



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 5th December 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present:- Councillors R Bayliss (Chairman), C Connett, G Davies, S Davies and K Harrison.

Also Present: - Neighbourhood Warden Andrew Beamish (departed after Public Time), County Cllr Loraine Patrick (arrived at Agenda Item 112/17) and Mrs P Fawkes.

Public Time:-

The Chairman welcomed the Neighbourhood Warden, Andy Beamish. Andy introduced himself to the Members and outlined his role and the area he covers.

Andy then gave an update on parking issues within the village.

105/17. Apologies for absence: Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Stuart Craddock, Phil Hebert, Steve Lydon and District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy.

106/17. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items

Cllr Graham Davies declared an interest in Agenda Item 114/17ii.

107/17. To approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th November 2017

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

108/17. To receive an update / reports from the County and District Councillors

A report was received from Cllr Steve Lydon and circulated to the Members prior to the meeting. (See Appendix 1).

County Cllr Loraine Patrick on the following:-

- Open Reach, who will be investigating the problems regarding the exchange boxes in the village.
- Parking issues in The Street.
- '101' non-emergency Police Number – issues with getting through to this number. Plus an invite to visit the call centre.

109/17. To receive an update on the Mankley Field development.

i) General Update:

- A warning has been given regarding Sunday working.
- The first properties should be occupied this month.
- Hedge near Castlemead, on Mankley Field has been removed. This has been raised with Stroud District Council's Enforcement Officer, as the hedge should have been protected.
- There are still issues with noise from radios.

ii) Welcome to Leonard Stanley sign – Cllr Sue Davies was working with David Wilson Homes on getting the sign erected in the right location. However, someone purporting to be from Highways instructed the workmen on site to erect the sign immediately, hence it has been erected in the wrong location.

The sign will remain in situ for the meantime, but David Wilson Homes are working with Kings Stanley Parish Council to put a Welcome to Kings Stanley on the rear. It will then be relocated nearer the stream but raised up, so it can be seen.

iii) Street naming unveiling and reception.

The Chairman reported that there was good publicity prior to the event, as it was covered by the Stroud News and Journal and Radio Gloucestershire. The day itself had a good turnout, with representatives from the Northern Ireland Veterans Association, Lyndon Morgan's family and the Wyman family. We record our thanks to Barratt Homes and David Wilson Homes for their assistance and putting on a very good reception after.

110/17. To receive an update from the Cluster Meeting

The Chairman updated the Members on the Cluster Meeting he attended. Summary of issues covered:

- The police are targeting the 'Autumn Burglaries'.
- There was a major drug raid recently in Rodborough – and action is being taken on 'cuckooing' in rural locations (using minors for the distribution of drugs).
- There have been unconfirmed reports that the County Police and Crime Commissioner has suggested the relocation of Dursley Police Station to Dursley Fire Station with a possible reduction in staffing levels.
- Issues with the '101' police non-emergency number.
- 65 potential job losses at Stroud District Council.

111/17. Project List

i) To confirm the authorisation for Steve Lacey to assist with the drawings for the VHMC (including putting forward alternative ideas).

The Members approved the hiring of Steve Lacey to assist with the drawings put forward by the Village Hall Management Committee and to put forward any alternative ideas he may have. The Members agreed to allow up to £400.00 for this work.

ii) To receive an update from the Chairman, Cllr Rob Bayliss.

The Chairman updated the Members on the correspondence received from the VHMC.

iii) To authorise the previously constituted Village Hall sub-group to consider Steve Lacey's report and to hold further discussions with the Village Hall Management Committee.

The Members gave their approval for the sub-group to proceed.

iv) To receive a report from Cllr J Bogdiukiewicz from the VHMC meeting.

Cllr J Bogdiukiewicz was not present, so no report was presented.

112/17. Trees on the Playing Field – to receive a report on several dead trees on the Playing Field and to agree appropriate action.

The Clerk reported that a tree came down onto the Tennis Courts and work to remove the tree has been authorised. An inspection has shown several more dead trees that require urgent attention.

The Members acknowledged that the dead trees need to be felled ASAP. **CLERK**

113/17. War Memorial

i) To receive details of damage incurred to the triangle and consider ways to prevent further damage.

The triangle green was damaged by a lorry on the day before the Remembrance Service and the Council thanked the Chairman for his efforts in making good the ground, so as not to pose a danger to those attending the service. An unknown vehicle has since caused further damage and the Clerk has requested that Steve Marshall carries out repairs.

The Members discussed various ways in which the green could be protected and requested quotes for decorative bollards to be installed at each corner. **CLERK**

ii) To consider the cleaning of the War Memorial, for the 100th Anniversary in November 2018 and agree a quote of £875.

A donation of up to £500 from Mr Alder has been offered towards the cost of the cleaning, for which the Members expressed their gratitude.

The details of the quote provided by the specialist firm Centrelinestone was issued to the Members prior to the meeting.

It was agreed to proceed with the quote for £875.

114/17. Financial Issues

j) To authorise payments in accordance with the RFO Report

Summary of expenditure for December 2017:-

Description	Total Paid Out	Power of Authority
Administration	£1163.57	LGA 1972 s.112(2), LG (FP)A 1933 s.5, LGA 1972s.111, LGA 1972 s133 and LGA 1972 s.142, LG&Rating Act 1997 s.31

Playing Fields	£ 20.00	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
Village Maintenance	£ 621.20	Litter A 1983 ss.5, LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3) and Highways A 1980 s.96.
Projects	£ 330.00	
Total Payments	£2134.77	

The Council approved the accounts for payment.

ii) To consider grants for local groups/organisations (from 2017/18 budget).

(Cllr Graham Davies did not take part in the discussion or vote).

The following grants were unanimously agreed:-

Leonard Stanley Toddler Group	£150.00
St Swithun's PCC	£200.00
Stroud CAB	£350.00

iii) To consider the revised budget for the Financial Year 2017/18.

The detail of the revised budget was issued to the Members prior to the meeting.

The Members approved the revised budget.

iv) To consider the setting of the budget for the Financial Year 2018/19.

The detail of the proposed budget was issued to the Members prior to the meeting

The Members approved the budget.

v) To consider the precept for the Financial Year 2018/19

The Members agreed to set the precept at £30,000.

115/17. Planning

i) To consider plans received

S.17/2559/FUL Downton Farm, Stanley Downton – Construction of detached garages to units 3 and 4. Re-submission of planning application S.17/1734/FUL.

It was agreed to support this application.

S.17/2726/HHOLD Vernaloft, Bath Road – Proposed extension and alterations including changes to roof height.

It was agreed to support this application.

ii) To receive a progress report from the Clerk on applications already responded to:-

S.17/1810/ADV Land south of Leonard Stanley Primary School, Bath Road - display of 2 no entrance signs, 5 no information boards, 6 no flags, 3 no poster signs and marketing suite fascia signage. **Permitted.**

S.17/2035/FUL White Hart Inn - Erection of ground floor and first floor extensions, ground floor bar and kitchen extension, two first floor en-suite bedrooms. **Refused**

S.17/2269/HHOLD 28 Seven Waters - Creation of off road parking. *Permitted.*

S.17/2460/T5DAY TPO Common Lime, Broad Meadows – Fell to Ground Level. *Permitted.*

116/17. Correspondence –

Christmas Trees Collection – trees will be collected by Just Helping on behalf of Longfield Hospice. In support of this charity effort, there will not be a skip service this year.

117/17. Councillors Submissions

- Crazed tarmac by the school in Bath Road and a pothole outside the Village Hall were reported.
- The Clerk to arrange for the gaps in the fence on the Playing Field to be repaired (by the gate leading onto The Street and by the tennis courts). **CLERK**
- Issues on footpaths KS26 and KS27 were reported.
- The Street, to be included on a future agenda to consider the merits of making it one-way. **CLERK**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 6th February 2018 **at 7.30pm.**

Appendix 1

District Councillor report by Steve Lydon

Woodside Lane New Development

GreenSquare has been working with Lioncourt Homes to build 15 new affordable homes (8 for affordable rent and 7 for shared ownership) in King's Stanley (Woodside Lane, GL10 3JZ) as part of Lioncourt's wider development of 48 properties. These new homes have recently been completed and residents have now moved in.

Lottery bid for the canal project submitted

On Thursday, 30 Nov SDC submitted a canal funding bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund. If successful, it would see restoration of 6.6 km of canal between Stonehouse and Saul Junction, and join up with the national network. It would make Stonehouse and Stroud canal towns once again and realise the full potential of the restoration work already done. Stroud District Council has committed £3m to the project; the outcome of the bid should be known in April/May.

Excellence Awards

Two council departments have been recognised by the Association of Public Service Excellence as being among the best performing in the country, and both have been shortlisted as finalists to receive awards in December:

The street cleansing service is responsible for clearing around 1000 flytips every year, emptying 1412 dog and litter bins each week and keeping 1466km of road and streets clean. The team also supports community litter picking events, clear debris from roads following traffic accidents, remove needles and other health hazards from the streets and, at this time of year, clear tonnes of fallen leaves from roads and pavements. Street cleansing is a service that many people only tend to notice when something goes wrong, so awards that recognise the on going contribution made by front line staff to enhance their neighbourhoods and communities is a real moral booster.

The Environmental health service carries out a range of functions that help protect and improve the health of our local communities.

The work they undertake includes the regulation of food businesses, improving housing conditions, pollution control, workplace safety and wellbeing, pest control, animal welfare, port health, contaminated land, air quality monitoring, licensing of pubs, clubs and taxi operators, air quality monitoring and dealing with noise and other nuisances.

Recognition for our advice to people in council tax debt

The National Debtline, which provides free advice for people in financial difficulty are increasingly helping people to deal with debts owed to local authorities - with 26% of callers now having council tax arrears. The chief executive of the Money Advice Trust has written to SDC to congratulate the council for reducing our reliance on using bailiffs to collect council tax debt. We are among only 38% of councils in England and Wales where this figure has been reduced. SDC now manage council tax debt collection in-house, which means that residents speak directly to us, rather than an outside agency. SDC provide debt and welfare benefit advice which is particularly useful for the most vulnerable people in the district and signpost residents to Citizens Advice. For council tax advice, including how to check your balance online and sign up for e-billing go to [stroud.gov.uk/council-tax](https://www.stroud.gov.uk/council-tax)