Refugees

Gloucestershire will be welcoming three Syrian refugee families before Christmas, one in Gloucester city and two in Cheltenham. The Gloucester property is private rented and the two in Cheltenham are with Cheltenham Borough Homes. No more families will be coming to the county before Christmas. In Stroud the council has earmarked four properties, all to be leased from a housing association and they should be ready by early to mid January.

The furniture bank at Brimscombe Port will be providing furniture for the refugee families.

'Have Your Say on Transport'

This is a critical piece of work. The Draft Local Transport Plan includes policies and scheme priorities across all modes of transport.

https://gloucestershire-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/trp/funded_public_transport_survey/funded_public_transport_survey_1?cldee=cGV0ZXlud2lnZ2luc0BnbG91Y2VzdGVyc2hpcmUuZ292LnVr

The consultation will end on 5 February 2016

Devolution

Gloucestershire has submitted its bid to government to take greater control of its public services.

The statement of intent document, ***We are Gloucestershire***, was sent to Ministers last week, setting out what the county is asking for as part of the bill of devolution.

Devolution would allow Gloucestershire to have responsibility for public services based on what people need and want.

Partners across the county would have more say over social care and health spending, local transport networks, business rates, education and infrastructure.

Developed by countywide partners - Gloucestershire County Council, the six district councils, GFirst Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), it highlights the local challenges we face and puts forward solutions.

It also makes it clear to Ministers that because Gloucestershire's boundary is shared by all partners involved, unlike many other areas asking for devolution, we're perfectly situated and already making good progress in joint working.

The statement of intent pulls out five areas that the partners would like to focus on and take more responsibility for:

- Economy, skills and employment - devolved accountability and budgets to enable countywide economic planning to be driven by GFirst LEP
- Planning, transport and infrastructure - simplified decision making for strategic planning, accelerated delivery of housing and investments into better transport links
- Health and social care - fully delegated authority for all health care budgets, fully integrated health and social care and a single vision for health and wellbeing for the county
- Community safety - community-based budgets to focus support where needed, joined up interventions on domestic violence, sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation, more investment in prevention and diversion from crime

- Collective decision making and accountability - pooling together public sector funding to get the best from spending power and a single point of accountability

Devolution bid for Gloucestershire – latest position 12 November 2015

The County Council with ten other public sector partners to have one conversation with government about how, through devolution, they can achieve better outcomes and reduced costs.

Following the “We are Gloucestershire” submission, we have been working with civil servants to develop our detailed bid and firm up what Gloucestershire is asking for. We were invited to a ‘challenge session’ with the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Greg Clark on 11 November. Team Gloucestershire comprised Mark Hawthorne, Leader Gloucestershire County Council, Diane Savory and David Owen, Chair and Chief Executive of GFirst LEP, Geoff Wheeler, Leader Stroud District Council and Mike Dawson, Chief Executive Tewkesbury Borough Council. All are agreed that the Devolution bid does not include scope for an elected Mayor or a centralised secretariat. The minister welcomed the bid and the bid team are being invited back in the New Year to address primarily two topics a) governance- if not an elected mayor who and how will the network be led and and chaired and b) housing- the minister is keen that the plans set out how more housing will be delivered by the joint working.

Active Together and Young Persons Funds

Among the projects that have been supported include, Leonard Stanley tennis courts, Dursley rugby club women's changing facilities, St Dominic's school Nympsfield sporting activities, Dursley Ladies football team, the vale hospital gardening project, all sorts out of school activity club.

There are still some small sums left for both funds. Active Together is aimed at adults to support primarily their health and fitness. The Young Persons Funds is aimed primarily at young people u 12. If you know of organisations or projects that might benefit from support please ask them to contact me.

Highways

While there is much work outstanding, it's my understanding that we are upto date with complaints being registered. I wish to record my thanks to Andrew Middlecote our Highways Manager who seems to have the bit between his teeth.

Can I take this opportunity to wish Council staff and councillors a Happy Christmas and a good New Year. Thank you for your help over the past 12 months, particularly for all the kind messages and support during my recent illness during the last 3 months.