



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 March 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present:- Councillors R Bayliss (Chairman), J Bogdiukiewicz, G Davies, S Davies, P Herbert and S Lydon (arrived at 7.55 pm).

Also Present:- District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy

14/16. Apologies for absence: was received from Cllrs Chris Connett and Stuart Craddock.

15/16. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items

There were none.

16/16. To approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd February 2016

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

17/16. 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)

District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy reported that the District Council had set their budget, which will reduce the reserves and an increase in the precept by 1.99%.

He further reported that the 'Stop Order' had now been lifted for the development at Woodside Lane.

18/16. To receive an update from the Clerk:-

i. **Defibrillator** – The application for a free defibrillator has been refused but a new opportunity for part funding will be available in April.

ii. **Gaps in hedge on Bath Road** – The gap in the hedge has reappeared but is significantly less than last year and should close up when the growing season starts. A note has been placed in the next newsletter.

iii. **Clean for the Queen** – Maggi Mukasa is organising a Clean for the Queen (Stroud District Council initiative to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday). This will replace the Spring Clean this year and it is hoped that lots of new volunteers will come forward.

19/16. To receive an update on meetings held with regards to the Community Design Statement

Cllr Rob Bayliss briefed the members on two meetings that he had attended with regards to the progress of the Community Design Statement.

- The project leader, Hayley Holland is moving to Devon at Easter and will be unable to complete the project.
- Hayley will give a full update to Cllr Rob Bayliss and pass on all the data collected.
- Cllr Rob Bayliss will then access this data and review the way forward. **RB**
- A meeting with Conrad Moore and Ricardo Rios (from Stroud District Council's Strategy Department) was very productive. Clarification was given as to what should be included in the Community Design Statement.

20/16. Dealing with developers; To consider and approve the recommendations from the working group:-

i. **Strategies for dealing with the developers.** A report detailing the recommendations was circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

The recommendations from the report were approved unanimously.

ii. **Community Project List.** The recommended list of projects was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting.

A written request for equipment for church yard maintenance was considered, however the S.106 monies are specified for allocation to recreational use. It was suggested that the Parochial Church Council write direct to the Parish Council.

It was suggested to increase the funds for a lawn mower and that its scope for use could be used for maintenance of the village facilities; including the allotments and the church yard.

The Council agreed to amend the list to increase the funds and scope for the lawn mower and subject to this minor amendment the list was approved unanimously.

21/16. To consider a request from the W.I. ; to allow them to decorate the Jubilee Oak Tree with bunting for a week in April to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday

The Council approved the request to allow the W.I. to decorate the Jubilee Oak Tree for a week in April; in celebration of the Queens 90th Birthday.

22/16. To consider allowing 'Kick off Stroud' to hold a club for 3 days; over the Easter Holidays

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

23/16. Financial Issues

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

Summary of expenditure for March 2016:-

Description	Total Paid Out	Power of Authority
Administration	£1046.42	LGA 1972 s.112(2), LG (FP)A 1933 s.5 & LGA 1972 s.111, s.31, LGA 1972 s134(4), LGA 1972 s.142 & LGA 1972 s.143
Playing Fields	£ 20.00	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
Village Maintenance	£ 10.00	Litter A 1983 ss.5,6
Total Payments	£1076.42	

The Council approved the accounts for payment.

ii) To receive confirmation of an Internal Audit Check

The Clerk confirmed an internal audit check by Cllr Sue Davies; on cheque no's 002576 £200 to Stroud District Council, 002584 £350 to CAB Stroud and 002585 £150 to LS Toddler Group.

iii. To consider increasing the hours worked by The Clerk; by 1 hour per week, wef 1st April 2016.

The Clerk outlined the increased costs of the proposed increase in hours. The increase in 1 hour would bring the Clerks hours worked to 13 per week.

The Council agreed to increase the hours worked by the Clerk by 1 hour per week, with effect the 1st April 2016.

24/16. 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.

No further information on potential retailers has yet been made known. The Council agreed to defer their decision until this information is known.

S.16/0054/HHOLD Rose Cottage, Bath Road - To widen existing drop kerb - To improve road safety in entering/exiting existing drive.

The Council agreed to support this application.

ii. To consider views on the Eco Park proposals – S.16/0043/OUT (Land at Junction 13 M5, West of Stonehouse).

Cllr Rob Bayliss confirmed that he attended the meeting at Stonehouse Town Hall, but did not express any views on behalf of this council. The minutes of that meeting were circulated to the Members prior to this meeting.

The Members debated the proposals and decided to support the application; as there are several long term benefits to be gained by the proposals:-

- 1) Restoration of the Stroud Water Canal (including the gifting of land).

- 2) A419 corridor improvements (although concerns remained about the road network as a result of this and the proposals for the development West of Stonehouse).
- 3) The creation of a Nature Conservation Area
- 4) The creation of new sporting facilities for the District.
- 5) Increased employment opportunities.

The Council agreed to support the application.

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

The following plan has been withdrawn:

S.16/0056/OUT 70 Seven Waters To erect a dwelling

25/16. Correspondence – The following item was highlighted:-

- Thank you letter from the Toddlers Group.

26/16. Councillors Submissions

- 1) Highways work has recommenced at Stanley Downton; the delay was caused by high water.
- 2) Lovells have promised to sort out their litter issues at the car parks in the Village Hall and Pavilion.
- 3) Ryeford Bridge. The Chairman (Cllr Rob Bayliss) is to speak with the Chairman of Kings Stanley Parish Council, to enlist their support for proposals to make Highway improvements to the bridge. **RB**

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 12th April 2016 at 7.30pm.

Appendix 1

Council Tax

The County Council has agreed to increase Council Tax by the maximum 1.99 percent with an additional 2 percent adult social care levy. The District Council are have agreed to raise the Council Tax should by 1.99 percent. Neither Council have increased taxes in recent years. Government are still expecting substantial savings from Local Government.

Highways

Still a major concern of residents and businesses are the amount of potholes and the progress in mending them to a standard which means they do not have to be repaired almost straight away.

In relation to next years highways together funding for each County Council division, this is now going to be £30k. Please could you identify any particular projects you want funding for. I am looking to allocate some of the money to support a number of days in a locality to undertake kerbside weeding and gully clearance, so it would help if you could identify areas which need this.

Also the latest version of the “Highways-Your Way” (Big Community Offer) is saved here on the GCC Extras website:

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/extra/highways-yourway

There is also a link from the main website on this page www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/roadworks

The documents on the web consist of:

- “Highways-Your Way” brochure
- Top up products price list
- Application form
- 3 videos showing examples of how the offer can help

Health

Locally NHS services are under pressure, the Minor Injuries Unit at Stroud hospital has been closed on a number of occasions overnight owing to staff shortages, and there are rumours that the service may close altogether. I have written formally to the Chief Executive of Gloucestershire Care Services who hold the contract, and asked to meet him with other elected reps to get to the bottom of the situation. The 111 service is still experiencing problems as is the non-urgent patient transport service. In terms of the future a key issue for the whole County is the likely shortage of GPs owing to retirements and newly qualified Drs not opting to be GPs. There are also substantial staff shortages in various consultant areas, paramedics and nursing staff.

Residents still have time to give their views to help shape the future of the healthy lifestyles services.

Gloucestershire's healthy lifestyle services encourage and support people to improve their health, such as through losing weight.

The consultation on how the service could look began on 14th December 2015 and runs until Sunday 6th March 2016. The three leading causes of death in Gloucestershire are cancer (27.9%), cardiovascular disease (26.8%) and respiratory disease (14.2%), in line with the national

Current contracts for lifestyles services are due to expire and a new service is required from 2017.

The proposal is for this new service to focus more on prevention – encouraging people to adopt a healthy lifestyle to begin with, whilst ensuring that support to change unhealthy habits is still available to those who need it most.

Further information including how to have your say is available online

at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/consultthehealthylifestyle

Reshaping Services for Families with Young Children

This is the consultation exercise that will help determine the future siting and role of Children's Centres in the County. The exercise finishes on 11 of April 2016 details below

https://gloucestershire-consult.objective.co.uk/public/children/reshaping_services_for_families_with_young_children/reshaping_services_for_families_with_young_children

I alongside other Labour cllrs have met with the Stroud based Children's Centres who are very concerned about the proposed closure of some of the centres and a reduction in the services they supply.

Older Persons Health and Housing Strategy

With an ageing society and growing pressures on services for older people Stroud District Council is keen that housing and health work closer together to meet needs that can prevent or ease long term health problems eg fuel poverty.

Stroud is one of the few Councils in the country that still run bespoke sheltered housing with staff support. Most other Councils have cut completely all staffing support, and no longer look to provide specialist housing. The Council is considering investing approx £5m in improving the stock, meeting future needs of our ageing population. However the District Council is keen that the needs of all our elderly residents are met not just those in Sheltered housing. The District Council is now working with the County and health bodies to best meet the needs of all our older residents no matter where they live.

Dementia Friendly District

The District Council on February 25 endorsed a project to make the Stroud District Council area a Dementia Friendly District. An announcement to this end would ideally be made between 15th -21st May 2016 during national Dementia Friends week. There are a reported 850,000 estimated people living with dementia in the UK. The cost to the country of dementia is estimated to be £26.3 billion a year (Alz Soc, 2004 Dementia UK 2nd Edition).

The first step in the plan is to raise awareness of dementia through a series of free 'Dementia Friend' training courses hosted by Stroud District Council and delivered by Care UK. The sessions are a maximum of one hour and give an overview of the challenges of living with dementia and the support that we can all give.

We secured a PCC grant of £720 to support this training and Care UK are offering delivery free of charge. The training would be open to all residents in the District. SDC Customer Service team has offered to take bookings from the public for the training. We have spoken to two leading supermarkets in the District who are keen to take advantage of this offer for their staff.

Active Together, Young Persons Funds and Community Chest

Projects that have been supported include, Leonard Stanley tennis courts, Dursley rugby club women's changing facilities, St Dominic's school Nymphsfield sporting activities, Dursley Ladies football team, the vale hospital gardening project, all sorts out of school activity club and more recently a cardiac care fitness club.

The Active Together funding has now ceased. The Young Persons Funds is aimed primarily at young people under 18. If you know of organisations or projects that might benefit from support please ask them to contact me. There is £5k for the whole

division.

A new fund is the Community chest this is to support grants of between £500 and £5000 for groups working with vulnerable communities. The Council are particularly interested in local solutions that enable people to become more involved in their community, improve the viability of places where communities can come together, promote community cohesion and tackle digital exclusion. For more details see

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/community-chest-grant>

Thanks Steve Lydon County Councillor for the Dursley Division and District Councillor for the Stanley's