



# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

Also Present:- District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy and 3 members of the public

### **Public Time:**

Mrs Diane Odell updated the members on her trip to Westminster, as the representative for Leonard Stanley Parish Council, to consult on the National Planning Policy Framework.

She reported that there were about 60 people divided into groups of about 7 or 8. Each group then got to speak with an MP for about 20 minutes before moving onto another MP and in all they got to speak with 4 MP's.

Issues that were raised included; 1) developers not developing sites they already have permission on, 2) sustainability, 3) Highways interpretation of 'severe', 4) corruption within councils.

Further comments can be made on the portal until the middle of September and then the results will be published, although the comments will not be attributed to anyone.

**75/14. Apologies for absence** was received from Cllr Stuart Craddock

### **76/14. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items**

There were none.

### **77/14. To approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014**

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

### **78/14. To receive an update on Mankley Field**

#### **a. On the decision by the Planning Inspectorate**

The Clerk confirmed the decision of the Planning Inspectorate to allow the appeal in favour of Gladmans.

*Clerks' note: Stroud District Council have now applied for a Judicial Review challenging several legal aspects of this decision.*

## **b. On the response to the complaint to Stroud District Council**

The Clerk confirmed that a response to the joint Parish Council / Mankley Field Action Group complaint had been received, although as several aspects of the response were felt to be unsatisfactory, a further letter has been sent (this has already been circulated to the Members).

## **c. On the Village Green application**

Chairman Cllr Graham Davies briefed the members with regards to the status of the Village Green application. He confirmed that they have secured the services of Planning Sanity and several new members have come on board to assist the original team.

The fundraising request has so far raised over £3,000, which will be used to pay for the legal costs. There is a public meeting planned for Thursday the 4th September, in which a full update will be given and advice of what is still required.

The Members confirmed their support for the Village Green application.

## **79/14. To receive updates from the County and District Councillors**

District / County Cllr Steve Lydon issued a written report to members prior to the meeting, a summary is below:-

- New planning and advisory panel, (both District Cllrs Nigel Studdert-Kenney and Steve Lydon are members), will be inviting Mrs Litton and Mrs Odell along with representatives of the Baxter Field Action Group to meet with them.
- County Council - I am seeking clarification on the differing roles and functions of departments when they appear to have a conflict of interest.
- Ryeford Supermarket proposals - I along with District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy met with the developers to try and gain a better understanding. There are concerns regarding access and traffic flows. The district council are due to discuss this application in their September meeting.
- Active Together - I have been asked to support Dursley Rugby Club to modernise their changing rooms to allow girls and women's rugby, World Jungle for greater use of the Chancery Centre and Leonard Stanley Parish Council to refurbish their Tennis Courts, plus all sorts of charities have applied for support for sporting activities.
- Highways Fund - I have been approached by Dursley Town Council to consider refurbishing the clock pavement in the Town Centre.
- Highways/PROW/Amey - the new contract provider Amey is not yet delivering.
- Social Value - This is about maximising the benefits to the local community by the purchasing power of the county and district council. Benefits could include - apprentices, jobs, training and environmental works.
- Meeting the Challenge 2 - this is the name for the county administration proposal for cutting between £75 and £100 million pounds over the next 4 years. The service area which it is proposed will take the brunt of the cuts is adult social care i.e. services to the elderly and people with disabilities. I am campaigning to merge the appropriate budgets with those of the NHS to have a truly integrated service.
- Proposed changes to King's Stanley Post Office provision - I have formally complained about when the consultation took place and its short timescale, some people are supportive i.e. longer hours. However, I have expressed the view that this will lead to a number of services received not being the same as before, and fear for the future of any provision for the future.
- NHS - The latest example is the tendering for the GP Out of Hours GP service. We face A&E services, under huge pressure, shortages of key staff, longer waiting times,

GP surgeries under pressure. I have asked for regular updates for when critical areas are effected by staff shortages, and in order to expose shortcomings and organising an enquiry into urgent care.

- Defibrillators - I am asking Town and Parish Councils to consider supporting the initiative proposed by the ambulance service and the British Heart Foundation.

Gypsy Lane:- The members asked about the works being carried out in Gypsy Lane. Concern was raised over the lack of efficiency for the work being done by Amey - Cllr Steve Lydon confirmed that Highways had purchased this work on a fixed price contract.

Although there was some discord, several members expressed their appreciation of Highways for funding these works.

The Clerk is to write to Highways and request that the kerb is raised in front of the church.

**CLERK**

#### **80/14. To receive an update from the Clerk:**

**a. Hedging for Bath Road end of the playing fields**

The hedging has been ordered and will be planted towards the end of September.

**b. Gap between the Village Hall and the Pavilion car parks.**

Further enquiries have established that the railway sleeper option is the cheapest. The Clerk is arranging for them to be delivered and then concreted in.

**CLERK**

**c. Village Design Statement Project.**

Mrs Holland briefed the members and confirmed that she has met with the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council, who has advised that a Steering Group should first be established (Cllrs Rob Bayliss and Sue Davies both volunteered to join the Steering Group).

Mrs Holland informed the members of the objectives and the timetable. She also told them that the questionnaire will first have to be approved by Stroud District Council. The plan would have to include detailed information on the Listed Buildings, history and environment.

Mrs Holland confirmed to the Council, that although the project is more intense and will take longer than originally envisaged, she is still willing to continue.

**d. Road closure 'The Street' for Remembrance Sunday**

Stroud District Council have confirmed the request for the Road Closure, and they waived their usual fee. A note has been placed in the newsletter to inform residents and thank them in advance for their co-operation (this will continue to appear in the newsletter until the road closure has taken place).

#### **81/14 To consider a request for an access to be created across the green (by the bus stop opposite the school) to No 3 Brimley.**

The members felt that this request would assist with the shortage of parking in this area.

*It was agreed to allow the request for an access to be created, using mesh, subject to planning permission being granted.*

**82/14 To consider an application for dispensation of Members Interests, for Cllr Rob Bayliss with regards the Playing Fields and the Pavilion**

*It was agreed to apply for dispensation of Members Interests, for Cllr Rob Bayliss with regards the Playing Fields and the Pavilion.*

The Clerk will now apply to the Monitoring Officer.

**CLERK**

**83/14. To consider proposals for the Post Office in King's Stanley to be made into a Post Office Local**

A request asking for the consultation period to be extended, to allow for it to be advertised in the newsletter and give the opportunity for the Members to consider was denied.

The Clerk objected to the proposals on behalf of the Parish Council; as it will create queues in the Co-op and only offer a reduced service.

**84/14. Financial Issues**

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

Summary of expenditure for August and September 2014:-

<b>Description</b>	<b>Total Paid Out</b>	<b>Power of Authority</b>
Pavilion and Playing Fields	£1284.91	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3 )
Administration	£2206.77	LGA 1972 s.112(2) & LG (FP)A 1933 s.5 & LG & Rating Act 1997 s.31
Village Maintenance	£ 560.00	Highways A 1980 ss.4, Litter A 1983 ss.5,6 & Highways A 1980 ss.43,50
Village Green	£ 291.85	
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£4343.53</b>	

*The Council approved the accounts for payment.*

The Clerk also reported that the Council had passed the External Audit and the Annual Return has been signed off.

Village Green Fundraising as at the 1<sup>st</sup> September have raised over £3000 in donations. These funds will be used prior to any allocation from the Parish Council.

**ii) To receive details of an internal audit check**

The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Sue Davies carried out an internal audit check on the following payments; chq no 002436 £130.00 Mr T Smith, 002439 £397.20 Minsterstone and 002454 £42.80 HMRC.

**85/14. Planning**

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

**S.14/1459/FUL** Jimuir, Bath Road. New dwelling and garage.

The Clerk sent in a letter of objection on behalf of the Council.

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

*The Council agreed to support this application.*

**S.14/1621/LBC & S.14/1620/HHOLD** The Menders House, Beards Mill. Change of use from a domestic workshop to a studio. Replace existing external door with a glazed door. Folding timber screen to match existing. The erection of a timber framed and timber clad garage.

*The Council agreed to support this application.*

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

The following plans have received permission:-

**S.14/1118/HHOLD** 2 Brockley Road – Proposed single storey extension to the rear of the dwelling.

**S.14/1167/FUL** Downton Farm, Downton Road - Erection of a timber framed stable, hay store and tack room.

**S.14/0119/FUL** Downton Farm, Downton Road. Conversion of barn to dwelling with single storey extension and a detached garage with games room above (Barn 5).

**S.14/1459/FUL** Jimuir, Bath Road. New dwelling and garage.

**S.13/2424/FUL** Land at Mankley Road - The demolition of 23 dwellings and the erection of 51 replacement units with associated landscaping and infrastructure works.

The following plan is still pending:-

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

**86/14. Correspondence** - The following items were highlighted:

- Invitation to GRCC AGM at 5pm on 10<sup>th</sup> September
- Gloucestershire County Council – Local transport review.

**87/14. Councillors Submissions –**

Defibrillators - Cllr Steve Lydon requested that the proposals from the Ambulance Service and the British Heart Foundation be included on next month's agenda. **CLERK**

Boundary Review - also to be included on next month's Agenda. **CLERK**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.23 pm. The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014.**