



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 2nd June 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

Also Present:- District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy

44/15. Apologies for absence was received from Cllr Stuart Craddock

45/15. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items

There were none.

46/15. To approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th May 2015

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

47/15. To receive an update / reports from the County and District Councillors

District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy reported that Stroud District Councillors are to attend a seminar on 'Devolution for Localism'.

County and District Cllr Steve Lydon reported:

- The Local Plan is now progressing.
- Andrew Middleton (new Highways Manager) is to meet with the Clerk and Cllr Sue Davies for a tour of the Parish.
- There are funds available for tree maintenance and youth.
- The Contract for Mankley Field has now been signed and a 'meet the contractor event' is being arranged for local residents.
- It is hoped that a similar meeting can be set up prior to work commencing at Woodside Lane with Highways in attendance to answer concerns.
- There will be whole of council elections next May.

It was asked if the row of bollards at Stanley Downton could be removed or when the work required was going to be carried out? Cllr Steve Lydon said he would raise it with Andrew Middleton when they meet later this week.

48/15. To receive an update from the Clerk on:

i) The barrier by the Pavilion – The Insurance Company have recommended that the barrier is painted with luminous paint and a notice is displayed with information on when the barrier is erect.

CLERK

ii) **The gaps in the hedges in the Playing Fields/ Bath Road** – The gaps are currently overgrown with stinging nettles and the new hedge is bushing out, so no action is required at present.

49/15. To consider the works required on the Playing Fields

Item 42/15 from the May meeting agenda ‘To consider a proposal from the Football Club to improve drainage by the goal mouth area’ was deferred at that meeting as no information had been provided. Following the closure of the May meeting the Football Club urgently requested that they be allowed to carry-out works over the half-term break. Following an informal meeting of members the Clerk agreed to works being carried out subject to strict conditions, in which the Football Club declined and instead some minor repairs were undertaken.

A consultation was arranged with a drainage expert who was not convinced that there is a real problem with drainage and it was more likely to be wear and tear issues and recommended that the football pitch is moved each year. The Chairman sent a report of the actions taken and recommendations to the Members prior to this meeting.

Cllr Rob Bayliss expressed his disquiet at unfair pressure this had placed the Members under, having to deal with an issue of crucial importance to the playing field, with no professional advice and very little information or time. He was of the opinion that matters of such importance should be thoroughly considered in an appropriate timescale in the future unless an urgent decision was absolutely unavoidable. The Members endorsed the Chairman stance and thanked him and Cllrs Connett and Herbert for their time and effort they put in to dealing with this issue.

The Members agreed to seek quotes for a specialist assessment of the field. **RB/PH/CC**

It was noted that several Members have previously seen a photo taken in the 1980’s when the field was particularly dry where the drainage lines can be viewed. The Clerk is to place an advert in the newsletter to see if a copy of this photo can be obtained. **CLERK**

Weed killing and re-seeding of the playing is to be discussed in the July meeting. **CLERK**

50/15. Financial Issues

j) To authorise payments in accordance with the RFO Report

Summary of expenditure for June 2015:-

Description	Total Paid Out	Power of Authority
Administration	£ 897.89	LGA 1972 s.112(2), LG (FP)A 1933 s.5, LGA 1972 s.143 & LGA 1972 s.111
Playing Fields	£ 20.00	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
Village Maintenance	£ 353.00	Litter A 1983 ss.5,6, Highways A 1980 s.96 & Highways A 1980 ss.43,50
Grant	£ 500.00	S.137
Insurance	£1284.78	LGA 1972 s111
Total Payments	£3055.67	

The Council approved the accounts for payment.

51/15. Planning

i. To consider any plans received:

S.15/1197/HHOLD 79 Mankley Road – 2.5 storey extension.

As no plans were available on the website – it was agreed to defer to the July meeting.

CLERK

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

The following planning applications are still pending:-

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

S.15/0975/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.

iii. The following plan has received permission:

S.15/0182/HHOLD Grange Corner, Bath Road Erection of new garage (re-submission of previously approved application S.14/1073/HHOLD)

52/15. Correspondence – The following items were highlighted:-

- Thank you letter from the Toddlers Group.
- Police report of vehicle break ins.

53/15. Councillors Submissions –

- Cllr Chris Connett would like the Clerk to establish the owner of the derelict cottage in Marsh Road.
- Cllr Graham Davies expressed his regret that the action group for Woodside Lane had not been able to continue with their application for a Village Green but stated that there have been some recent successes with Village Green applications; new Village Greens have been approved for Nympsfield and Dursley. The Mankley Field Action Group has received some positive news that it has been given permission from a judge to proceed with the Judicial Review.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th July 2015 at 7.30pm.