



# P A R I S H C O U N C I L

# LEONARD STANLEY

Minutes of the Leonard Stanley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present:- Councillors W Bevan, C Connett, M Forder (Chairperson), R Gaunt & J Wiseman

Observing:- District Cllr N Studdert-Kennedy, District Cllr R Apperley and Cllr L Williams

Also Present:- Sergeant R Bruce, PC D McVeigh and PCSO D Flay, J Graydon and D Targett and approximately 6 members of the public

**1. Apologies for Absence** – Cllr P Herbert

**2. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items** – Cllr Bevan - Item 4ii

**3. Minutes** – It was proposed by Cllr Wiseman that the minutes of Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting, both held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009, be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Connett and carried unanimously.

**4. Public Time:**

i. **Gypsy Lane (Guard Dogs) – Guests Sergeant Richard Bruce, PC Dominic McVeigh and PCSO Debbie Flay**

Cllr Forder introduced the guests and invited them to speak further about the current situation of the Guard Dogs in Gypsy Lane. She stated that the Parish Council has felt that the Police could have done better in their communication with the council and the community. She stated that there is still strong public feeling since the attack and that residents still feel insecure about going near the site.

It was confirmed that Mr Wheeler pleading guilty to the following charges of owning a dog that was 'out of control' and 'causing injury', under the Dangerous Dogs Act. As a result the court fined him £1500 compensation and £70 costs, and two conditions have been imposed:-

- 1) When the dog is in the yard it is to be tethered and muzzled unless under the control of a person over the age of 16.
- 2) When out of the yard the dog is to be muzzled and on a lead and under the control of a person over 16.

It was agreed that the words 'under control' could be open to interpretation and the police were trying to seek further advice from the court, but it was hoped that it meant on a lead.

The police stated that Mr Wheeler has spent a considerably amount of money on now securing the boundary of his property that is situated in Gypsy Lane. The police have no powers of making him secure the rest of the land which borders public rights of way. They also confirmed that they have and will continue to make regular visits if necessary to ensure that the dogs are tethered. If the dog is found to be in breach of the conditions imposed by the courts then this should be reported immediately to the police, but if Mr Wheeler complies then there should be no further issues.

The Parish Council will consider whether it would help to actually meet up with Mr Wheeler, in the hope that he would make appropriate measures to secure the rest of his land. Lesley Williams, who is a councillor with Kings Stanley Parish Council, will discuss the issue with them further.

**4ii Questions from the Public-** (no members of the public raised any issues)

- PCSO Debbie Flay confirmed that 3 names had been given but no-one has yet been arrested with reference the vandalism of the school swimming pool.
- Cllr R Apperley stated that the District Council had provided the Parish Council with the opportunity of stating which land if any they could identify for possible development through the 'Strategic Housing Land Assessment', in both November 2008 and May 2009.
- Cllr N Studdert-Kennedy stated he had been made aware of concerns reference a Tattoo Studio that had been set up in the grounds of a council property. He stated that the District Council would prefer to support Home Working in the current economic climate. He stated as the District Council were the Landlord they would have to serve notice upon themselves, it would then go to a review and their findings would be binding.

The gentleman who owns the studio was present and was invited to comment. He stated that he had struggled to find work and decided to set this up with the help of New Deal, as it was something he was good at. He has worked with the various District Council departments in ensuring that no planning regulations were breached and to get the appropriate licenses. He also stated he does not agree that he has breached his tenancy agreement, as the new contract with the District Council would override that. (This was his personal view not necessarily a fact).

He also confirmed that he has addressed the complaints received that neighbouring properties could see into his studio, by applying a protected film on the windows which let light in whilst prevent others from seeing in. He stated that he mainly works a 9 – 5, Monday to Friday routine on an appointment only basis.

**5. To Ballot and Co-opt up to 3 new councillors from the following candidates: Graham Davies, Paul Davies, Jacqueline Graydon and Diane Targett.**

The candidates were invited to give a short presentation to the Parish Council, as a way of introduction.

A secret ballot was carried out in which the councillors present were requested to select up to 3 candidates from those listed above. Those with a majority were then put to the Parish Council to resolve to co-opt onto the Parish Council.

***It was resolved to co-opt Jacqueline Graydon and Diane Targett onto the Parish Council, this was proposed by Cllr Gaunt and seconded by Cllr Bevan and passed with a majority.***

(It has since emerged that unbeknownst to the Clerk or Chair, Graham Davies and Paul Davies had wished to withdraw as candidates).

## **6. To allocate roles and responsibilities:**

The roles and responsibilities are now as follows:

Chair	Cllr Forder
Vice Chair	Cllr Herbert
Welfare Trust	Cllr Connett and Cllr Wiseman
Highways	Cllr Connett
Pavilion and Playing Fields	Cllr Herbert
Snow Warden	Cllr Forder
Water Warden	Cllr Forder
VHMC	Cllr Graydon and Cllr Targett
Youth Worker	Cllr Gaunt
Financial Overseer	Cllr Gaunt
Parish Plan	Cllr Forder and Cllr Wiseman
Police Liaison	Cllr Bevan

## **7. To approve Hire Agreements for clubs using the Playing Fields and Pavilion**

It was agreed to defer this item until next month to enable the clubs to have more of an input.

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

- Update on work in the Pavilion – The clerk confirmed that the new pump has been fitted, but a further problem had been found, in that the heating system had been drained but the boiler left on, resulting in the Printed Circuit Board burning out, and also needing to be replaced. An estimate for £360 has been accepted to replace 3 internal doors (one lockable).
- The Clerk confirmed that the Dog Bin in Seven Waters has also been installed and the District Council notified.
- The Clerk stated that only 1 item required was flagged by the Rospa report. It stated that a sign is required on the Basketball post (Do Not Climb or Hang on the Ring, Do not wear rings or other jewellery). The clerk to contact Vital Signs and enquire about an appropriate sign.

## **9. Financial Issues**

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

### **Expenses**

DATE	PAYEE	PURPOSES	AMOUNT	CHQ NO/REF
02.06.09	JRB Enterprise Ltd	Dog bin & posts	£239.20	001899/ 26
02.06.09	NPower	Electric 02/02/09 – 11/05/09	£103.64	001900/ 27
02.06.09	NPower	Gas 02/01/09 – 12/05/09	£195.35	001901/ 28
02.06.09	Stroud District Council	Neighbourhood Warden Annual Contribution	£200.00	001902/ 29
02.06.09	Ken Greenway	Installing the Dog Bin	£ 55.00	001903/ 30
02.06.09	Steve Marshall	Grass Cut and Play Inspections	£209.00	001904/ 31
02.06.09	Ruth Biddle	Cleaning	£ 80.00	001905/ 32
02.06.09	GCC	Pension Contributions	£ 77.87	001906/ 33
02.06.09	I Litton	Clerk Fee	£278.63	001907/ 34
02.06.09	I Litton	Litterpick, pump & circuit board for boiler	£603.56	001908/ 35

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

## **10. Planning**

### **Planning Applications**

Since the May meeting the following application has been received:

S.09/0868/HHOLD 62 Brimley

The Council neither supported or objected to the above application.

## **11. Correspondence**

Details of the correspondence received during May 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 item:

Severn Estuary Partnership

## **12. To receive an update on the Parish Plan**

Cllr Forder stated that the steering group had finished composing the questionnaire and that it was ready to put to print. She will then allocate some to each councillor (who can enlist help) to deliver and collect a week later. Note the more completed questionnaires will result in a better representation.

GRCC will analyse the completed questionnaires which will then lead to an action plan.

## **13. To discuss and agree future options with regard the Council's Mower**

The clerk stated that Cllr Herbert has spoken with Steve Marshall the current contractor and he would be happy to quote for future seasons using his own equipment.

***It was resolved that from next year contractors would be asked to quote using their own equipment, and the mower should then be sold. This was proposed by Cllr Wiseman and seconded by Cllr Connett and passed unanimously.***

## **14. To discuss a Food Waste Collection – using volunteers**

The clerk confirmed that there are about 6 volunteers interested at present, but it was felt that this may increase once more information was know about exactly what was involved.

It was agreed that the Clerk would set up a meeting for those interested with Carlos Novoth.

## **15. Councillors Submissions -**

- Cllr Forder reminded everyone that they should inform the clerk if they go away for more than a few days.
- Cllr Herbert has requested that Steve Marshall weed around the War Memorial.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2009 in The Village Hall at 7.30 pm.