



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present:- Councillors W Bevan, M Forder (Chairperson), R Gaunt, J Graydon, P Herbert, D Targett & J Taylor

Observing:- District Cllr N Studdert-Kennedy and District Cllr R Apperley

**1. Apologies for Absence** – Cllr C Connett,

**2. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items** – None

**3. Minutes** – It was proposed by Cllr Bevan that the minutes of Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2009, be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Taylor and carried unanimously.

**4. Public Time:** (There were no members of the public present).

- Cllr Forder read the Police Report provided by PCSO Liz Ward. There have been around 20 thefts from gardens in the Stanleys over the last few months. Following information gained from the community several people have been arrested. They will try to identify any items that are retrieved and return them to their owners. Two further arrests were made following a reported theft from a garden on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2009.
- Cllr Studdert-Kennedy explained the new way social rented tenancies will be allocated. The new system will work by the Council advertising the housing stock available, and for those on the waiting list being able to request a particular property. The actual allocation will still be determined by how many points they have (which band they fall in). There are several demonstrations, showing how the new system will work, taking place at Ebley Mill on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009.
- Cllr Apperley passed a copy of the new strategic housing land plan to the clerk (who will copy and pass onto all the councillors). It was noted that this is just potential land and will not necessary gain any approval to be built upon.

**5. Update on Parish Plan:**

Cllr Forder reported that the forms have been returned by Gloucestershire Rural Community Council, although they did not include any analysis of the comments boxes. So Heather, from the Parish Plan Steering Group, has replicated the comments and is providing some analysis from them.

When the process is complete the Parish Council will need to agree on any action in response to the concerns raised.

## **6. Discuss and agree Hire Agreements for users of the Pavilion:**

Cllr Herbert confirmed that he has had an independent assessment of the boiler, pump and showers completed, as requested by the Football Club. The report confirmed that the system is fit for purpose but has suggested that push button timers be fitted to 3 showers that currently do not have them.

The Parish Council decided that the clubs must now sign the Hire Agreements if they wish to continue using the facilities. The clerk will write to the clubs and ask them to sign the forms and return them with a copy of their current insurance certificates.

## **7. To receive reports from the Clerk on:**

**Dog Fouling signs** – The clerk confirmed that she has received the signs. It was agreed that signs be installed in the following locations, Brimley, Gypsy Lane, Marsh Lane, Mankley Road and several in Bath Road.

## **8. Financial Issues**

i) The clerk sought approval to pay for the following items to be paid.

### **Expenses**

DATE	PAYEE	PURPOSES	AMOUNT	CHQ NO/REF
03/08/09	TW Hawkins & Sons S.G.M.S.	Trim hedges outside pavilion, spray tennis courts for weeds and ½ Season contract mowing	£1037.88	001920/ 47
03/08/09	Ken Greenway	Replacing doors in pavilion & repairs to light	£ 415.00	001921/ 48
03/08/09	GCC	Pension contributions	£ 77.87	001922/ 49
03/08/09	Mrs I Litton	Clerk fee July	£ 278.63	001923/ 50
03/08/09	Mrs I Litton	Litter pick	£ 55.00	001924/ 51
03/08/09	Ruth Biddle	Cleaning including 7 ½ hours overtime and expenses	£ 159.44	001925/ 52
01/09/09	Moore Stephens	External Audit Fee	£ 327.75	001926/ 53
01/09/09	NPower	Electric 11/05/09 – 07/08/09	£ 92.93	001927/ 54
01/09/09	NPower	Gas 12/05/09 – 01/07/09	£ 87.93	001928/ 55
01/09/09	R Biddle	Cleaning Aug (inc holiday/relief)	£ 100.00	001929/ 56
01/09/09	I Litton	Clerk Fee Aug & Litter pick	£ 333.63	001930/ 57
01/09/09	M Forder	Chair Allowance July & August	£ 20.00	001931/ 58
01/09/09	Gloucestershire County Council	Pension Contributions	£ 77.87	001932/ 59

These payments were proposed by Cllr Bevan and seconded by Cllr Gaunt and passed unanimously.

### **8ii To discuss and agree extra fittings for showers in the Pavilion**

See item 6. It was agreed the work should be given the go ahead to purchase and install the 3 push button timers for the showers, although further authorisation should be sought if the amount is more than £300.

### **8ii To discuss and agree an appropriate expenditure for the upkeep of the memorial garden**

The memorial garden is currently overgrown with brambles and thistles. The clerk will obtain several quotes and put it back on the agenda for next month.

### **8iii Request received for a grant towards installation of a disabled toilet at Selsley Scouts HQ**

The clerk will reply to Mr Mills and state that the matter will be considered in the December meeting.

### **8v Annual Audit**

The clerk confirmed that the Parish Council has passed the audit for the accounts year end 31 March 2009. The appropriate notice of closure is being displayed in the Village Hall notice-board.

## **9. Planning**

### **Planning Applications**

Since the July meeting the following has been received:

#### **Applications:**

S.09/1267/LBC Tannery House - Neither supports nor objects

S.09/1400/FUL Downton Farm - Neither supports nor objects

#### **Permissions:**

S.09/0868/HHOLD 62 Brimley

S.09/1231/CPL Grey Cottage

#### **Appeals:**

Oaklea – Erection of a two storey dwelling in the grounds of existing dwelling Ref:  
APP/C1625/A/09/2101567 Oakley Appeal Dismissed

APP/C1625/A/09/2107259/WF Oaklea (Decision pending)

## **10. Correspondence**

Details of the correspondence received during July and August had been circulated and the schedule forms an integral part of these minutes. The correspondence files were available for inspection at the meeting.

## **11. Traffic Speed and signage Bath Road**

Bath Road has now been resurfaced and it was previously agreed that Highways could experiment with not putting a central white line along. It was agreed to wait until the spring to judge on how successful this is. The Parish Council will then look at what further traffic calming measures should be pursued.

## **12. Consider a Tree Preservation Order on the Jubilee Tree**

It was agreed that Cllr Herbert would contact the Tree Preservation Officer for further information in time for the matter to be discussed at the next meeting.

### **13. To discuss the possibility of making the village a No Cold Callers Area**

Cllr Bevan stated that she is hoping to make Mankley Road a No Cold Calling Area, in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Watch. To achieve this she needs 51% of the road to sign up in support. It was asked whether we should make the whole village a No Cold Calling Village, but it was agreed to wait and see how successfully the scheme works in Mankley Road.

### **14. Discuss possible changes to the security for the Village Hall**

There have been problems reported of groups of youths hanging around the Village Hall car park at night and weekends, causing both noise and litter pollution. The VHMC have requested that the Parish Council make representation to the Community Police to make use of a CCTV. It was agreed first to find out whether the problem only occurs in the spring/summer months, and whether other measures could first be explored. The clerk will contact the secretary of the VHMC.

### **14. Councillors Submissions -**



- Mini markets are to continue on a fortnightly basis.
- There is a coffee morning on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall 10am – 12, in add of the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 20.55 pm. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009 in The Village Hall at 7.30 pm.