



# 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 4th March 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

Also Present:- District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy and 1 Member of the Public

**15/14. Apologies for absence** were received Cllr Mia Macefield

**16/14. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items**

Cllr Stuart Craddock declared an interest in Agenda Item 21/14.

**17/14. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2014**

*The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.*

**18/14. To receive an update on matters regarding the Planning Application S.13/2678/OUT for Land South of Bath Road (known locally as Mankley Field)**

The Council received an update on recent events, which included the Public Meeting held last month that was attended by over 100 residents. At that meeting, it was agreed that the Parish Council should enter discussions with Gladman's for S.106 monies that could be used to improve the village facilities.

A further demonstration was held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March, which was again well attended and was supported by Neil Carmichael MP.

The Council were informed that the decision will be taken by the Development Control Committee on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> March, and that the Clerk will represent the Parish Council and Nicola Hillary will represent the Mankley Field Action Group.

**19/14. To receive updates from the County and District Councillors**

A report for the activities of the County Council was circulated to the Members by Cllr Steve Lydon prior to the meeting. Details of which included:-

- No increase to the County Council part of the precept
- A commitment to employees for the Living Wage
- Travel Cards for Apprentices and Children in/Leaving Care
- Active Together funding scheme
- Community Empowerment Chest
- Highways Divisional Fund
- Update on the new Highways contract and how this will effect Public Rights of Way

District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy reported that the District Council had discussed their budget and had also agreed not to increase their precept.

(Cllr Steve Lydon departed the meeting).

#### **20/14. To receive an update from the Clerk:**

##### **a. Play Equipment**

The Clerk reported that the new litter bin has been installed and the picnic bench has been received, just waiting for the field to dry up sufficiently before moving it into place. The climbing frame has been repaired and the new ramp to the embankment slide has been installed using non-slip surfacing.

The signs and the new baby swing seats are still to be ordered.

**CLERK**

HAGS response to some wear and tear reported was unsatisfactory and blamed the damage to the seats on the Module as vandalism.

##### **b. Highways**

**Gypsy Lane** – Cllr Phil Herbert reported that Highways had found a blockage, which they have now cleared. Highways have also agreed to include further works for pipes to be linked up, on a list which will hopefully be included in works to be done in the next Financial Year.

It was agreed that a rake be provided and left near the telegraph pole in Gypsy Lane, which can be used by volunteers to ensure the culverts are kept clear of debris.

**CLERK**

**The Hedge, Lambs Triangle** – The Clerk reported that Highways have now cut this back.

#### **21/14. To agree to the terms for a new Hire Agreement with the Football Club for the use of the Pavilion**

The Chairman outlined the amendments to the agreement. The Council requested a further amendment in that the Football Club should ensure that it holds adequate public liability insurance for the use of the Pavilion.

*The Council agreed, subject to the amendments, for the new Hire Agreement with the Football Club to be approved.*

**CLERK**

The Chairman reported that the Football Club have requested that the Playing Field agreement, which is currently renewed annually, be for three years in line with the hire agreement for the Pavilion.

*The Council agreed to this request.*

The Clerk reported that she still has to write to the Cricket Club.

**CLERK**

#### **22/14. To consider applying for a grant to instigate a Village Design Statement**

The Clerk explained that a grant of £500 was available from the District Council for the production of a Village Design Statement, the benefits of which were highlighted to the Council. The Council would be expected to contribute a further £500.

The Clerk stated that to realistically produce a Village Design Statement, a professional consultant would need to be engaged. The Members discussed that the true cost of producing a statement would probably be in the region of £2000, but agreed that it would be beneficial to the community to have some control over the type, design and recreational space of any new developments.

The Council agreed to apply for the grant.

**CLERK**

**23/14. Financial Issues**

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

Summary of expenditure for February 2014:-

<b>Description</b>	<b>Total Paid Out</b>	<b>Power of Authority</b>
Pavilion and Playing Fields	£1404.94	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3 )
Administration	£1111.12	LGA 1972 s.112(2) & LG (FP)A 1933 s.5 LGA 1972 s134(4) & LGA 1972 s.111
Village Maintenance	£ 24.00	Highways A 1980 ss.43 & Litter A 1983 ss.5,6
Grants	£ 150.00	S.137
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£2690.06</b>	

*The Council approved the accounts for payment.*

**24/14. Planning**

**i. To consider any plans received:**

There were no new plans for consideration.

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

The following application is has been refused;

**S.13/2190/FUL** Chapel House, The Street – Erection of one dwelling.

The following applications have been approved;

**S.13/2643/HHOLD** 21 Broad Meadow - Single storey extension, loft and garage conversion

**S.14/0006/HHOLD** Dingle Nook, The Street - Oak framed open sided carport with matching red tile roof

**25/14. Correspondence** - The following item was highlighted:

- A resident who backs onto the playing fields has reported that two trees came down in the recent storm and as a result one of his fence posts has been damaged. Cllr Herbert agreed to speak with the householder. The Clerk will arrange for the removal of the damaged trees and possible felling of a further tree. **CLERK/PH**

**26/14. Councillors Submissions –**

Cllr Herbert, asked that the Council consider a fitting memorial for Peter Pearce, who as well as having a distinguished war record, previously served as Clerk to the Council and Treasurer to the Village Hall Management Committee. The Clerk is to investigate the cost of a Planter (including a plaque). **CLERK**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9 pm. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014**, in the Village Hall.