



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 6th March 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Lease Room of the Village Hall.

Present:- Councillors W Bevan, G Davies (Vice Chairman), S Davies, R Gaunt, S Lydon and D Targett

Also Present:- Cllr A Niblett, Chairman from Eastington Parish Council and Tom Low from 'Keep Eastington Rural'

Presentation:

Cllr G Davies welcomed our guests from Eastington, Cllr A Niblett and Tom Low who gave a short presentation with regards to the consultation for the Core Strategy.

Cllr A Niblett stated that houses do need to be built, but what is missing from the Core Strategy is the type of houses that are required. He fears that this will be largely left to developers to determine.

Tom Low gave an interesting talk and provided data from the Office for National Statistics, which is the same database used by Stroud District Council. This data shows, that during the next fifteen years, there will be a significant increase in the over 65's population for our district whilst the under 65's remained fairly static. From the data provided he argued that the class of houses being proposed will assist other areas like Gloucester and Bristol but ignore our own districts needs.

Cllr G Davies thanked the guests and welcomed Cllr Lydon to our Council.

13/12. Apologies for absence – Cllrs C Connett, P Herbert, District Cllr N Studdert-Kennedy and County Cllr L Williams.

14/12. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items – There were none.

15/12. Minutes – It was proposed by Cllr R Gaunt that the minutes of Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2012, be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr S Davies and carried unanimously.

16/12. To receive updates from the County and District Councillors

There were none present.

17/12 To receive an update from the Clerk

i. Schedule of Works proposed by the Football Club for the Pavilion

The Clerk confirmed that she has now received a schedule of works and confirmation of those that have been completed, from Cllr P Herbert.

ii. Hire Agreement for the Football Club and Cricket Club for use of the Playing Fields

The Clerk confirmed that she has sent the Clubs copies of the Hire Agreement for them to sign and return.

iii. Neighbourhood Planning Seminar

The Clerk stated that she along with Cllr S Davies attended the recent Neighbourhood Planning Seminar. Neighbourhood Plans and alternatives were discussed at the seminar, and Parishes were clearly advised not to rush into getting a Neighbourhood Plan as they can be complicated and costly.

18/12. To consider the proposal by Stroud District Council with reference the Local Plan/Core Strategy

The Members considered the information given from the presentation, and agreed that not enough provision is given to the elderly. They would like to see more of a priority given to providing housing that meet these needs and in general see a greater emphasis of deciding what houses should be built rather than just the numbers needed.

They would also like Stroud District Council to take into account the 'bonus' dwellings that are provided by permissions being given to extra dwellings being built in gardens or shops and barns being converted to housing. Thus then reducing the overall need to build on Greenfield sites.

There was concern that the consultation and questionnaire provided by Stroud District Council, was too complicated and very leading in its questions. It was felt that SDC are therefore failing to fulfil its objective in 'engaging the public'. The Members would also like to know how SDC intend to keep us up to date with the results from this consultation.

The Members agreed to support the proposed 'Concentrated Strategy' but would like the above points to be taken into consideration.

The Clerk will send a letter in response to the Preferred Strategy Consultation. **CLERK**

19/12. Financial Issues

i) To authorise payments in accordance with the RFO Report

It was proposed to authorise the payments in accordance with the RFO Report, this was proposed by Cllr D Targett and seconded by Cllr W Bevan and unanimously agreed.

Summary of expenditure for February 2012:-

Description	Total Paid Out	Power of Authority
Pavilion and Playing Fields	£1109.55	LGA 1894 S.8(4).
Administration	£ 631.10	LGA 1972 s.112(2), LGA 1972 s.143, LG (FP)A 1963 S.5, LGA 1972 s.111, and LGA1972 S.142.
Total Payments	£1740.65	

20/12. Planning

i. To consider any plans received:

The following Planning Applications have been received:

- S.12/0353/LBC Vine Cottage, The Street: Side Elevation – Replacement of first floor bathroom casement window and lintel over, currently in a poor state of repair. Reinstatement of lead flashing (in replacement of cement) to the rear corner Valley guttering.

The Members agreed to support this application.

- S.12/0336/HHOLD 19 Woodlands: Erection of two storey extension.

The Members agreed to support this application.

The Clerk reminded Members that Paper Plans will no longer be provided by SDC, and that Members should view the plans online. If hard copies are required then please request from the Clerk prior to the meeting.

21/12. Correspondence

Details of the correspondence received during February had been circulated. The correspondence files were available for inspection at the meeting.

12/12. Councillors Submissions -



- Cllr W Bevan stated that she has received a letter requesting a Skate Park. The Members requested that this be discussed in conjunction with the S.106 monies that will be made available for improving play facilities, on next months Agenda. **CLERK**
- Cllr R Gaunt stated that work is being done at the top of Gypsy Lane, and can it be investigated whether permission has been granted. **CLERK**
- It was noted that 'patching' rather than 'resurfacing' was taking place in Marsh/Church Road. The Clerk will contact John Kay from Highways. **CLERK**
- The Clerk stated that the local elections will be held on the 3rd May, and a timetable for action will be forwarded in the next few weeks.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd April 2012 in The Village Hall at 7.30 pm.