



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 5th July 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present:- Councillors R Bayliss (Chairman), C Connett, S Craddock, G Davies, S Davies, K Harrison (arrived at 7.50 pm), P Herbert and S Lydon (arrived at 7.45 pm).

Also Present:- Neighbourhood Warden Stuart Beard

66/16. Apologies for absence: Apologies were accepted from Cllr Jan Bogdiukiewicz and District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy.

67/16. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items

There were none.

68/16. To approve the minutes from the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th June 2016

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

69/16. To receive an update / reports from the County and District Councillors

A report was received from Cllr Steve Lydon and has been circulated to Members. (See Appendix 1)

In addition to the report Cllr Lydon said that the whole of Mankley Road will be re-surfaced following the development of Sandford Close; however it is likely to happen in stages.

70/16. To receive a report from the Clerk:-

i) Work carried out on the Playing Field by HMP Leyhill

The team from HMP Leyhill carried out the following work:-

- Clearance of all the overgrown moss, weeds and brambles from inside the Tennis Courts.
- Strimming work by the Play Equipment and a few other areas to improve the use of the facilities. Further ground works are required to make the area useable.
- Litter pick

Memorial Gardens; the team were not authorised to use some of the equipment that would be needed to cut back the trees. This will now be treated as Ground Works when the project for installing cricket nets is undertaken.

The team may be able to return to undertake rubbing down and painting of the swings and youth shelter.

A letter of thanks is to be sent.

CLERK

ii) Display by Barratt Homes on their plans for the development of Mankley Field

The plans were displayed in the Village Hall for 3 evenings last month. A copy of the feedback has been circulated to the Members. A response is being considered; in a hope that any issues can be addressed.

CLERK

iii) External Defibrillator

The criteria applied for the new grant application was limited and did not apply to Leonard Stanley; therefore the Clerk has requested the lease of the defibrillator be processed. The unit has now been delivered. The secretary to the Village Hall has been asked to confirm that the Parish Council can now install the unit.

iv) Leonard Stanley Football Club, including the 6-side tournament.

Cllr Stuart Craddock confirmed that he has resigned as the Chairman of the Football Club. Therefore it is hoped that a meeting with the new Chairman and Secretary in the beginning of August can be agreed.

There was some internal confusion within the Football Club; which led to the 6-side tournament being scheduled for the beginning of July. The Parish Council had made it clear that this date was unacceptable due to the recent re-seeding of the football pitch.

71/16. To approve a request from Kick Off Stroud; to hold a club in the summer holidays.

Kick Off Stroud have requested use of the playing field for a 3 day club over the summer holidays (the proposed dates are Monday 15th August – Wednesday 17th August).

The Council approved a three day camp during the Summer holidays, subject to the conditions as previously applied.

72/16. To re-view and adopt Standing Orders.

The Standing Orders had been amended to ensure that they complied with current regulations.

A copy of the amended Standing Orders had been issued to the Members prior to the meeting.

The Council agreed to adopt the amended version of the Standing Orders.

73/16. Financial Issues

i) To authorise payments in accordance with the RFO Report

Summary of expenditure for July 2016:-

Description	Total Paid Out	Power of Authority
Administration	£1028.19	LGA 1972 s.112(2), LG (FP)A 1933 s.5, & LGA 1972 s.111
Playing Fields	£ 332.00	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
Village Maintenance	£ 326.94	Litter A 1983 ss.5,6 & Highways A 1980 s.96
Grant	£ 300.00	S.137
Total Payments	£1987.13	

The Council approved the accounts for payment.

ii) To approve a grant of £300 to the Twinning Association

The Council approved a grant of £300 to the Twinning Association.

74/16. Planning

i. To consider any plans received:

S.15/2590/OUT Brunsdon Yard Hybrid Planning Application for full planning permission for demolition of existing buildings and erection of a single storey Class A1 foodstore with parking spaces, access and landscaping. An outline planning permission for Class A1 retail terrace, drive through, access and landscaping.

The Council agreed to defer their decision.

S.16/1298/FUL Belle Vue - erection of a 2 bedroom dwelling

It was agreed to object to this application; the Council concurred with the Planning Officers comments:-

“I have now had an opportunity to visit the site and consider the plans and unfortunately the planning service will not be supporting your proposal. This is on the basis that the proposed dwelling, due to its footprint and the restricted size of the site, would result in a cramped form of development which is not compatible with the character and appearance of the surrounding area. In addition, following construction of the proposed dwelling, it would result in both poor quality and insufficient amenity land for the new dwelling and the existing house known as Belle Vue which would be to the detriment of the occupants of the dwelling”.

S.16/1249/FUL Knoll Cottage, Gypsy Lane - Erection of detached domestic outbuilding. Formation of new vehicular access. Change of use of land from agricultural to residential curtilage.

It was agreed to object to this application; the Council concurred with the Planning Officers comments:-

“Having now had the opportunity to visit the site and consider the plans, I am writing to inform you that

the planning service will not be supportive of your proposal. This is on the basis that the proposal for the change of use of land to residential curtilage, would cause an incongruous visual intrusion into the open countryside outside the defined settlement limits. In addition to this, the overly domesticated outbuilding would cause a significant domestication and result in an intrusion of domestic paraphernalia into land that otherwise has a clearly agricultural character. This would be harmful to the rural character and appearance of the area contrary Policy ES7 of the adopted Stroud District Local Plan, November 2015 and Chapter 11 of the NPPF”.

S.16/1398/REM Mankley Field - Approval of the reserved matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale from appeal APP/C1625/A/13/2207324 (S.13/1289/OUT) for 150 units, together with approval of conditions 5 - Code Level, 6 - Tree retention, 8 - Ecology mitigation strategy, 11 - Surface water drainage, 13 - Vehicle parking and turning facilities, 14 - Highway Improvements, 19 - Details of recreation areas and 21 - Lighting strategy.

The Council has not had sufficient time to study the details of the application; *the Council therefore agreed to defer their decision until the September meeting.*

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

The following plan has been approved:

S.16/0950/LBC Marsh Lodge, Marsh Road Replacement of 12 windows and 3 doors.

iii) To approve a draft response to the Planning Appeal for Greenstiles

A draft response was circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

The draft response was approved.

CLERK

75/16. Correspondence – The following items were highlighted:-

- Invite from Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association – 90th Anniversary Reception.
- Thank you letter; reference work carried out on the Tennis Courts.

76/16. Councillors Submissions

- Parking Issues in Downton Road, caused by a toddler group meeting every week at the scout hall and their cars spilling out onto the road. Stuart Beard (Neighbourhood Warden) will team up with PCSO Liz Ward to speak with the users. **SB/LW**
- There is an abandoned car in Church Road. Stuart Beard confirmed that its removal is being processed.
- Whilst verge cutting; Amey Highways have damaged road markers and signs in between Frocester and Seven Waters. The Clerk to contact Amey. **CLERK**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 6th September 2016 at 7.30pm.

Appendix 1

Steve Lydon Report for July 2016

Youth Support

As mentioned before, each County Cllr has an allocation of £5k per division which I am keen to use some of this funding to support activities in and around Leonard Stanley. Please let any potential interested parties know.

Highways

Please see below the detail of where the Lengths man scheme will undertake work. It also covers the types of activity they will undertake.

WORKS SCHEDULE:

Location ID	Length of road	Specific tasks (if any)
1	The Street, Coaley. Footpath from Peter Street to the School	Work to be focused on footpaths between roads as shown on plan
2	Downton Road, Leonard Stanley. Footpath on Downton Road	Work to be focused on footpaths between roads as shown on plan
3	Lambs Triangle, Leonard Stanley	Cut back verge and hedge for visibility
4	Bath Road, Leonard Stanley	Work to be focused on footpaths between roads as shown on plan
5	The Street and Lampern View, Uley	Work to be focused on footpaths between roads as shown on plan
6	Footpath from Woodview to Dursley Police Station, Dursley	Work to be focused on footpaths between roads as shown on plan

PRIORITY ACTIVITIES FOR LENGTHSMAN:

Fill small holes in the road / footway

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Clean sign faces and bollard reflectors

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Straighten sign posts, verge posts / bollards

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Clear drainage gully grills and grips

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Prune / strim overhanging & intrusive vegetation

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Tidy up footways (vegetation siding, rebed loose slabs / kerbs / setts)

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Reset loose gully grills and other ironwork

LOOK OUT FOR:

PROW - refix sign heads, refix or replace wooden stile steps, straighten signs posts, trim / tidy around stiles and gates

LITTER – bag up litter (so long as this doesn't take up too much time)

DEAD ANIMALS – report to district / borough council

The public can report highway issues and track progress online at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/reportit or call 08000 514 514

Mankley Field Development

The full planning permission has now been submitted. Ref traffic management and problems with construction traffic I have formally written to the County Council on this matter. Sadly (but probably as expected) they say they have no influence on this and ultimately the only sanction local people have are to report any obstruction matters etc to the police. For matters onsite, eg hours of work, noise, footpath and wildlife protection these matters will be subject to control by the District Council. Who can ultimate stop work on the site and prosecute. Of course it's everyone's interest to ie local people and the contractors to work together. The experience at Woodside Lane shows the clear need to regularly meet with the contractors and try to work out any problems before matters get out of hand.

Devolution

All the Gloucestershire Districts, together with the County Council, Police and Crime Commissioner and the Clinical Commissioning Group meet on a regular basis in the form of Leadership Gloucestershire. An initial bid was made to Government to consider a CCN. However, the recent deliberations were put on hold owing to Cotswold District Council considering joining West Oxfordshire. It also thought that the Gloucestershire was not ambitious enough, and that more could be done to demonstrate a commitment to genuine partnership working. The elephant in the room is the spectre of an elected mayor; Government is very much pushing for an elected Mayor to be part of any devolution deal. One thing there appears that all organisations who are members of Leadership Gloucestershire agree on is that no one wants an elected mayor.

Geographical we are also well placed to look South many of our people already study and/or work in South Gloucester and Bristol, and many of our businesses have strong links there. Also Government thinking may well change on devolution arrangements, with forthcoming changes in leadership.

Health

Stroud Hospital Minor Injuries Unit is very likely to be closed overnight soon (date still to be formally announced) reasons cited are cost, staff shortages and lack of demand. However, considering it has been shut on numerous occasions over the last 12 months, it's not surprising the service is not as well used as planned. Also, the South West Ambulance Service Trust who administer the GP Out Of Hours Service have announced their intention to hand back the contract to the Clinical Commissioning Group in 12 months. Sadly both of the above are further evidence of the demise of the NHS.

Travellers Illegal Occupation of Land

Not a topic I have reported on before, I accept this is a sensitive issue, however recently throughout the Stroud District, this has become a problem. Most recently in around Stroud Town Centre and the Dursley Sainsbury's carpark .Inconveniencing local residents and businesses and costing thousands of pounds of public money in court fees and clean up costs. I wish to record my thanks particularly to Staff at Stroud District who act in a highly professional and timely manner to handle this problem.

SL 1 July 2016