

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held in The Main Hall, Leonard Stanley Village Hall on Tuesday 10th May 2016 at 8 p.m.

Those Present: Cllrs Rob Bayliss (Chairman), Jan Bogdiukiewicz, Graham Davies, Sue Davies, Kate Harrison, Steve Lydon, District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy, Neighbourhood Warden Stuart Beard, Michael Gadd, Christine Phillips, Julia Bogdiukiewicz, Maureen Kerry, David Longworth, Dave Camm, Maggi Mukasa, Alison Lusty, David McGovern, Nancy Lorraine and David Jones.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Chris Connett, Stuart Craddock and Phil Herbert, PCSO Liz Ward and Jean Edwards.

1. Previous Minutes: The Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2015 were accepted as a true record.

2. Reports on the activities of the Parish Council:

The Chairman Rob Bayliss reported in detail on the following:-

1. Planning including:
 - Greenstiles
 - Brunsdons Yard
 - Woodside Lane
 - Solar farm
 - Eco Park
 - Lots of small ones
2. Development of a planning strategy including:
 - Information gathering for a Community Design Statement (now superseded)
 - Community Involvement Protocol for future developments
 - Community Projects List for S.106 moneys
 - Attendance at Developer Negotiation Seminar
 - Forthcoming discussions with Barratt Developments
 - Discussions with SDC regarding S.106 for Mankley Field in near future
 - Will be inputting to SDC Community Infrastructure Levy consultation
3. Finances including:
 - Careful cost control and minimal unforeseen items in 2015-2016 allowing zero increase in precept for 2016-2017 (actually a small reduction)
 - May be more pressure on finances in 2016-2017 owing to potential £3000 contribution to GCC for Ryeford Bridge (in conjunction with Kings Stanley) and the need for more work on the playing field
 - Future precepts will be helped by additional households
 - Regularly seeking funding /grants from a variety of sources e.g. GCC Active Together for tennis courts and money for defibrillator

4. Grants:
 - Twinning Association (£500.00)
 - Toddler Group (£150.00)
 - Citizens Advice Bureau (£350.00)
 - Village Fair (£347.72)
 - Mankley Field Action Group (TBA – max. £2000)
5. Playing field including:
 - New gate
 - New dog signs
 - New junior football goal
 - Table tennis table
 - Football pitch spiking
 - Planned increases in repairs and maintenance including weedkilling and seeding
 - Plans for play area upgrades and more picnic tables
 - Plans for tennis court refurbishment
 - Other improvements - subject to funding
 - Use by Kick-Off Stroud
6. GCC Highways liaison including:
 - Gypsy Lane
 - Stanley Downton
 - Pavements
 - Potholes
7. Police liaison including:
 - Attendance at six-monthly briefings by the Officer-In-Charge Stroud Division
 - PCSOs regarding crime and maintaining pressure over parking
8. SDC liaison including:
 - Information-sharing sessions run by SDC for parishes (4 per year in total) – keeping up-to-date and feeding back issues
 - Neighbourhood Wardens
 - Planning strategy and individual cases
9. Tributes to:
 - Clerk
 - Parish Councillors
 - District and County Councillors
 - All clubs and societies

3. Reports from Village Organisations:- Reports were received from the following organisations (see Appendix 1):-

- County & District Cllr Steve Lydon
- Art Workshop
- Footpath Wardens
- Litterpick
- Mankley Field Action Group
- Neighbourhood Warden
- News sheet

- Police Report
- St Swithuns Parochial Church Council
- Twinning Association
- Village Fair
- Village Hall Management Committee
- Website
- Welfare Trust and Rishton Education Foundation
- Wine Circle

4. Issued raised by attendees

a. Parking – there are lots of examples of inconsiderate parking.

The Council regularly works with both Highways and the Police; although there are on occasions improvements these rarely last long.

b. Lambs Triangle – Is a dangerous junction, is anything being done to improve it?

The Council have highlighted this issue to Highways; but any further options for improvements would be too expensive as it would require moving the Utility Box.

c. Who is responsible for maintaining the appearance of the area by the Electric Sub Station in Brockley Road?

Weston Power – The Clerk will write to them to ask them to tidy it up.

CLERK

d. Dogs on the Playing Field – is there a Right of Way across the field?

Yes, and the Council accept that dog walkers can cross the footpath, with their dogs on the lead. However, dogs must not be allowed anywhere else on the Playing Fields or allowed off their leads.

e. What are the requirements on the developer (for Mankley Fields); with regards to the roads?

The Planning Inspector imposed the following conditions, with regards to the roads:-

14. No dwelling shall be occupied until the following improvements to public transport and pedestrian provisions have been provided in accordance with details that have been submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA:

i. the provision of a footway as shown on drawing 106 alongside Bath Road between the primary school and the existing footway to the south of the proposed access onto Bath Road;

ii. relocated bus stops on Bath Road near the new access, including a bus shelter to the site access;

iii. bus shelter at the existing bus stop on Marsh Road, nearest to the site;

iv. dropped kerb pedestrian crossing points at the junctions of Marsh Road and Church Road, Marsh Road and Mankley Road, and Church Lane and Woodside.

15. No dwellings served from the respective access arrangements to Bath Road and Marsh Lane shall be occupied until the highway alteration works shown on

drawings TPMA1016/103, TPMA1016/104 RevA and TPMA 1016/106 (included within the SoCG) have been completed.

f. Will the development of Mankley Field allow for protection of Green Space?

The Planning Inspector ruled that there needs to be provision for landscaping and Open Space.

g. Is there a minimum allocation for Affordable Housing for the Mankley Field Development?

Yes, Stroud District Council has stipulated in the Local Plan a requirement for provision of at least 30% for Affordable Housing. The Planning Inspector also ruled for a provision of 30%.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

County and District Cllr Steve Lydon

I wish to record my thanks to Irena as Clerk, Rob as Chair and all members of the Parish Council, for the support they have given me and the work they have undertaken on behalf of all residents.

I particularly wish to thank my fellow District Cllr Nigel Studdert Kennedy for all his work on behalf of us all. Nigel has and will continue to be a good colleague.

Resident Matters

A local Cllr rightly so is a point of contact for local residents when they have complaints/problems with public services. In the last 12 months there has been an increasing number of people raising issues ref. the following

Parking - in particular neighbours not being considerate of other residents' needs,

Roads - there is increasing disquiet over the general state of the roads in particular potholes and failure to communicate what and if repairs are going to be carried out and the standard of the repair,

Noise - similar to parking this relates in particular to neighbours not being considerate of those who live nearby,

dog fouling and the prompt emptying of the dog waste bins - very annoying again for all who use our greenfields and footpaths.

Planning applications - of great concern to those who live near to a property when changes to that property are being made and new buildings being asked

Mankley Field

Stroud District Council have now an agreed Local Plan, however this came too late to save this development going ahead. We will need to meet with Barratts, to ensure they sign up to with us and the District, to agreed hours of work, traffic movements, design etc.

Ryeford Bridge Traffic Flow

A topic that has caused much angst to many residents. Agreement has almost been reached, for a funding package to widen the pavement and give a clear priority to traffic coming out of the village.

Highways

The number one complaint, the state of the Gloucestershire Roads is a joke, the whole situation with AMEY is one that needs closer examination and scrutiny. I do though believe we have a constructive relationship with Andrew Middlecote who I also wish to record my thanks.

Stroud District Council Overview

Three in four residents (78%) and two thirds of businesses (64%) are satisfied/very satisfied with us – the highest levels ever

Our Local Plan, the first and only in Gloucestershire under the National Planning Policy Framework, is approved and adopted. It is helping see off predatory developers and several appeals against the Council's planning decisions have already been withdrawn.

Our council house building programme is delivering great new homes to very happy tenants

We are a 'carbon neutral' council – the first in the UK to achieve this environment-friendly status

Good progress is being made on developing Gloucestershire's largest single regeneration site at Littlecombe, Dursley – a site we now own

Our largest regeneration scheme, the Cotswold Canal project, has won a national Living Waterways award

In partnership with the University of Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire & Stroud College, we have the biggest and best rated careers event in Gloucestershire. Over 1,600 students and parents meet 60 local companies and 14 higher/further education colleges at Stroud Ambitions

Our work experience charter is the first in Gloucestershire and helping drive up standards and the range of opportunities across all employers

The• innovative rural SUDs scheme as part of national project

Future challenges

In terms of the future there are a number of challenges facing local government.

Finance - the amount of support from govt is set to be continued to be cut, as is the ability to raise council taxes to compensate for that loss. Stroud alongside other councils will face some hard choices ref what services it can continue to offer and to what level and extent.

Increased Demand - at the same time as the above, public bodies because of the age profile of the local population are facing increased demand for key services such as adult social care .

Structures - the possible leaving of Cotswold District from Gloucestershire raises big questions on the future and organisation of many key functions, not least police, fire and health services. Allied to this is whether the current 2 tier structure of there being a County Council and separate Districts will continue.

Planning - current and proposed legislation puts the needs of developers above those of local communities in having a real say on where and on what type of housing etc will be developed.

Housing - there is a chronic shortage of housing particularly for those people wishing to downsize and for younger people. There is an increasing demand for rented property owing to the increased costs of buying a home. Current and proposed legislation means that more and more people are reliant on the private rented sector where demand very much exceeds supply.

Leonard Stanley Art Workshop - Jean Edwards

The Art Workshop has enjoyed another successful and interesting year since the last report for the Parish Council Meeting. Since the period 2015/2016 we have welcomed new members and enjoyed a variety of sessions, including acrylic print making, sketching heads and shoulders, drawing a variety of shoes and trying our own versions of Aboriginal Art. Many of these sessions have been taken by the members themselves, who have shown a great variety of talents and imagination. We also had a very inspiring and informative session taken by Cath Hodsman, who lives locally, and who is renowned for her work on entymological illustrations – bugs, to you and me! We thoroughly enjoyed peering through the microscopes and seeing in great detail the insects and then attempting to draw them. We have also tried turning a black and white photograph into sepia, colour, or attempting a 'modern' take on the photograph. One of the main achievements of the past year was to produce our own book! This was suggested by Iris Bowles, paintings produced by the members of the Workshop and the whole put together by Gerard Atkinson. After a little over four years as 'chair' of the Workshop I have now stepped down and am sure that my successor will provide another enjoyable, interesting and imaginative programme.

Footpath Wardens' Annual Report 2016 - Heather & Dave Longworth

It has been a very wet year resulting in muddy fields and footpaths throughout the winter. Nevertheless, the parish footpaths have been well used with wellies and boots much in evidence.

Kings Stanley and Leonard Stanley have withdrawn from the Walkers are Welcome scheme because we found no benefit from our membership.

Following footpath closure and badger sett damage by the Lioncourt developers at Woodside field, we reported our concerns to the police and to the Public Rights of Way (PROW) Inspections Officer and, as a result, action was taken by the authorities to protect the badgers and maintain access to the footpaths.

The footpaths across the Frocester Hill motocross site still give cause for concern. After many approaches the PROW Officer carried out a site inspection and concluded that there were issues with the footpaths but no further action has yet been taken. However, following action by the Stroud Council Environmental Department, motocross activities are now firmly limited to four events per year and so walkers and residents have achieved some success in limiting this nuisance.

Some local landowners continue to fail to re-instate footpaths when crops are planted.

On a more positive note the Parish kissing gates remain much appreciated and are well used.

As always, we would like to encourage everyone in the village to continue to make use of and enjoy the footpaths network. It is a pleasant way of keeping fit and healthy.

Litter Pick - Maggi Mukasa

The litter on the roads in our village continues to be seasonal. There is always much more in the summer and quite often this is not revealed until the foliage dies back in autumn. Each time I venture out I find between 2 and 3 large heavy duty black sacks of rubbish. There is always an eclectic mix of items in the hedgerow and this year has been no different. Oily rags with chains screwed into plastic bags, a carcass which was completely unrecognisable but not human thank goodness, hub caps, porn magazines, bottles filled with urine I kid you not plus the usual consumables often provided by the larger chains such as McDonalds and Costa.

Car drivers continue to be the worst culprits. The closure of Bridgend was in my opinion a blessing as the volume of rubbish on the two outlying roads reduced considerably. Our Annual Litter Pick coincided this year with the Clean for the Queen campaign. I managed to acquire some very regal purple Clean for the Queen T shirts and we has matching purple sacks in which to place our regal litter. Some couldn't make the date but rang and offered to clean specific areas. Between them and the rest of us who turned up on that Saturday morning we cleared the village in one session.

My thanks to all those who allow me to drop off heavy bags at their homes and to many people who regularly pick up litter strewn around.

Stroud District Council provide sacks, litter pickers and sack rings which make the job much easier. I have a full set permanently if anybody has the need to borrow them for an event.

Mankley Field Action Group

A lot of people put in an extraordinary amount of work in preparing and fundraising for the Inquiry which was held in December 2015. The Mankley Field Action Group was extremely grateful to their legal team: Cain Ormondroyd (Barrister), Adrienne Copithorne (Solicitor) and Emma Montlake (Legal Representative), as well as the Oral Witnesses who gave a sterling account of their use of the field.

Despite a good case being made, the Inspector found that the application should fail; Gloucestershire County Council has now formally agreed with the Inspector's recommendation.

The Mankley Field Action Group is disappointed with the Inspectors findings but is extremely grateful for all the support shown.

Newsletter

Tributes to Dorothy Clark who was the editor of the Newsletter until July 2015; when her deteriorating health prevented her from continuing. Dorothy (who sadly passed away in March 2016), took the responsibility of the editing the newsletter very seriously and would go out of her way to ensure that it was informative and interesting.

Thankfully, the newsletter has a new editor Sarah Shaw-Maslin who is doing a wonderful job backed up by an army of volunteers who distribute the newsletter to the majority of the village.

Neighbourhood Warden – Stuart Beard

Stuart gave a detailed report on the Neighbourhood Warden Service which can assist with the following issues:

- Supporting vulnerable people
- Intimidating or anti-social behaviour
- Abandoned vehicles
- Bogus callers
- Free home security and crime prevention advice
- Hate crime and bullying
- Litter, dog fouling and fly tipping
- Graffiti

Police Report – PCSO Liz Ward

Parish=Leonard Stanley

HO Band	HO Category	Crime 01APR15 05APR16	Detect 01APR15 05APR16
Burglary	Burglary dwelling	8	1
Burglary	Burglary non dwelling	2	0
Burglary	Attempted Burglary non dwelling	1	0
Theft	Interfering with a Motor Vehicle	4	0
Theft	Theft of pedal cycle	1	0
Theft	Theft from vehicle	24	4
Theft	Theft/unauth taking m/veh	2	0
Theft	Other theft/unauth taking	4	0
Criminal damage	Arson not Endangering Life	1	0
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -dwelling	3	1
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -non dwelling	1	0
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -vehicles	6	0
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -other	1	0
Drugs	Drug trafficking	1	0
Drugs	Possession of Drugs(Cannabis)	1	1

Twinning Association –

Thank you for asking us to report on our Twinning again this year so that everyone knows what we have achieved in the last twelve months.

We thank the Parish Council for the donation given to us this year and very much appreciate your following so we can keep the Twinning alive.

We have completed our 45th Anniversary and are now looking forward to the big one. 50th.

Being a special anniversary we had double visits, us going to Dozule last Easter and our friends coming over here in October.

Many activities were arranged while they were here for their 5 days. We went to the Falconry Centre in Newent and a tour around Westons Cider on the Saturday and then a lovely evening enjoyed by all at the Prince of Wales in Berkeley with a three course meal and entertainment and dancing.

Quizzes and craft stalls have been held throughout the year by popular demand and we have raised a considerable amount for our funds.

Four of our committee went to the Dozule Christmas market with the crafts and especially a supply of Christmas puddings.

In October, when our friends from Dozule were over, we unveiled a bench which is situated on the green by the Church. We have placed plaques on the bench in memory of past founder and committee members of the twinning and will continue to do in the future. It was a very emotional time as we had lost three of our members in the last year. We would like to thank the Parish Council for helping us to arrange this project.

Village Fair Report – Maggi Mukasa

A huge thank you to everybody who took part in the village fair this year. We feel the fair went really well and we cannot believe how lucky we were with the weather.

We have so many people to thank. Without their help the fair would not go ahead so in no particular order

*John Nash for bringing the veterans and putting on a tremendous memorabilia display.

*Julie Spokes and Ele Semandini for brilliant photography. See slide show on web site

*Jill Hutchins and all the WI for delicious refreshments

*Raffle donators

Mark McTaggart, Badger Inn, Frocester George, Barbara Ann Florist, Frocester Fayre, Solange Beauty Salon, Passiflora, Jean Hunt, Paul Mukasa, Lansdown Clinic, Nympsfield Gliding Club, Mel Sutton and Jamie

*Julie from Yew Trees Store for her generous sponsorship of the Dog Show

*Produce Judges Emma Goddard, Nora Watson, Zoe Kingston, Gail Smith, Jane and Pete Davis.

*Raffle Sellers Carole Maguire, Vicky Downey, Sarah Robertson, Allyson Bird, Vernon Gibberd, Dee Hinde, Sharon Taubenheim, Pat Hearne, The Utting Family and Emma Hinchcliffe

*Jono Watson for design and printing

* Steve Watson for web site

*Leonard Stanley School

*Pat Hearne for Saturday early morning bacon sandwiches

*Simon Stroud for PA work

*Steve Wilcox, Chris Connett, John Rosewarne and Philip Taubenheim for vintage transport

*Steve Lydon and Selsley Scouts for parking duties

*Tent Team Tony Cawston, Paddy Harvey, Nicky Gaunt, Andy McBride, Sarah Robertson, Esteban Olmes, Roger Targett and Alistair Locke

* Football club for bar and football tournament

*All bouncy castle and pig roast helpers

*Anne Connett for First Aid

*Dave Pullin for loan of field

* Jean Hunt for beautiful display in church

*Church team for setting up church Produce

* Mark McTaggart for unstinting help on the day

*Anybody we have forgotten and finally to all the villagers who came and made it a really special day.

Lots of people are asking how much we made..... Well the answer is virtually nothing.

We made £1100 on the raffle but paid out £1163 on entertainment, dog show, dancers, hire of generators, cables, toilets raffle printing etc. We will just about break even with the small profit on the pig roast.

Our aim is to make the event as free as possible for the entire community.

We are very grateful to everybody who supported by buying raffle tickets.

If anybody has any ideas or comments on improving the fair please ring 01453 822318 or E Mail maggi

mukasa@yahoo.co.uk

Very shortly there will be a full report with photographs on the web site.

The Village Fair Committee

Leonard Stanley Village Hall 2016 by Lisa Walters

The Village Hall Management Committee continue to be dedicated to the success and usability of the hall for all who wish to use it within the village and surrounding areas. We are constantly updating and maintaining the hall to improve its general appearance and to provide the users of the hall with a safe and pleasant space. Presently our regular users are Yoga, Toddlers, Art Workshop, Wine Circle, W.I., Women's Fellowship, Parish Council, School of Canine and between October and March Boot Camp. Our total income has stayed roughly the same as last year, with the support of regular bookings, donations and fundraising. We are extremely grateful to those who have supported the hall through donations including the Safari Supper, the newsletter, the Welfare Trust and David Camm. Fundraising, as ever, continues to be important as presently we are looking into updating the toilets with a complete overhaul. We are very aware of the standard several local halls have achieved over the last couple of years, and with other halls being completely rebuilt the toilets are a high priority. The new lighting that has been installed has improved the overall appearance of the main hall, there have been many good comments received about the improvement they bring. Fundraising events have included a coffee morning and rummage sales.

With any old building there are continual maintenance issues which are dealt with as they arise. We have also had problems with water leaking through the roof, this has hopefully been rectified now, however may need further investigation.

The car park has been being used regularly for contractors working on Mankley Road and although there were a few problems initially with cars and vans parking awkwardly and making it difficult for hall users to get in and park this is not a problem now, and I have not been made aware of any issues. The car park is meant to be tarmacked by the builders once the building work is completed.

There also hasn't been any further car park issues on football days as a result of the football car park being kept open.

Lastly I would like to thank the committee who work hard and remain committed to ensuring the future of the village hall. We also like to say thank you to Jean Edwards who has been a committee member for a couple of years but is stepping down from chairing the Art Group and is also standing down from the committee. We look forward to welcoming the Art Group new representative.

Village Hall Management Committee

VILLAGE WEBSITE - [www .leonardstanley.org.uk](http://www.leonardstanley.org.uk)

The cost of hosting the website with 1&1 (around £100 per year) is met by the Parish Council.

The website aims to be an electronic focus for Leonard Stanley by:

- Providing information on the history and geography of the village
- Providing news, reviews and information
- Offering a web presence to village organisations so they may advertise, inform and entertain
- Publishing Parish Council documents
- Publishing the fortnightly "Leonard Stanley News"

The use of the website is increasing, in line with general internet usage, with around 6,400 hits per year i.e. around 530 individuals viewing the site every month. The Leonard Stanley Website hit counter is currently at 57,008.

The website relies on information provided by local people and everyone is asked to review and update the information on their organisations. The website is viewed by people from around the world.

Steve Watson 10th May 2016

Welfare Trust and Rishton Education Foundation – Dave Camm

The Welfare Trust during 2015 has been able to continue to let all the land it has in trust, all the non allotment fields are let on a 11 month grass keep agreements, and we now have 107 plots all with the exception of three occupied by 80 allotment holders, and there is no waiting list. The trustees had to employ a tree surgeon to remove an ash tree that had die back and that reduced our surplus funds however we were able to sell the timber and recover some of the costs. This year some money has to be spent on the allotment shed and replace the guttering and cover to the water tank this was last done twenty five years ago.

The trust was able to make various grants in 2015 totalling £400 for 2 youngsters entering tertiary education, and in addition a further £600 shared between the PCC, VHMC and Toddlers to assist in the spiritual and social needs of the Village.

The trusts are administered by 5 trustees (2 Church appointees 2 Parish Council appointees Mr. John Hanvey and the Reverend Peggy Ludlow both for the church, Mrs Sue Davies and Mr. Chris Connett for the Parish Council and myself to represent the allotment holders. The position of the trustee Reverend Peggy Ludlow will be reviewed at the May meeting of the PCC and no doubt a replacement will be made as she is now domicile in Australia. At this point I would like to thank Cllr. Sue Davies and Cllr. Chris Connett for taking over the collection of the annual rents this year as I was unable to do so due to a medical setback.

Should anyone living in Leonard Stanley or King's Stanley like an allotment please contact any of the trustees, similarly if any youngster residing in Leonard Stanley and is about to enter tertiary education or an apprenticeship this year and would like to apply for some financial assistance please let me have their details in a sealed envelope and I will present it to the allocations meeting in September so that the trustees can decide on its merits for financial help.

WINE CIRCLE - Chris Phillips

Another successful and interesting year, with a membership now standing at 45.

Unfortunately like most organisations people either die, get too infirm to attend or move from the area and at the present time we have a few vacancies..

At the AGM in October we increased our membership from £20 to £22.50 to cover the cost of speakers, which continually increases but held the price of our Xmas dinner to £17.50. We have healthy bank balance, which pay for the coach travel on our outings. Tim Vale, the Treasurer retired after 18 years and Sue Bischler took over from him. The President this year is Bob Britton with David Price as Vice President and myself remaining as Secretary. We also have our own web site operated by Noel Baker. We try to have a good variety of speakers every month, plus the June Garden Party held at The Grange, the annual Burns supper and Christmas Dinner with live entertainment. For the Christmas just gone we had a change and had a magician which went down very well. For the Summer outing in July, I organized a visit by coach to Westons Cider in Ledbury which was much enjoyed, particularly the sampling and the delicious meal afterwards.

For 2016, we have had a talk on riding freight trains in the Rocky Mountains and New Mexico, one on wreckers efforts to recover valuable materials from the Severnside foreshore, a talk on German Occupation in Guernsey and for May, a talk and demonstration on Egyptian Spirit Dancing. Our July outing this year is to Bath, where we will board a boat and enjoy a meal with a jazz band cruising up the river – so hope it will be a nice sunny evening.

Our club consists of people mostly from the village, although we have members from Kings Stanley, Rodborough and Cam and we are in the late 50's upwards age group. The club itself is very friendly and we all enjoy meeting up, listening to good speakers and enjoying an excellent supper each month with a glass or two of wine.

Chris Phillips

SECRETARY OF LEONARD STANLEY WINE CIRCLE