



# 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> October 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 Cllr L Williams

**1. Apologies for Absence** – District Cllr R Apperley

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

**3. Minutes** – It was proposed by Cllr Gaunt that the minutes of Parish Meeting held on Tuesday, be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Taylor and carried unanimously.

**4. Public Time:**

- District Cllr Studdert-Kennedy confirmed that he would attend the Site Meeting at Brookside and present the Parish Council views that the building should be made weatherproof. Cllr Graydon will also attend.
- County Cllr Williams stated that there is a new Chief Constable – Tony Melville.

**5. To receive an Update on the Parish Plan** - Cllr Forder stated that the analysis is still on-going and further updates will follow.

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

- 1. Pavilion Hire Agreements** The Clerk confirmed that she has received the signed agreements, with a copy of the relevant Public Liability Insurance Certificate, from both the Cricket and Football Clubs. These have now been signed by the clerk and a copy returned to both clubs.
- 2. Extra Shower Fittings in the Pavilion** The clerk stated that 2 out of the 3 extra fittings have been installed with the last one for the referee's room expected to be completed soon.

**7. Financial Issues**

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

**Expenses**

DATE	PAYEE	PURPOSES	AMOUNT	CHQ NO/REF
06/10/09	Steve Watson	Web Hosting (6 months)	£ 41.33	<b>001933/ 60</b>
06/10/09	Steve Marshall	Grass cut, play inspections & weed clearing Aug & Sep	£444.50	<b>001934/ 61</b>
06/10/09	LS Village Hall	Rent July & Sep	£ 21.00	<b>001935/ 62</b>
06/10/09	GRCC	Membership Renewal	£ 25.00	<b>001936/ 63</b>
06/10/09	M Forder	Chair Allowance	£ 10.00	<b>001937/ 64</b>

06/10/09	R Biddle	Cleaning & Exp	£105.59	<b>001938/ 65</b>
06/10/09	I Litton	Litter pick, black sacks, paper & stamps	£ 75.90	<b>001939/ 66</b>
06/10/09	I Litton	Clerk fee (includes 1% salary increase, as per NALC)	£295.77	<b>001940/ 67</b>
06/10/09	G.C.C.	Pension Contributions	£ 82.66	<b>001941/ 68</b>

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

**7ii)** The clerk presented the quotes for the Memorial Garden. It was stated that when the Memorial Garden was planted, there was a handful of volunteers that maintained the area, unfortunately that is no longer the case. It was agreed that to first get the garden back up to scratch and then maintain it would be a costly venture. It was put forward that an alternative option could be to grass over the area and plant a few small trees (such as an ornamental cherry). However, as there are Memorial Benches in place, Cllr Herbert and County Cllr Williams will contact known relatives to seek their approval, it was suggested that one of the benches could remain and the other be relocated near to the children's play area.

**7iii)** The clerk will seek quotes for appropriate cutting back of the Jubilee Tree.

## **8. Planning**

The following has been received since the September meeting:

**Planning Applications:** S.09/1675/HHOLD Grange Farm  
S.09/1729/LBC Tannery House

**Permission:** S.09/1400/FUL Downton Farm

**Withdrawal of Application:** S.09/1267/LBC Tannery House

**Appeal Dismissal:** S.08/2062/FUL Oaklea

## **9. Correspondence**

Details of the correspondence received during September 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:

- Gloucestershire County Council Proposed Waste Sites Consultation – It was agreed that all councillors read the correspondence before the November meeting. The clerk will put it on the Agenda for November.

## **10. To discuss the possibility of applying for a Tree Preservation Order on the Jubilee Tree and an order from Highways to cut back this tree**

Cllr Herbert has sought advice reference applying for a TPO on the Jubilee Tree and found that it would provide no real benefit.

The clerk will seek quotations reference getting the tree cut back appropriately and will send a reply to Highways informing them of this action.

## **11. To discuss whether a safety survey is required on Trees in the Playing Field**

It was agreed to seek further advice on the Parish Councils responsibilities.

## **12. To Discuss whether to adopt the BT phone kiosk (outside the Old Post Office in Bath Road)**

The Parish Council decided that, while it was regrettable to lose the kiosk as both an amenity and for its historical presence, they would not adopt it for the following reasons:

- No overwhelming desire from the community to retain it
- It is subject to regular vandalism
- It would result in an extra financial burden

## **13. Councillors Submissions -**

- Cllr Bevan confirmed that she had been successful in obtaining more than the 51% required in making Mankley Road a No Cold Calling area, and this has already now been implemented with appropriate signage erected.
- Cllr Forder confirmed that the Village Hall Fund Raising Group had held a successful coffee morning and is now planning a quiz night for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October, tickets were available for purchase or can be obtained from Maureen Kerry.
- The clerk stated that the budgets and precept will be discussed and agreed at next months meeting.
- Cllr Forder announced that she will be moving from the area next year, but is happy to carry on in her role as Chair for the rest of this year.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8.35 pm. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 in The Village Hall at 7.30 pm.