



LEONARD STANLEY

P A R I S H C O U N C I L

Minutes of the Leonard Stanley Parish Council meeting held remotely on Tuesday 6th October 2020 at 7.30 pm.

Present: - Councillors R Bayliss (Chairman), J Bogdiukiewicz, C Connett, S Craddock, P Herbert, S Lydon and J Wace.

Also present: - 1 Member of the Public and County Cllr Loraine Patrick (arrived at 7.50pm).

52/20. Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Cllr Sue Davies and District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy.

53/20. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items

There were none.

54/20. To approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 1st September 2020.

The minutes were approved and will be signed as a true record at the next physical meeting.

55/20. To receive reports from the District and County Councillors.

District Cllr Steve Lydon reported:

- On overnight parking on Selsley Common and enforcement action that may be taken.
- Rent and Council Tax Arrears – The Council are working to engage with those who fall into arrears; which are expected to increase due to Covid 19 economy consequences.
- Concerns have been raised with regards the dogs being stolen and unlicensed puppy farms.
- There is an increase in fly tipping and complaints with regards bonfires.
- The Parish & Town Council meeting with Stroud District Council is scheduled for the 7th October and the Agenda includes the White Paper on Planning.

County Cllr Loraine Patrick reported:

- That the Gloucestershire County Council land by the school will be cut back next week and has been included on a maintenance schedule for future cuts.

56/20. To receive an update:

i. The Clerk.

A report was circulated to the Members and published on the website prior to the meeting.

The Clerk is to ask for an update on what action is to be taken from the Water Resources Engineer at Stroud District Council with regards to the flooding on the playing field.

CLERK

ii. Cllr John Wace.

Cllr John Wace gave an update on the benches by the War Memorial and agreed to leave them as they are and review in the spring.

57/20. To consider correspondence received from Stonehouse Town Council with regards to supporting the re-opening of the Stroudwater Train Station.

A letter from Stonehouse Town Council was considered regarding supporting the re-opening of the Stroudwater (Bristol Road) train station and asking that County Cllr Loraine Patrick ask for this to be included in the Gloucestershire County Council Local Transport Plan.

The Council approved the request from Stonehouse Town Council (as detailed above).

58/20. To consider a request from St Swithun's Parochial Church Council, to support a Temporary Road Closure for Remembrance Sunday.

The Parochial Church Council had requested that the Council apply for a Temporary Road Closure; the Clerk has submitted the necessary application to temporarily close part of Church Road (around the War Memorial) between 9am – midday on Sunday 8th November 2020. This is now out for formal consultation and confirms that Stroud District Council have kindly agreed to waive the normal fee.

The Council were in support of the application.

The Clerk reported that the Church will still need volunteers to put the signs out and marshall the event and adhere to any regulations with regards to Covid 19.

Cllr Jan Bogdiukiewicz volunteered to put the road closure signs out.

JB

59/20. To consider correspondence from the Village Hall Management Committee with regards to car parking.

Cllr Rob Bayliss sent the Members a briefing report along with the correspondence from the VHMC, prior to the meeting.

Cllr Phil Herbert sent the Members correspondence from the Treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee to suggest that an area of the Village Hall be leased or transferred to the Parish Council to extend the Pavilion car park; it was noted this suggestion has not yet been considered by the Village Hall Trustees. Although this was not yet a formal proposal the Members considered the merits and agreed that they would not be in support of this idea; as it would only create a few more spaces, it would result in the loss of several trees and it would be expensive.

The Members felt that the Football Club needed to take responsibility for the managing of the car parking. The Clerk is to write to the Football Club (Seniors and Juniors).

CLERK

60/20. Financial Issues

i) To authorise payments in accordance with the RFO Reports.

The Council approved the accounts for payment.

ii) To consider approving special grants from the Business Support Grant.

The Council agreed to award a special grant of £1,000 each to:

The Village Hall Management Committee (to assist with the loss of income).

The Friends of Leonard Stanley School (to assist with the loss of fund raising).

St Swithun's Parochial Church Council (to assist with the repairs to the churchyard wall).

61/20. Planning –

i) To consider any planning applications.

There were none.

ii) To receive an update.

The Clerk sent out the report prior to the meeting. (A copy of the report is posted on the Councils website).

62/20. Date of the next meeting – 3rd November 2020.

It was agreed the date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 3rd November 2020.

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