



# 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 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Lease Room, Village Hall.

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

Observing:- County Cllr L Williams

Also Present:- 2 Members of the Public (departed after Public Questions)

### **Public Questions:**

**Q.** Mr C Oakes asked the Council on what they intended to do about the damage to the Playing Fields and what steps they would then take to ensure that it doesn't happen again?

**A.** The Chairman stated that the Council had given permission for the visiting fair, as it had been well received when it was previously held in 2010. The Fair Organiser Angus Pedrick had given both written and verbal assurances that they would not put the field at risk, and would take the necessary steps to ensure this. The Clerk did speak to Mr Pedrick once they arrived on the field, as tyre tracks had caused an indentation on the Football Pitch, and was again assured that they would repair the damage, that no further damage would be caused and that "once departed – you would not know that a Fair had been here"!

The Chairman detailed that the Council had reacted immediately, when it was reported that the visiting fair was causing damage to the Field. Both the Clerk and the Chairman remained onsite from early on the Tuesday until the last lorry had been removed, to ensure that the damage was limited and that procedures were in place to protect members of the public.

Sports Ground Maintenance Services (SGMS) have been and will continue to repair the damage, as and when the weather conditions allow. The Council will be pursuing the Fair Organiser for reimbursement.

**95/12. Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr R Gaunt, District Cllr N Studdert-Kennedy, PCSO Liz Ward and Neighbourhood Warden Phil Drew.

**96/12. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items** – There were none.

**97/12. To approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012**

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

**98/12. To consider the way forward, following the damage to the Playing Fields caused by the visiting Fair.**

The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken with SGMS who will continue to assess the damage and repair when the weather conditions permit. They will this week fill in the original tracks on the football pitch with sand, to improve conditions so that the Football Club can still play. SGMS have turned the pitch around, as extensive damage was caused to the Goal Mouth, and the length of the original pitch.

The ongoing work is likely to continue until at least the Spring and will be very much dependant on the weather. It is hoped that it can be put right before the Cricket Season commences.

The area from the access gate in Bath Road, to the Play Equipment will be made safe but not re-grassed, as that area is likely to be used when the new Play Equipment is installed.

The area in front and to the side of the Pavilion is the worst affected and will most likely need to be re-ploughed. The rest of the area will need to be rolled, filled and then de-compacted.

The Clerk will arrange for a legal letter to be sent to the Fair Organiser Angus Pedrick. It is hoped that the costs can be recovered.

**CLERK**

The Members would like to express their gratitude to SGMS for their speedy response in ensuring that the new Football Pitch was available to be played on and for their ongoing work, which was also re-iterated by the Football Club.

**99/12. To receive updates from the County and District Councillors**

County Cllr Lesley Williams reported:

- That the Badger Cull has been suspended. The Extraordinary Meeting of the County Council was cancelled, but the issue of whether clauses are added to Tenant Farmers will still be discussed.
- Incinerator proposed at Javelin Park. The County Council have appointed consultants to deal with the Planning Application. The Waste Core Strategy is still to be ratified.
- Highways have allocated each County Cllr £10,000 for the next two years to spend in their Wards on Highway projects.

District Cllr Steve Lydon reported:

- Woolaways is progressing better than the original timetable. Fears have been raised by the remaining residents, of security issues, including the risk of empty homes being broken into.
- Dog Control Orders. New rules, restricting where dogs can be exercised off the lead, will be in place from December 2012.
- A resident of St Swithuns had reported problems with a culvert.
- The District Council are going through the Budget and Precept setting process. Also the way the Rents are set is being reviewed.

Cllr P Hebert asked if the area of Ryeford Road by Stanley Mill will get a priority Traffic System?

Cllr Lydon responded by stating that he will be organising a petition, as the development of Stanley Mill will make a bad situation worse. County Cllr L Williams hoped this could be an area where Leonard Stanley and Kings Stanley Parish Councils could work together.

## **100/12 To approve the revised Standing Orders**

The Chairman explained why this item was deferred from last months meeting, and hoped that all Councillors had now familiarised themselves with the revised Standing Orders.

*It was agreed to adopt the Revised Standing Orders.*

## **101/12 To receive an update from the Clerk**

### **i. Steering Group for Play Facilities in the Recreation Park**

The Clerk stated that the group are awaiting the designs and quotes from several Play Equipment Companies, the group will meet again later this month. They will then put the results out to Public Consultation.

### **ii. Kissing Gate on the Playing Field**

The Clerk reported that the Kissing Gate has now been installed. The Members wished to thank the Cotswold Wardens for a tremendous job. **CLERK**

### **iii. Letters sent to the properties that back onto the Playing Fields**

The Clerk confirmed that she had sent letters to all properties that back onto the Playing Fields, and had received very little feedback. After a conversation with one of the residents, a repair to the fence has been done.

### **iv. Highways – Micro Surfacing of Marsh Road, The Street and Church Road**

The Clerk confirmed that the micro surfacing has now been completed, after several delays caused by the weather. Cllr S Craddock expressed concerns that a lot of the surfacing had already been washed away, and that the gullies maybe blocked as a result. **CLERK**

The Members wanted to pass on their thanks to Highways, for accommodating the Funeral that took place whilst these works were being carried out. The Clerk will contact Highways. **CLERK**

## **102/12. Village Champion – To discuss ideas for a Village Champion Award**

It was agreed that the nomination forms should be sent out with the Christmas Newsletter. **CHAIR/CLERK**

The Council could then decide and announce the winner in February or March.

A Roll of Honour should be displayed with 'winners' names in the Village Hall and a personal award to the recipient should be given out at the AGM, by the Chairman.

## **103/12. Financial Issues**

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

Summary of expenditure for October 2012:-

<b>Description</b>	<b>Total Paid Out</b>	<b>Power of Authority</b>
Pavilion and Playing Fields	£116.16	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
Administration	£539.08	LGA 1972 s.112(2) & LG (FP)A 1963)
Village Maintenance	£280.00	Highways A 1980 s.96
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£935.24</b>	

*The Council approved the accounts for payment.*

## **ii. To receive confirmation of Internal Checks**

The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Gaunt carried out a check on bank reconciliation dated 28/09/12 and an audit trail on the following payments: cheque numbers 002244, 002261 & 002271.

## **104/12. Planning**

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

There were no plans to consider.

### **ii) The following applications have now received permission:**

- a)** S.12/1690/FUL Land Adjacent to Liddiatt House, Bath Road. Resubmission of S.11/1222/FUL – Erection of dwelling.
- b)** S.12/1597/FUL Leaze Farm, Gipsy Lane. Construction of Farm Building.
- c)** S.12/1701/VAR Downton Farm, Stanley Downton. Variation of condition 1 from planning permission S.09/1400/FUL to extend the time limit for implementing the permission.

## **105/12. Correspondence**

Details of the correspondence received during October had been circulated. The Clerk highlighted the following items:

- To receive the resignation of Cllr D Targett.
- Advice reference precept setting – the Clerk requested that in accordance with that advice that Decembers' meeting is re-scheduled until the 11<sup>th</sup> December.
- Report from the Police, highlighting a lot of criminal damage to cars and incidents of anti social behaviour in October.
- Response from the Enforcement Officer, reference the anonymous correspondence received in September, to a gardening business being run from Woodlands.
- Highways Open Evening to be held in LS Village Hall on the 14<sup>th</sup> November between 5pm and 8pm.

## **106/12. Councillors Submissions -**

- Mud on the Road – Cllr G Davies stated that concerns had been raised with reference to the Mud on the Roads, and referred to the press release issued by Gloucestershire County Council, which is available on the Website and Notice boards.
- Armistice Day – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November at the War Memorial
- December Meeting – will now take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.35pm. The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** 2012 in The Lease Room of the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.