



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 September 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present:- Councillors R Bayliss (Chairman), Jan Bogdiukiewicz, C Connett, G Davies, S Davies and P Herbert

Also Present:- District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy (arrived at Agenda Item 70/15i) plus 2 Members of the Public

66/15. Apologies for absence was received from Cllrs Stuart Craddock and Steve Lydon

67/15. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items

There were none.

68/15. To approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2015

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

69/15. 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).

District Cllr Nigel Studdert Kennedy reported:-

- Work in Mankley Road is to commence early September.
- There is a new depot for Waste Collection, working jointly with other Councils.
- Stroud District Council have announced the changes to their Waste Collection Service.

70/15. Playing Fields:-

i) To receive a report (from the Playing Field Committee) on the drainage issues and decide what action if any to take).

A report was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting.

The drainage lines were clearly visible over the summer and these have been marked out. The Council therefore believe that the problems on the field are more likely to be wear and tear but felt it was still prudent to continue with an assessment. (See also 71/15iii)

The Football Club have temporary moved the football pitch, the Members would like this moved back when possible to prevent deterioration to other parts of the field.

It was agreed that the Playing Field Committee and a representative from the Football Club should meet with Sports Ground Maintenance to review the repairs and agree any further remedial work.

PH/CC/RB

ii) To confirm that all repairs, maintenance or alterations to the Playing Fields be agreed by the Parish Council prior to any work commencing and remain under their direct control.

The Council were unanimous in agreeing that all work on the Playing Fields should first be approved by them and then continue under their direct control.

iii) To receive an update on the Flood Lights

Cllr Connett circulated an email to the Members prior to the meeting informing them of what certification should be provided in relation to the erection and use of the Flood Lights.

Cllr Connett is to seek a quote from an independent electrician to carry out the 'Electrical Conditioning Report (ECR) 17th edition' on the Flood Lights when they are erected, to ensure that they meet the standards required for the certification. **CC**

The Members suggested that the costs of arranging the certification should be shared with the Football Club.

It was agreed that the Flood Lights can be erected but they can't be used until the Certificate has been issued.

71/15. Financial Issues

j) To authorise payments in accordance with the RFO Report

Summary of expenditure for August and September 2015:-

Description	Total Paid Out	Power of Authority
Administration	£2178.47	LGA 1972 s.112(2), LG (FP)A 1933 s.5, LGA 1972 s.143 & LGA 1972 s.111
Playing Fields	£1089.18	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
Village Maintenance	£ 720.00	Litter A 1983 ss.5,6, Highways A 1980 s.96 & Highways A 1980 ss.43,50
Pavilion	£ 38.10	S.137
Total Payments	£4025.75	

The Council approved the accounts for payment.

ii) To receive confirmation of passing the audit for the Annual Return Financial Year Ending 31st March 2015.

The Clerk confirmed that the audit was passed with no comment. A copy will soon be available on the website.

iii) To consider quotes received for carrying out a specialist drainage assessment of the playing field.

It was agreed to that an assessment be carried out by DE Spencer and Sons.

iv) To consider purchasing a 6 aside steel goal and fix to an area near to the Tennis Courts.

The Council agreed to ask the Football Club if they could borrow a set of goal posts that are only used for the 6-aside tournament to be fixed into the ground by the Tennis Courts. (They would be returned for the tournament each year).

The Council would look to purchasing a set if this request was refused.

CLERK

72/15. Planning

i. To consider any plans received:

S.15/1781/FUL Proposed Solar Farm (site 2) To the west of Stanley Downton Sewage Works – 4.7MW Solar Farm and associated infrastructure.

The Council agreed to object to this application.

S.15/1856/FUL Proposed Solar Farm (site 1) To the south of Stanley Downton Sewage Farm – 4.7MW Solar Farm and associated infrastructure

The Council agreed to object to this application.

S.15/1834/FUL White Hart Inn, The Street - Replace all windows to front elevation with PVCU wood grain (cream coloured). Construct lead finished canopy roof over front entrance. Fit fire escape staircase to rear elevation (black powder coated metal).

The Council agreed to support this application.

S.15/1898/HHOLD 3 Marsh Road - Erection of two storey extension to rear. Existing single storey to be demolished.

The Council agreed to support this application.

S.15/2002/HHOLD 31 Dozule Close – Extension to dwelling

The Council agreed to support this application.

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

The following plans have received permission:

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

S.15/1595/HHOLD 58 Brimley – Creation of driveway access by dropping existing kerb stones.

The following plan has been refused:

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 following plan is still pending:

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

73/15. To receive an update from The Clerk

i. Village Green Application

The Mankley Field Action Group was successful in their bid to amend their application with Gloucestershire County Council and the Interested Parties signed a consent order. This has enabled new dates for the Inquiry to be agreed; it will now take place in the Village Hall from Monday the 7th December until Wednesday the 16th December 2015.

The Mankley Field Action Group would like to thank the following organisations for their recent generous donations; Kings Stanley Parish Council, Leonard Stanley Football Club and The Safari Supper. They also successfully raised £125 at the Village Fair and special thanks to Jan Bogdiukiewicz for supplying the snow machine.

The Action Group have recently launched a Justice Crowd Funding site, to enable further funds, which if successful will be used to retain the services of the specialist solicitor in addition to the barrister.

ii. Gate installed between the Garage and The Pavilion

The gate has been installed. Signs for 'no climbing' and 'fragile roof' have been ordered. Locks will also be added.

74/15. Correspondence – The following items were highlighted:-

- GRCC AGM is to take place on Thursday 3rd September.
- Stroud District Council – new policies coming into force regarding waste.

75/15. Councillors Submissions

- As it is the Olympics next year could some thought be given to the Village Champion Award? **CLERK**
- Four by Four Refuse Collection. It was reported that this vehicle has been seen speeding along Gypsy Lane and Marsh Lane. **NSK**
- Resurfacing along the road from Seven Waters to Frocester - why was a gap left outside Spring Farm? **CLERK**
- Brunsdon Yard. There is to be a further presentation at Stonehouse Town Hall and Kings Stanley regarding the latest proposals for a small retail park.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 6th October 2015 at 7.30pm.

Appendix 1

Cllr Steve Dursley County Cllr Steve Lydon Report

August 2015

Planning

The primary responsibility for planning for housing lies with the District Council. On matters to do with roads and highways, the County Council is the formal consultee with ref to giving a view on the proposals ie are they to be supported or opposed, following national guidance. Evidence shows that despite their being many controversial proposals coming forward particularly from a traffic increase/congestion view, that the County Council has rarely given an adverse view ie indicated they are not supportive of the application. I have approached SDC to ask them to consider taking independent advice on highways matters, rather than just rely on the County view. GCC are also being approached on their approach. The Local Plan consultation finishes in early Sept. there does not appear to be any substantive issues coming forward, to prevent the plan coming forward to be signed off by full council in November.

Devolution

Devolution of spending powers from central government to combined authorities of local public bodies is a current hot topic. The government are keen to push ahead with devolution and in the July budget there was further progress on devolving powers to Greater Manchester, which is the lead authority for devolution, including putting fire services under the control of a future directly-elected mayor, and granting the city region more powers over planning. At the recent LGA conference some councillors wondered whether devolution was more a decentralisation of pain given the expected further financial cuts to local councils. The LGA has forecast that with the expected scale of reductions many councils will find it difficult to cope while upholding care for the elderly, protection for children, bin collection and pothole repair. However devolution of powers will give local public bodies the opportunity to manage their own spending according to local needs. The government will only devolve powers to structures that reflect the local economy. Several areas of the country have or are now drawing up proposals for combined authorities, mostly in city regions although Cornwall is being considered as a rural area. Stroud District Council held a seminar in June at which councillors from Nottinghamshire described the joint bid from that county and Derbyshire for a combined authority. A statement of intent has been sent to government from Gloucestershire leaders from Given the opportunities and considering the advantages of an early application, in the last two months the Leadership members have agreed that Gloucestershire should apply to form a combined authority – some districts more readily than others. Unlike other areas Gloucestershire has no problems with who should be members of the authority since all the public bodies involved – local councils, LEP, CCG and Police - lie within the same county boundary. A combined authority has the major advantage over the economic growth committee in that both primary care and community safety could be sensibly linked to economic growth.

Highways

There are still problems with timescales and communications ie if or when work will be completed. Ryeford Bridge is having a variety of options being drawn up, the stream undercutting the road at Stanley Downton has been passed to Amey for the work to be undertaken. The road between Leonard Stanley and Frocester has just been resurfaced.

Youth Support There is a sum of £5k available for each division to support youth activities. I am keen to hear any ideas you may have.

Active Together This is to support healthy activities in the local areas, there is a small sum available of approx. £3.5k, I am happy to discuss any ideas.

Magistrates Court Closures

The Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice have identified 70 courts around the country which the Government looking to close following a public consultation. I am profoundly concerned that the Ministry of Justice has earmarked Stroud and Gloucester magistrates' for closure.

Should the Ministry of Justice proceed with it plan, it would leave Cheltenham as the sole magistrates court in Gloucestershire.

I believe that the closure of Gloucester and Stroud magistrates' courts will undermine the delivery of justice in the county. Furthermore I believe plans to close Gloucester magistrates' court will severely undermine existing proposals to create a justice centre and redevelop the Blackfriars quarter in Gloucester. Equally, this I believe that the proposal to close Stroud Magistrates' Court will mean some Gloucestershire residents will have to travel at least an hour to get to Cheltenham to receive justice.

Fracking in Stroud and the Forest of Dean

Following the launch of a Govt consultation on the above I have asked the following questions of GCC.

A) is the county going to respond to the consultation and if so what stance will it take , will there be an opportunity for cllrs to feed in their views ?

B) in terms of planning permission, will it be needed for the below proposals ? If so which body will determine the permission ? I believe it is the County but I may be wrong. If we wish to oppose what other avenues are open to us ?

C) have we as a county council agreed a position on fracking, if so what is it ? Or if we do not have one what process needs to be undertaken to get one eg motion at full council,

D) would appreciate any other info or advice you have on this controversial topic

Mankley Road

The contractor will be commencing works at Leonard Stanley on the 7th of September.

The contractor does not believe that there will be significant need for our use of the Village Hall car park at this time however they will advise in due course.