



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 November 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

Also Present:- District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy

100/14. Apologies for absence was received from Cllr's Stuart Craddock and Steve Lydon

101/14. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items

There were none.

102/14. To approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 7th October 2014

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

103/14. To receive updates from the County and District Councillors

District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy reported:-

- Stroud District Council are debating the new contract for waste collection, which is likely to introduce a charge for bulk waste removal.
- Discussions are on-going on the number and locations to be submitted for the Local Plan (Examination in Public).
- The discount for empty homes has been extended.
- Mankley Road - Construction is likely to start this month.

District/County Cllr Steve Lydon sent in the following report:-

Local Plan This will be reconsidered by the full council in December for resubmission to the independent inspector. Numerous reports are being considered by members at present. The previous submission for houses for the 30 year plan was 9.500 , there is agreement from all parties that this number needs to increase. However, what the number is and what sites will be named to support the number being submitted have still to be agreed. Stroud DC are the most advanced of all the Councils in Gloucestershire in progressing their plan.

Highways The new contract provider AMEY is still not delivering. There are many issues including failure to supply materials for the footpath volunteers. We have numerous potholes, verges not being cut, pavements and kerbs full of weeds. We need clarity on what how and when they will perform. Also getting feedback on when jobs are done needs to be given. John Kay our local Highways Contact is on long term sick. I am asking all parish and town council clerks to send me a copy of outstanding highways queries so I can raise the full list with the

head of highways at GCC. Am working through the lists submitted by Parish and Town councils to get progress.

GCC Community Empowerment Chest This will be launched shortly, it's a £100k fund to support local groups to diversify and become more business-like. The Community Empowerment Chest will provide grants, of up to £5,000 per bid, to Gloucestershire's community start-ups, community enterprises and voluntary and charity organisations to kick start, develop or improve the services they provide the people of Gloucestershire in order to improve community resilience.

GCC Youth Fund This is a sum of £5k per County Cllr and I am in discussions about using this money to help the Our Place youth initiative in Dursley. This is now progressing.

Health There are considerable issues with our local health service. There are substantial staff shortages, evidenced by the closure of one of the wards at Stroud Community hospital because of a shortage of nurses. GP waiting times are increasing and the Gloucester Royal AE is the busiest it has ever been. All these matters are being raised and monitored by the County Health Scrutiny Committee which I Chair. There are also increases in waiting times for patients received feedback on MRI and cancer scans.

GCC Budget Headline figures have just been released , showing the huge scale of proposed cuts by the County. Approx. £25m will be cut in the next financial , the majority of which in the care of adult and social care for the elderly and People With Disabilities. I am Labour spokesperson for Finance and will continue to endeavour to fight to protect services for the most vulnerable in society.

Social Value This is a topic I am very keen on i.e. maximising the benefits to the local community by the purchasing power of the County and the District. Benefits, could include, apprentices, jobs, training, environmental works.

Defibs campaign Defibs save lives I am campaigning for each local community to have one, and am lobbying local parish Councils, Stroud District and the County Council to support.

Buses- Changes to Timetables and Loss of services this is an area of huge concern. With a total lack of consultation or communication by local bus company on changes to timetables and loss of routes. I am raising with the County how we can get the companies to work better with us. I am also questioning how and who agrees which services are subsidised and what engagement there is if any with local communities, the subsidies to local buses are also being cut.

104/14. To receive details and consider ways to best deal with criminal and anti-social incidents (recent increase in break-in's and inconsiderate parking).

Recent increase in crime

The Clerk circulated a report from PCSO Liz Ward to Members prior to the meeting. The report detailed several house and shed break in's over the last month, in the Stanley's and Eastington.

The Clerk is to add a note in the newsletter, passing on advice from the police to be more vigilant and secure ones property.

CLERK

The Council would also like the Clerk to contact PCSO Liz Ward to request if the extra patrols can continue and ask if enough is being done.

CLERK

Inconsiderate Parking

Several areas were reported where inconsiderate parking is posing a risk/problem and it was felt that the police are not taking the matter seriously and do not issue enforcement notices.

The Members were asked to take photographic evidence of examples they encounter. **ALL**

The Clerk is to write to PCSO Liz Ward to inform the police of the concerns raised and request that action to improve the situation is taken. It was agreed that if no improvement is made by the end of the year, then the Clerk should write to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

CLERK

105/14 To receive details of Bus Changes

The bus service, as of the 2nd November, is to be known as the 66S. It will continue to run an hourly service from Gloucester Bus Station to Stroud Bus Station. It was noted that the route has changed and no longer stops at Quedgley.

Concerns were raised that the last bus from Gloucester does not allow for concessionary fares. The Clerk to speak with Cllr Steve Lydon to see if this can be addressed. **CLERK**

106/14. Financial Issues

j) To authorise payments in accordance with the RFO Report

Summary of expenditure for November 2014:-

Description	Total Paid Out	Power of Authority
Administration	£ 908.04	LGA 1972 s.112(2) & LG (FP)A 1933 s.5 & LG & Rating Act 1997 s.31 & LGA 1972 s.111
Village Green	£1370.00	(from funds raised)
Total Payments	£2278.04	

The Council approved the accounts for payment.

ii) To receive confirmation of an award for £648 to purchase an outside table tennis table from the GRCC Community Activity Grant.

A grant has been awarded for £648, from Gloucestershire Rural Community Council to provide an outside table tennis table.

iii) To note that both the budget and precept are to be set in December and consider any issues to be taken into consideration.

The RFO (Clerk) supplied information to the Members of costs to be taken into consideration. It was agreed that Cllr's Rob Bayliss and Sue Davies work with the RFO to produce a report for the Members prior to the December meeting. **RFO/SD/RB**

The grants will be considered in the December meeting, it was requested that the request from the Twinning Association be considered as a separate Agenda Item. **CLERK**

107/14. Planning

i. To consider any plans received:

a.) S.14/1269/LBC Downton Farm, Stanley Downton - Amended details to existing planning/listed building consent in the change of use of redundant tithe barn (unit 4) to residential.

The Council agreed not to comment.

b.) S.14/1268/COU Downton Farm, Stanley Downton - Amended details to existing planning permission in the change of use of barns, units 2,3, 6 to residential.

The Council agreed not to comment.

c.) S.14/2272/LBC Yew Tree Cottage, Church Road – Replacement kitchen roof.

The Council agreed to support this application.

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

The following planning applications have received permission:-

S.14/1699/FUL Chapel House. Erection of one dwelling (Revised application following refusal of S.13/2190/FUL).

S.14/2127/FUL Priory Farm, Church Road. Construction of agricultural building.

S.14/2023/FUL Priory Farm, Church Road. Siting of 416 solar panels on two existing barns.

The following planning applications are still pending:-

S.14/2082/FUL Land at Bath Road/Downton Road - Erection of 17 dwellings, new access and internal roadway and ancillary works.

S.14/1965/LBC Priory Farm, Church Road - Internal alterations to provide an annexe accommodation for a family member - applied retrospectively. External steps and veranda providing access to building.

S.14/0525/FUL Land at Woodside Lane - Erection of 48 dwellings (including 15 affordable dwellings), including landscaping and associated infrastructure works

108/14. Correspondence – The following item was highlighted:-

a. The report from Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association; which rated the play equipment as Excellent, the playing field and football pitch as Good, the cricket pitch as Average and the tennis courts as Below Average.

The Council would like re-assurance from the Football Club that the floodlights in use on the playing field are compliant. The Clerk is to write to the Football Club. **CLERK**

109/14. Councillors Submissions –

- Remembrance Sunday Service to take place at the War Memorial on Sunday 9th November, at 10.45am. Following the official service, Cllr Phil Herbert will say a few words in memory of Peter Pearce, (planter with plaque will be in place).
- Stonehouse Planning/Local Plan meeting - Cllr Sue Davies attended the meeting. The Parish Council agreed that it was not appropriate to be present at any future meetings of this alliance, as its main aim is to prevent development West of Stonehouse.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55 pm. The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 2nd December 2014.**