



# 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 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present:- Councillors W Bevan (arrived at 8.20 pm – item 8iii), C Connett, J Graydon, P Herbert (Chair), S Davies & D Targett

**1. Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Gaunt and Cllr Taylor

**2. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items** – Cllr Davies Item 8iv (Trustee of VHMC)

**3. Minutes** – It was proposed by Cllr Davies that the minutes of Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010, be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Targett and carried unanimously.

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

**5. To receive feedback and discuss the Planning application for Stanley Mills**

Cllr Graydon reported to the Council from a briefing given by Stroud District Council on the proposed development.

It was stated that the planning application has been submitted because the present owner of Stanley Mill can no longer afford the upkeep of the Mill and site. The proposal has been submitted so that regeneration will save the Mill from falling into disrepair and will also safeguard 15 jobs.

The application includes demolishing several buildings including listed buildings, and developing a large number of dwellings and a new factory building.

English Heritage regards this application as a contentious proposal because of the Grade I listed status of the building, awarded for its unique fireproof structure.

The proposal as it stands has 4 main areas of concern: Flooding, Infrastructure, Traffic and Conservation.

The Parish Council is being requested to express its opinion, i.e. Do we want the development and are we prepared to face the consequences of refusal, as future maintenance could fall upon Stroud District Council.

Kings Stanley Parish Council is especially concerned about the impact of traffic and will be holding a public meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> July. It was agreed that several councillors will attend along with the Clerk. The Clerk will then draft a response which will include our councils concerns in that any development should be sensitive to the conservation and feel that the current application would over develop the site. Other concerns raised were potential flooding issues for the development itself and at Stanley Downton/Bridgend and traffic concerns at Ryeford Road.

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

- Update on The Parish Plan – The clerk confirmed that a meeting had been held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, which was well attended. Several actions were agreed, including a checklist from the last Parish Plan, a stall at the Village Fair and a community workshop to be held in September.
- Update on Walkers are Welcome – The Clerk confirmed that the application has been approved.
- Cleaner for the Pavilion & works completed – The Clerk confirmed that the electrical repairs and inspection have been completed. The electrician has recommended that a Fire Alarm is fitted and that the emergency lighting batteries are replaced.

The Clerk confirmed that a contractor would be covered by the Council's Employers Indemnity Insurance. The Clerk confirmed that she has received several enquiries reference the vacancy. This included an experienced cleaner who currently cleans a pavilion elsewhere. In addition though she has been approached by several companies representing people with learning difficulties in which they support their clients to assist them in gaining employment. It was felt that the Pavilion would be a risk to a vulnerable person and therefore to employ the experienced cleaner on a self employed contract, starting with a 3 months probation period.

## **Financial Issues**

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

### **EXPENSES JUNE 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>PURPOSES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>CHQ NO/REF</b>
06/07/10	LS Village Hall	Rent	£ 63.00	<b>002026/ 36</b>
06/07/10	Steve Marshall	Play Equip insp & grass cutting	£ 230.00	<b>002027/ 37</b>
06/07/10	TW Hawkins & Sons	Tennis Court maintenance (weed and moss killer & white lines)	£ 211.50	<b>002028/ 38</b>
06/07/10	Brimscombe Hill Ltd	Parish Plan	£ 300.00	<b>002029/ 39</b>
06/07/10	CMS Electrical	Repairs and Inspection (Pavilion)	£ 235.00	<b>002030/ 40</b>
06/07/10	Mrs I Litton	Litter pick and stamps	£ 63.22	<b>002031/ 41</b>
06/07/10	Mrs I Litton	Clerks fee	£ 281.43	<b>002032/ 42</b>
06/07/10	Gloucester LGPS	Pension Contributions	£ 78.66	<b>002033/ 43</b>
06/07/10	Moore Stephens	Annual Audit Fee	£158.62	<b>002034/ 44</b>

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

ii) **Annual Audit – to receive the results.** The Clerk confirmed that The Council had passed the Annual Audit.

iii) **To authorise the transfer of funds from Pavilion Reserves to Projects.**

The Clerk stated this was necessary to allow some flexibility on requests now received.

*It was proposed to transfer £2000.00 from the Pavilion Reserves to Projects by Cllr Bevan and seconded by Cllr Davies and unanimously agreed.*

iv) **To consider a funding request from the Village Hall Management Committee**

Before making a decision, the Council received a report from Cllr Davies (the Parish Councils nominated trustee on the VHMC), reference a recent meeting between the VHMC and the Social Club, which was chaired by Barbara Pond of GRCC. She stated that the Social Club

accounts have not yet been audited and very little information could be provided reference their accounts, but it was confirmed that no profits have been paid to the Trustees of the VHMC for 5 years. The Village Hall is running at an annual loss of approximately £3000, and their current reserves could be exhausted within the next 2 to 5 years.

It was felt that the Social Club is no longer contributing in real terms to the running costs of the Village Hall, and it could be perceived that the Village Hall is actually subsidizing the Social Club. In view of this the Council decided that it would be an improper use for the Precept to fund the running costs of the Village Hall and Social Club.

However, it was agreed that the Parish Council should continue to assist the Trustees with essential maintenance and improvements that might reduce the running costs of the Hall.

*It was agreed to grant £4000.00 to the Village Hall Management Committee, to enable them to install a new heating system. This was proposed by Cllr Graydon and seconded by Cllr Connett and unanimously agreed.*

It was agreed that the Chairman should write to the Chair of the VHMC explaining the Councils decision.

#### **v) To discuss funds for the Parish Plan.**

The clerk stated she has received a business plan from Helen Bojaniwska detailing future actions and costs. The clerk confirmed that the remainder of the budget would cover these costs, but it is possible that further funds may be needed when it came to printing the final plan.

The clerk requested authorisation to continue with the plan, as detailed by Helen Bojaniwska. This was proposed by Cllr Targett and seconded by Cllr Bevan and unanimously agreed.

#### **vi) To consider increased funding for Village Fair Public Liability Insurance**

The clerk stated that it was resolved in the May meeting to reimburse reasonable costs of public liability insurance for the Village Fair, however the costs were then thought to have been approximately £110.00. It is now known that it will cost £330.

It was proposed to cover the increased costs of Public Liability Insurance for the Village Fair, this was proposed by Cllr Graydon and seconded by Cllr Targett and unanimously agreed.

#### **viii) To consider quotes for replacement Tennis Nets and Equipment**

The clerk stated that she is in contact with a company who can supply the equipment, but unfortunately doesn't have a quote yet.

*As the next meeting is not until September, it was resolved to allow a budget of up to £500 to replace Tennis Nets/Equipment. This was proposed by Cllr Targett and seconded by Cllr Bevan and unanimously agreed.*

#### **ix) To consider purchasing new Litter bins for Bath Road**

The clerk stated that bins by the Bus Shelter and opposite by the Bus Stop have disappeared over recent months, and we have received a letter from a nearby resident requesting that we replace them. The bins were owned by Stroud District Council, who can't afford to replace them. It will cost £285 per bin including installation as recommended by Stroud District Council.

The Clerk stated that the litter was a problem on the school side, but the green by the bus shelter was less littered as a result of no bin.

*It was resolved to purchase just one bin and install it the school side. This was proposed by Cllr Targett and seconded by Cllr Davies and unanimously agreed.*

## **8. Planning**

### **Planning Applications**

Since the June meeting the following has been received:

#### **Application:**

S.10/1030/HHOLD 4 Marsh Road      There was no objection to this application.

## **9. Correspondence**

Details of the correspondence received during June 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:

- Invite to meet the Chief Constable
- Invite to reception for Sir Henry Elwes KCVO

## **10. To discuss and agree whether to give permission for a family fair to be held on the Recreation Park in late September or early October 2010**

It was felt that the date originally proposed would not conflict with the planned Apple Day. It was therefore agreed to give permission for the fair to take place on the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010. Certain conditions are attached to this permission including that the Parish Council have the right to withdraw permission if it is felt that adverse weather could cause damage to the ground. It was agreed that the location should be the Bath Road end, as this has good access and will cause the least disruption to the Football Club and the residents of Woodlands.

*It was therefore resolved to give permission for the family fair (subject to conditions), this was proposed by Cllr Bevan and seconded by Cllr Graydon and unanimously agreed.*

## **11. Councillors Submissions -**



- Cllr Targett stated that she has contacted Highways reference the cutting back of the Hedge along Downton Road and was informed that it should be the owners' responsibility. The Clerk will request the owners cut the hedge back.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 20.55 pm. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in The Village Hall at 7.30 pm.