



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 8th June 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present:- Councillors W Bevan, C Connett, S Davies, R Gaunt, J Graydon, P Herbert (Chair), D Targett & J Taylor

Observing:- Cllr L Williams

Also Present:- Barbara Pond – Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC), David Turner Treasurer of VHMC and 5 members of the public present for Item 5.

1. Apologies for Absence – District Cllr N Studdert-Kennedy

2. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items – There were none.

3. Minutes – It was proposed by Cllr Gaunt that the minutes for both the AGM and Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2010, be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Targett and carried unanimously.

4. Public Time:

Cllr Williams wished to highlight the Planning Application for Stanley Mills, and stated Stroud District Council have put together a dedicated team to deal with this complex application. There is concerns reference the possibility of flooding and highway issues. There is an area of the exhibition centre in Ebley Mill with the plans on public display and a cluster meeting organised at Stonehouse Town Hall, at 7 pm on Monday 14th June 2010, in which councillors are invited to attend.

5. To discuss and understand the financial concerns facing the Village Hall

Management Committee – (Guests included Barbara Pond from GRCC and the Trustees of the Village Hall Management Committee).

Cllr Herbert stated that at the Annual Parish Meeting concerns were expressed over the finances of the Village Hall, and it was requested that the Parish Council make available funds and investigate the mechanism of how the hall was funded. He also confirmed that the Parish Council has made grants to the VHMC when requested, and has made provision in its budget to make a further grant towards the costs of replacing the heating system.

Cllr Herbert went onto explain some of the background of how the hall was originally set up and the changes to this arrangement in recent years, which now result in the Social Club paying a monthly rent as well as paying for the cleaner.

Several questions were posed reference the Social Club involvement in the Village Hall and were they aware of the difficulties facing the VHMC finances. David Turner stated that the relationship with the Social Club has been greatly improved, with his appreciation to the current Chair of the Social Club.

Barbara Pond confirmed that the Social Club would have been set up originally with the primary purpose of fund raising for the Village Hall.

Other aspects of the Village Hall were also discussed, including the cost of bookings, demand for bookings, licensing arrangements and also the competition posed by other local facilities.

Barbara Pond offered to discuss ways of improving bookings by looking at how the hall meets the community needs, and to give advice on grants that maybe available, with the VHMC. It was agreed that the long term aspects of how the Village Hall and Social Club survive were entwined and Barbara Pond volunteered to facilitate a meeting between the Village Hall Management Committee, Social Club and Parish Council, a date of Tuesday 22nd June, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall was pencilled in.

David Turner stated that he would like to hand over the mantle, due to personal reasons and Cllr Lesley Williams expressed her sincere thanks for his long serving dedication to the VHMC.

The Parish Council agreed to discuss the possibility of grants to the VHMC in the July meeting.

(Barbara Pond, David Turner and members of the public then departed).

6. To receive reports from the Clerk on:

- **Update on The Parish Plan** – The clerk has confirmed that Cllr Graydon and herself had met with Helen Bojaniwska and requested her to lead the Parish Plan. A meeting for the Plan is to be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 15th June, (Posters are in the Noticeboards and a note in the newsletter and website have been placed advertising this).
- **Land at Bath Road** – The agreed changes has been made to the plans, with a question mark over the overall elevation. The neighbour was given the impression that the height was going to be lower, but it will be approximately 20cm higher than the plans that have already been approved. The clerk has sent an email explaining this to Pippa Moore at Stroud District Council.
- **Works in the Pavilion** – The plumber has carried out a service inspection of all the other gas appliances in the Pavilion. The clerk will arrange for the electrical repairs and inspection to be carried out.

7. Financial Issues

i) The clerk sought approval to pay for the following items to be paid. (Note this included a cheque not previously ratified from August 2009).

DATE	PAYEE	PURPOSES	AMOUNT	CHQ NO/REF
27/05/10	NPower	Electric 09/02/10 – 11/05/10	£ 89.93	002015/ 25
27/05/10	NPower	Gas 07/01/10 – 30/04/10	£239.96	002016/ 26
27/05/10	John Whittard	Servicing of Gas Appliances	£ 60.00	002017/ 27
27/05/10	Playsafety Ltd	Annual Rospa Inspection	£ 84.61	002018/ 28
08/06/10	T P Smith	Internal Audit Inspection Fees	£120.00	002019/ 29
08/06/10	Steve Marshall	Play Insp, Grass Cutting & tidying up around pavilion & war memorial	£324.00	002020/ 30
08/06/10	D Targett	Pavilion Cleaning	£129.00	002021/ 31
08/06/10	HMRC	Income Tax	£ 32.20	002022/ 32
08/06/10	I Litton	Clerk fee	£281.43	002023/ 33
08/06/10	Gloucester LGPS	Pension Contributions	£ 78.66	002024/ 34
08/06/10	I Litton	Litter pick – minus o/p in March	£ 53.96	002025/ 35
03.08.09	<i>S Marshall</i>	<i>Play Insp & Grass Cut July 2009</i>	<i>£209.00</i>	<i>001919/ 46</i>

Payments received = £462.96, Insurance Claim for Bus Shelter.

These payments were proposed by Cllr Gaunt and seconded by Cllr Davies and passed unanimously.

ii) To receive a report from the Internal Auditor – The clerk read out the report and confirmed that action has been taken on all the points raised.

iii) To discuss and agree Funds for the Parish Plan – It was agreed to defer this until the July meeting when more information regarding costs should be available.

iv) To discuss and agree Funds for the Memorial Garden – It was agreed to accept Steve Marshall's quote of approximately £500 for the clearing and making good of the Memorial Garden.

This was proposed by Cllr Bevan and seconded by Cllr Targett and unanimously agreed.

8. Planning

Planning Applications

Since the May meeting the following has been received:

Applications: S.10/0880/FUL Stanley Mills, Ryeford (Kings Stanley Parish Council)

9. 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 items:

- Letter received in from a resident reference the possibility of a Family Fair being held in October. It was agreed to decide whether to grant permission for the fair in the July meeting.
- PCSO Liz Ward's Report
- Stroud in Bloom – request for sponsorship/grant – this was declined.
- Leonard Stanley Football Club – request to hold 6-aside tournament – it was agreed that the Clerk investigate the feasibility of the competition being held the day after the Village Fair, in respect of the pitch markings.

10. To receive Rospa report (Safety report on Playground Equipment and Surfaces)

The clerk read out the details of the report. It was agreed to arrange for Steve Marshall to carryout the minor works required.

11. Councillors Submissions -



Cllr Herbert requested that the clerk seek quotes for repairs/replacements of the nets for the Tennis Courts.

Cllr Herbert stated he had received notification from Stroud District Council, that a complaint had been made against him, but was found that the alleged breach was not seriously sufficient for any further action to be taken.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 9.20 pm. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th July 2010 in The Village Hall at 7.30 pm.