



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 2nd March 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present:- Councillors W Bevan, C Connett, J Graydon, P Herbert, D Targett & J Taylor

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

Also Present:- Approx 40 members of the public

1. To Elect a Chair – Cllr Phil Herbert was nominated to be the Chair, this was proposed by Cllr Connett and seconded by Cllr Targett and unanimously agreed.

2. Apologies for Absence – Cllr Gaunt and District Cllr Apperley

3. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items – Cllr Connett item 9ii

4. Minutes - It was proposed by Cllr Bevan that the minutes of Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd February 2010, be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Taylor and carried unanimously.

5. Public Time: The members of the public were in attendance to discuss The Core Strategy (see item 6).

6. Core Strategy – The Core Strategy will form the basis of a new set of planning policies that guide development for housing, jobs and community facilities from 2011 - 2026.

Cllr Herbert gave a full breakdown on the District's requirement for new dwellings, and the background to the previous commitments for our Parish.

The Clerk explained the Strategic Land Housing Availability Assessment in more detail.

The idea that some development maybe required to ensure the sustainability of both Leonard Stanley and Kings Stanley were debated. In particular is there a need for new dwellings to support the school in Leonard Stanley and the shops in Kings Stanley. It was stated that 10 thousand new dwellings were required for a New Bus Route, whilst 5 thousand were required for a new shop and that for every 30 houses built approximately 5 places would be filled at the school.

The types of development that the village would possibly consider were discussed. Sheltered Housing and Starter Homes were looked upon favourably, but it was agreed that it was unlikely that we would have any control over what would be built. Current policy ensures that 30% of any new development should be "Affordable Housing". District Cllr N Studdert-Kennedy stated that only 424 affordable dwellings were needed in the District. It was stated that the most recent developments had all been for bigger houses, ie Priors Court and Tannery Close. Also the village had seen several extensions to the village in the

last 30 years, ie Dozule close, Woodlands, Brockley Road and Wesley Road. Despite all these developments the village still lost the Post Office and Village Shop and the pub appears to be struggling.

There is already permission for 29 new dwellings at Grange Farm and it was realized that once the Woolaways in Mankley Road have been demolished that there will be an intensification.

What is considered important and valued in the village was discussed, they were Open Spaces, Good Views and at present a delightful place to live, but it was felt that the village feel would be lost if there was too much development. Concerns were raised that 1 of the Alternative Strategies could see as many as 200 new dwellings being built in the village. Other concerns were raised on the possible locations for new developments as identified in the SHLAA.

Cllr Herbert requested a show of hands from the members of the public present, on either “No development” or allowing for a “Small amount of development (say 50 dwellings)”. Of those who raised their hands ‘12’ opted for No Development and ‘8’ for a Small amount of development. It was suggested that the results of the Parish Plan questionnaire would be a more democratic process.

The Councillors then deliberated on what option (from the 7 alternative strategies) they would chose and why. They decided that they did not want any further development and the reasons givens are as follows:

- Loss of views
- Loss of Greenfield sites
- Loss of a village identity/values
- Loss of open spaces
- Concerns over extra traffic
- Concerns over waste water
- Concerns over loss of rights of way
- No control over what would be developed

It was proposed to opt for Strategy B, as this had no mention of any development for our Parish, this was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Connett and the majority agreed. (The clerk will send a response to the District Council as part of their consultation).

7. To receive a presentation from Sophie Ayre (also present Debbie Curtis)

Sophie started by thanking the council for the invitation to speak to them.

It is planned to hold a series of workshops delivered by an experienced team of professional musicians, for each year group in school. As part of the workshop process the children will work as a team to produce their own words about the theme “a winter’s journey” and write a tune to sing. The songs will be brought together by the workshop leader and linked to create a composite piece, which the children will perform with a small professional ensemble.

At the moment, school productions are generally performed to parents and close relatives only and this limits opportunities for outreach with the rest of the community. Inviting other community groups to get involved, opening the performance to all, and actively encouraging people to attend and to participate, would offer an opportunity to those people in Leonard Stanley who are not currently directly involved in school life to engage with it and promote closer links between the different generations of inhabitants.

To this end, it is planned that other community groups will be invited to participate (such as the older people's Monday Club) and that a free open workshop will be held one evening. This will be advertised widely in the village, to invite and encourage members of the wider community to attend, together with the children and their parents/guardians. Two final performances will also be open to the general public, and the composite piece will include opportunities for audience involvement.

The provisional budget for the project is between £8,000 and £9,000. We have approached other organisations for funding and the school will provide the venue for the workshops and printing costs. It will be an eight week project, however if the full funding can't be found the project will be scaled down.

We would be very grateful if the Parish Council would consider making a contribution towards the cost of the project. (see item 9ii)

8. To receive reports from the Clerk on:

- Update on Parish Plan – The Clerk confirmed that she will be holding a meeting with the Steering Committee next week, and will give an update next month.

9. Financial Issues

i) The clerk sought approval to pay for the following items to be paid. (Note a cheque for £40.00 was received from E-ON as a goodwill payment, due to the Power loss Saturday 20th February 2010).

Expenses

DATE	PAYEE	PURPOSES	AMOUNT	CHQ NO/REF
02/03/10	NPower	Electric 06/11/09 – 09/02/10	£ 93.70	002005/ 106
02/03/10	NPower	Gas 31/10/09 – 07/01/10	£270.88	002006/ 107
02/03/10	Glos Playing Fields Association	Membership until March 2010	£ 50.00	002007/ 108
02/03/10	Steve Watson	Web Hosting	£ 49.11	002008/ 109
02/03/10	Steve Marshall	Play Inspections	£ 9.00	002009/ 110
02/03/10	D Targett	Pavilion Cleaning & Expenses	£ 92.44	002010/ 111
02/03/10	HMRC	Income Tax	£ 20.40	001961/ 112
02/03/10	I Litton	Clerk Fee (adj made due to o/p)	£224.12	001962/ 113
02/03/10	I Litton	Litter pick & power loss expenses & hose pipe for pavilion	£ 91.73	001963/ 114
02/03/10	GCC	Pension Contributions	£ 78.65	001964/ 115
02/03/10	Stroud & Tetbury Scouts	Hire of Hall to cover for Power Loss	£ 10.00	001965/ 116

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

ii) To discuss and agree whether to make a grant for Winters Journey Project

It was proposed by Cllr Taylor to make a grant of £250 towards the project and seconded by Cllr Bevan and passed unanimously.

iii) To discuss and agree whether to accept Mr Marshall quote for Village Grass Cutting

It was proposed by Cllr Bevan to accept the quote of £110 per cut and seconded by Cllr Targett and passed unanimously.

iv) To discuss and agree a new appointment for Internal Auditor

The clerk stated that Bryan Gale has now retired. It was agreed to appoint Tim Smith as the new Internal Auditor.

10. Planning

Planning Applications

Since the February meeting the following has been received:

Permissions:

S.09/2086/HHOLD Northlea, Downton Road

S.09/1978/LBC Mercers House, The Street

11. Correspondence

Details of the correspondence received during February 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:

- GAPTC Training – It was agreed that the Clerk can attend the Minute Writing Course and several Councillors showed an interest Good Councillor Training
- P Mukasa Summer Fair – it was agreed that the Parish Council would provide Public Liability Insurance to cover the fair, but the Clerk would write to inform the Insurance company and request that the fair committee provide a copy of their Risk Assessments.

12. Councillors Submissions -



- Cllr Herbert would like to discuss the possibility of a children's fair to be held in October, to be placed on the next Agenda.
- The Clerk reminded everyone that the Digital Switchover starts on the 24th March
- The Twinning Association has confirmed that the Mayor of Dozule will be amongst those visiting at the end of April.
- The Clerk read a brief from PCSO Liz Ward, which stated that they had arrested 2 people from Leonard Stanley on suspicion of possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply and that computer equipment, DVD Burners and several hundred counterfeit DVDs were seized. Other incidents were a damage to a vehicle , a vehicle broken into and a Landover taken but later recovered.
- The Clerk asked to change the date of the June's meeting from the 1st to the 8th June 2010, there were no objections.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 9.35 pm. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th April 2010 in The Village Hall at 7.30 pm.