



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 July 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present:- Councillors C Connett, G Davies, S Davies, P Herbert and S Lydon (arrived at Agenda Item 58/15).

54/15. Apologies for absence was received from Cllrs Stuart Craddock, Rob Bayliss, Jan Bogdiukiewicz, Steve Lydon and District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy

55/15. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items

There were none.

56/15. To approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd June 2015

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

57/15. Planning

i. To consider any plans received:

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

There was a public meeting held prior to this Parish Council meeting. At the public meeting everyone declared they were opposed to this development.

The Council agreed to object to this application. The Clerk is to write to Stroud District Council and list the reasons for objecting.

CLERK

b. S.15/1197/HHOLD 79 Mankley Road – 2.5 Extension.

The Council agreed to object to this application; it is considered out of keeping and will have an overbearing effect and loss of privacy to the neighbouring properties.

c. S.15/0653/HHOLD Rose Cottage, Bath Road - To drop kerbs in front of property and gain access to park vehicles off the highway.

The Council agreed to support this application.

iii. The following plans have received permission:

S.15/0975/HHOLD 11a Marsh Lane Front and rear single storey extensions.

S.15/0874/HHOLD 3 Brimley Create access driveway across council green using plastic grid to allow grass to grow through.

The following plan has been refused permission at appeal:

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

iii. To consider any factors that may affect the siting of a Solar Farm by the Sewage Works

The Council noted several footpaths that may be affected and wished to ensure that they are protected.

58/15. To receive an update / reports from the County and District Councillors

County and District Cllr Steve Lydon sent in a report to Members which was circulated prior to the meeting. (Please see Appendix 1).

He further highlighted:

- News out today reference the numbers required for the Emerging Local Plan are to be set at 11,400. This is now subject to a three month consultation.
- The health budget is expected to be reduced by several million; this will cut work carried out on prevention measures.
- Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) missed their own targets for repairing potholes.
- New Contracts are to be signed at GCC for social care.
- Concerns regarding the new bus changes have been raised. (Note the 66s is now to service the Park and Ride).

59/15. To receive an update on a meeting with the Highways Stakeholder Manager

A list of concerns was provided to Andrew Middlecote which included:-

- Parking at Church Road
- Ryeford Bridge
- Row of bollards at Stanley Downton
- Lambs Triangle
- Downton Road

The Council agreed to write to County Cllr Steve Lydon to support an initiative to improve the traffic priority at Ryeford Bridge. **CLERK**

The Council also requested that the Clerk write to Highways to express their dismay at the recently re-erected verge markers being knocked down again when verge cutting took place on Frocester Hill. **CLERK**

60/15. Playing Fields – to discuss weed killing and re-seeding of the playing field

The Council agreed to re-visit this next spring.

61/15. Financial Issues

j) To authorise payments in accordance with the RFO Report

Summary of expenditure for July 2015:-

Description	Total Paid Out	Power of Authority
Administration	£ 893.67	LGA 1972 s.112(2), LG (FP)A 1933 s.5, LGA 1972 s.143 & LGA 1972 s.111
Playing Fields	£ 30.00	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
Village Maintenance	£ 430.00	Litter A 1983 ss.5,6, Highways A 1980 s.96 & Highways A 1980 ss.43,50
Grant	£ 347.72	S.137
Village Green	£ 700.00	(from donations)
Total Payments	£2401.39	

The Council approved the accounts for payment.

ii. To consider quotes received for carryout a specialist drainage assessment of the playing field.

It was agreed to defer this Agenda Item until the September meeting.

CLERK

62/15. To consider a letter received from the Village Hall Management Committee with regards their car park

The Members discussed various ways of improving the situation and decided that the Pavilion Car Park should be better utilised. It was felt that the barrier was more of a hindrance than a help and should be left down.

The Council agreed to purchase and install a gate by the garage/pavilion.

CLERK

63.15. To discuss a memorial bench for the Twinning Association

The Council agreed to permit the Twinning Association to install a Memorial Bench on the triangle of land where the Jubilee Oak Tree is sited in Church Road.

64/15. Correspondence – The following items were highlighted:-

- Final conclusions from the Boundary Review
- Letter from resident reference the 6-aside tournament.

65/15. Councillors Submissions

There were none.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 1st September 2015 at 7.30pm.

Appendix 1

Cllr Steve Dursley County Cllr Steve Lydon Report

June 2015

Highways

Gloucestershire County Council has failed to meet its own pothole filling target blaming the 'mild summer' and 'less rain' for its poor performance. According to the council's own figures last year (2014/15) the council only repaired 32,719 missing it4s own target by over 11,000. The figure represents a massive decrease in the number of potholes fixed in the county, with the council repairing 18, 128 fewer potholes than it did in 2013/14.

The performance report released by the council this month also reveals that the number of potholes did increase towards the end of last year.

It's a very frustrating situation , I have formally written to the head of highways, asking for clarity on if/when a job will be done, and to check it has been undertaken. One would have thought this is not too much to ask !

On a separate point, each County Cllr has an allocation of £20k for highways work, if you have ideas for how that should be spent please let me know.

Children and Families

Only 41.2% of Children and Young People Initial Assessments are being completed within 10 working days according to the county council's own performance figures.

The County Council has a target to assess 72% of initial assessments with 10 working days. Capacity issues, staff changes, unfilled vacancies as well as heavy workloads have been blamed for the low percentage of assessments completed within 10 days. It is worrying that only 41% of initial assessments are being completed within 10 working days of referral.

The recent performance report reflects the pressure the system is under. Frontline staff are clearly under an immense amount of pressure, they often have heavy caseloads and there is a considerable demand for their services. I will be seeking assurances from the council that vulnerable children are not being put at any unnecessary risk because of the delay in carrying out these important assessments. It is not acceptable that the majority of assessments are not carried out on time in Gloucestershire. The council needs to look carefully at how it can resolve this problem to ensure that potentially vulnerable children and young people are assessed in a timely way.

Health Matters

A recent Care Quality Commission inspection of Gloucestershire Royal Hospitals Trust which includes Cheltenham General Hospital (CGH), Gloucestershire Royal Hospital (GRH) and Stroud Maternity Hospital took place in March .

The overall rating for the Trust is Requires Improvement. The inspection found a number of areas for improvement, including:

- The trust must improve its performance in relation to the time that patients spend in the emergency department to ensure that patients are assessed and treated within appropriate timescales.
- The trust must continue to ensure there are enough qualified, skilled and experienced consultants and middle grade doctors in the emergency department at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and to reduce reliance on locum medical staff.
- Delays in ambulance handover times must be reduced, and steps taken to ensure that patients arriving at the emergency departments by ambulance do not have to queue in the corridors.
- Patients with mental health needs who attend the emergency departments out of hours should receive prompt and effective support from trained mental health practitioners.

There has also been a report by Monitor the Govt. group responsible for looking at the NHS .

Monitor has opened an investigation into Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to find out why patients have been waiting too long to be seen in its A&E department.

The trust, which provides acute and specialist care at hospitals in Gloucester and Cheltenham, has been failing to see some patients in A&E within the national waiting time target of four hours. It has been missing this target for the majority of the financial year 2014-15.

Domiciliary Care

The Council is re-structuring how it commissions domiciliary care provision in the county. The cabinet has approved plans divide county into 6/7 zones with different approaches in urban and rural areas. It is likely that a single provider will be appointed in each of the two urban areas (Gloucester and Cheltenham). The rest of the county will be into 4 or 5 rural zones. The council will offer exclusivity to providers that can offer a fixed hourly rate to include travel. I will be pushing the council to use this opportunity to ensure domiciliary care workers are adequately trained and we are pushing the council to mandate providers to pay care workers the living wage. I am concerned by the changes to domiciliary care and am working with the Unions and care groups to ensure adequate safeguards are in place to protect both patients and care workers.

Devolution

District and County Council leaders have met to discuss approaching Government about a collective arrangement. As policy develops nationally it will be important for Gloucestershire to have a clear position, ideally agreed and supported by key partners locally, including GCC, NHS, LEP, Police and District Councils. Initial discussions have taken place at the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee (GEGJC) and the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee, as well as at Leadership Gloucestershire.

The aim is to try and agree a statement of intent during the summer with a devolution proposition to be worked up ready for September / October, when it is anticipated that there will be a significant increase in Government activity. Potentially including the opportunity to submit proposals to Government, as indicated above in the Chancellors statement. I am keen that the opportunity is taken to also explore how the role of Parish and Town Councils can be enhanced.

Buses

There have been numerous changes to timetables, park and rides and routes, the bus companies need to improve communications about changes. The County Council is reviewing the level of subsidies further and I am asking that the parish and town councils are engaged in the review.

Youth Support

Each County Cllr has an allocation of £5k to support youth work in their division, I am happy to discuss ideas.

