



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 2nd July 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

Observing:- District Cllr N Studdert-Kennedy and Cllr L Williams

1. Apologies for Absence – Cllr C Connett, Cllr R Gaunt, Cllr J Wiseman, District Cllr R Apperley and PCSO Liz Ward

2. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items – Cllr Forder for Item 8iii

3. Minutes – It was proposed by Cllr Targett that the minutes of Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd June 2009 be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Graydon and carried unanimously.

4. Public Time -

- Cllr Forder read a **report sent in from PCSO Liz Ward**, which included notification of 3 reports of thefts from gardens, 1 vehicle window smashed and 2 reports of dogs barking. She also stated the requirements needed to borrow a night vision CCTV camera for the Village Hall and an update on the Dogs at Gypsy Lane.
- **Oil Leak in garden of resident of Brimley** – Whilst some work was being carried out in this residents' garden the oil-feed pipe was struck with a spade and the contents of 1000 litres of oil leaked into her garden and the stream that runs along the end of her garden. It transpired that the pipe had only been buried 150mm instead of 450mm, which is the set guidance. District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy reported that Stroud District Council have provided the resident with 500 litres of oil (which is used to heat her house) and that a new pipe has been fitted. However, it was agreed that SDC were initially slow to respond to this residents needs and that communication with her could be improved. District Cllr Studdert-Kennedy has confirmed that further soil tests are required and he will continue to ensure that the issues are dealt with. It was also discussed that maybe the Environmental Health Department should have notified the Parish Council of the streams contamination.

4a Update on Food Waste – Cllr Forder reported that she along with Heather Pass and David Hauser from KSPC, had attended a meeting with Stroud District Council to investigate whether there is a cost effective way forward in re-cycling food waste. They had looked at the way the system was run under the trial and whether the system could be run using volunteers. They also looked at alternatives and one suggestion of using a 'Rocket System' is being explored further, although it is believed that the costs for this are higher than first anticipated. SDC are now trying to organise a field trip to visit an authority that already use the Rocket system. It was commented that the 6 districts in Gloucestershire do not do enough to co-operate and find common ways of approaching re-cycling.

5. To receive reports from the Clerk on:

- **Social Club Hearing** – The clerk reported that the Social Club has been granted permission to extend their opening hours: now Sunday – Thursday 0900 -0030 and Friday and Saturday 0900 – 0130. Drinking will be permitted outside but not between 2200 and 1100 the next day, and only on the small paved area immediately outside the club. Several conditions have been attached, for the prevention of public nuisance, including that the outside area should be patrolled frequently by an on duty committee member and that litter is cleared by 10 am daily.
- **Pavilion Hire Agreement** – The clerk reported that Cllr Forder, Cllr Herbert and herself had met with Stuart Craddock from the Football Club. It was agreed that the clubs be given more time to allow to get professional advice before signing the contracts, (this should be done and views put forward so that it can be properly discussed at the September Parish Meeting). It was also agreed to get an independent plumber and electrician together with the existing plumber to ensure that the boiler and system are fit for purpose.
- **Dog Fouling Signs** – Stroud District Council have new signs available but are expecting Parishes to arrange for their installation. The clerk will arrange collection of the signs and suggest suitable locations to install them.

6. Financial Issues

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

Expenses

DATE	PAYEE	PURPOSES	AMOUNT	CHQ NO/REF
10/06/09	J Whittard	Labour for boiler	£150.00	001909/ 36
07/07/09	GRCC	Printing of questionnaires	£ 86.28	001910/ 37
07/07/09	Steve Marshall	Grass Cutting and play equip insp	£309.00	001911/ 38
07/07/09	L S Village Hall	Rent for April, May and June	£ 35.00	001912/ 39
07/07/09	R Biddle	Cleaning and Relief Cleaner for June	£140.00	001913/ 40
07/07/09	I Litton	Litter pick and Envelopes	£ 57.99	001914/ 41
07/07/09	I Litton	Clerk Fee June	£278.63	001915/ 42
07/07/09	GCC	Pension contribution June	£ 77.87	001916/ 43
07/07/09	P Herbert	Flowers around the war memorial	£ 33.96	001917/ 44
07/07/09	M Forder	Chair Allowance (May and June)	£ 20.00	001918/ 45

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

ii) The clerk confirmed that Cllr Gaunt has done an audit on the following cheques: Cheque no 001888 for £911.38 to TW Hawkins & Sons - gang mowing, cheque no 001896 for £320.93 to Mrs I Litton – clerk fee, cheque no 001906 for £77.87 to Gloucestershire County Council – Pension Contribution and cheque no 001908 to Mrs I Litton – Litter-pick, paper and pump/circuit board for the pavilion boiler.

7. Planning

Planning Applications

Since the June meeting the following permission has been received:

S.08/0408/FUL Land at Bath Road

8. Correspondence

Details of the correspondence received during had been circulated and the schedule forms an integral part of these minutes. The correspondence files were available for inspection at the meeting. The Clerk highlighted the following items:

- Flood Prevention Measures, Stroud District Council have some quick bags (sand less sandbags) available.
- Playing Fields Competition
- Westminster Field Trip
- Mandatory Code of Conduct Training
- Digital Switch over

9. Highways:

- 1. Update on Brockley Road Speed Humps** – Further tests are being carried out to measure the speed in which vehicles drive over the middle speed bump. It is also hoped that tests to measure vibration can also be done. Some residents have stated that the vibrations are causing cracks in their walls and would like the speed bumps removed, however an alternative would then need to be found and it is unlikely that Highways would be able to fund a project at present.
- 2. Traffic Speed and Signage after resurfacing of Bath Road** – The Parish Council wish to ensure that the current gateway at Seven Waters will be re-done after the re-surfacing. The Parish Council are generally supportive of Bath Road being made a 20 mph zone as a relatively cheap way of slowing down the traffic through the village but agree that it would be difficult to enforce. To be discussed further in the September meeting.
- 3. Seven Waters Bus Stop** – Integrated Transport Unit have been to visit the site and states that it complies with regulations, the police have also stated that they are happy with it. Although there were some concerns reference the grass surface and therefore it will be risk assessed. A report will follow from Integrated Transport.

10. Update on Parish Plan - Cllr Forder thanked everyone for their efforts in delivering and collecting the Parish Plans, and confirmed that these have now been forwarded to GRCC for analysis. The steering group will organise another mini market and use the opportunity to display the results, (results will also be provided to the Parish Council). It is then hoped that the Parish Council can discuss the issues raised and put forward an action plan in the October meeting.

11. To discuss and agree amendments to Contingency Plan – The clerk confirmed that she had updated the relevant contact details. It was agreed that the plan now needed to include advice on Swine Flu, and ensure that it is published and distributed with the newsletter after the summer break. A further note will also be included informing residents of who to contact to be included on the vulnerable list.

12. Councillors Submissions - There will be no meeting in August, and a reminder to let the clerk know if councillors will be away for more than a few days. (The clerk stated that she will be away a lot over the summer period).



There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 1st September 2009 in The Village Hall at 7.30 pm.