



**KING'S STANLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**Minutes of the King's Stanley Parish meeting** held in the Lounge Room of King's Stanley Village Hall, Wednesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Alan Bladon, John Graham, David Hauser (Chairman), David Owen, Wendy McNamee, Symon Parsley, and Lesley Williams

**Also present:** Cllr Steve Lydon, Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy and Frances Ashfield (Parish Clerk)

**1/14 To receive apologies for absence**

Jamie Burke, Laurie Hall and GCC Cllr Dorcas Binns,

**2/14 To receive Declarations of Interest on items in the agenda**

John Graham declared an interest in a planning application on the agenda.

**3/14 To approve the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 24th November 2013**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

**4/14 To receive updates/reports from the County and District Councillors**

Cllr Studdert-Kennedy reported that the recent second planning application for housing on Mankley Field had returned with the Highways issues addressed. Also the archaeology concerns were not considered sufficiently serious to be a reason for refusal. Environmental impact was likely to be the main issue for this application. Mr N Bowles from Eric Pickle's department was expected to visit the site towards the end of January.

Cllr NSK also reported that there was a need for smaller developments of up to 30 houses to be passed until land availability and development coincide as the larger developments were not delivering. Also, if an application for development was initially refused but passed at the second attempt, SDC would not receive the new homes bonus. The Planning Department were having to manage tougher deadlines and penalties. There was a need to get back some local control over planning of housing.

Cllr Owen asked to know the source of the numbers being quoted for housing need and types of housing. Cllr Williams was concerned about the effect of large developments on the well being of existing communities: developers needed to look at developments holistically.

Cllr Lydon reported that: village green proposal signs in Leonard Stanley would be going up towards the end of January; Council rents would increase based on government recommendations; the current grant support would not be available in 2015/16 for parish councils.

**5/15 Financial Issues:**

**i) To authorise payments in accordance with the RFO report**

The finance report for December and January was presented and accepted.

**ii) To consider and agree the budget for 2014/15**

The Clerk talked through the budget comparing 'to date', forecast and projected to the end of the financial year. Councillors queried where under/overspend had taken place and discussed revised figures for the 2014/15 budget. The Council agreed that up to about £1400 (a third of total) would be made available for the proposed path across Marlings Close to the school. It was noted that the LGTS grant had been reduced from last year. It was agreed that the Clerk would adjust the budget based on discussions, send through to Cllr Bladon to check, and then to circulate to all councillors.

**iii) To consider and agree the precept for 2014/15**

Parish Councillors formally agreed not to increase the precept for the forthcoming financial year.

**6/15 Highways Issues:**

**To consider a way forward to try and resolve the range of Highways issues brought to the PC's attention in the last month**

*i) Near miss in Middleyard*

Councillors discussed the accident in Middleyard and observed that there is a pinch point at the blind bend. Also, lines in the road have faded, including the 'Slow' sign and double bend sign.

It was proposed that a Highways Group be set up to look into this and related highways issues. Alan Bladon agreed to take this forward, and it was suggested that Jamie Burke might also like to be involved. The Clerk was asked to contact interested parties to set up a group.

*ii) Parking issues near The Pound, the school, site of crossing patrol*

Cllr Owen and the Clerk met SDC officers to discuss options to prevent parking on The Pound. The officers approved the suggestion of an embankment and offered to assist in planting appropriate grasses and wild flowers. They advised that care needed to be taken re type and movement of soil. The Council approved Cllr Owen's recommendations and he would now get quotes for the work to be carried out.

iii) The roundabout in Castle Street is being mis-used by some drivers who cut in in front of it to turn right by the Co-op, this despite blue arrows on the 'roundabout' and give way markings in the road. Some drivers appear to question whether or not it is a designated roundabout: Highways should be contacted to ask for a definitive answer about this.

**7/14 Planning:**

**i) to consider any planning applications received**

a) S.13/2678/OUT Mankley Fields – erection of 150 dwellings.

The main objection was based on visual impact from the escarpment. Other considerations included hydrology and coalescence impacts. Agreed to send objection letter to SDC based on previous considerations with emphasis on environmental and visual impact of the development. Draft letter to be sent to councillors prior to being sent to SDC.

b) S.13/2707/FUL Stanley House – erection of single storey dwelling.

Councillors decided to object to this application based on previous comments made. Also, curtilage of a listed building would be affected. The reply should include a request for a covenant to ensure protection of the trees.

c) S.13/2700/ HHOLD The Cedars – cladding to one exterior wall.

Councillors discussed this and decided to approve it as it did not change the appearance of the property and would improve its insulation.

**ii) To receive a progress report from the clerk on applications already responded to**

S.13/1585/FUL Grove House Selsley – permission granted 23.12 2013

S.132517/HHOLD 2 Walled Garden, Selsley- permission granted 16.1.14

**8/14 To receive an update on Parish Plan related issues**

A poster on energy issues and advice has been devised by Cllr Graham to go onto the notice boards and website.

Cllr Graham agreed to promote energy saving at events such as the Community Fair.

**9/14 To receive an update from the allotments working party**

Contact with the Tenants Manager at SDC had been made and the clerk was trying to set up a meeting between the working party and SDC.

**10/14 To receive the Clerk's report**

This report was made available prior to the meeting and outlined all work carried out in December and January. The Clerk had attended the Town and Parish Forum where protocol for planning applications had been promoted and could be looked at as an agenda item at a future PC meeting. The clerk had arranged to get some training via SDC in website management for the end of January and would then be able to upload documents to the parish website and keep information up to date. As requested, an action sheet had been produced so outstanding actions could be tracked after Council meetings.

**11/14 Correspondence – Clerk to report on correspondence received**

- SDC seeking support of PCs for their petition to the Secretary of State concerning the democratic nature of the NPPF
- Flooding response – advice to PCs
- Supply of electoral register to PCs
- Stonehouse News – guidelines for contributors
- Emails relating to near miss issues in Middleyard, dog attack in Coldwell End, traffic issues affecting the school and problems with use of roundabout at Castle St.
- Cows on the Common meeting
- SIA fund-raising event
- Open Spaces newsletter
- SDC Jobs and Growth Plan 2013-18
- GRCC Affordable Housing pack

**12/14 Councillors Submissions (for notice of forthcoming events or reminders, not for discussion)**

- Cllr Williams reminded councillors to look at the 'Joining up Care' document that was being circulated by email on changing health services. It was important that individuals responded as it had far reaching effects on future health services. Respond by 28<sup>th</sup> March.
- Suggested that the PC write to the skip hire company about the state of the grass after the skip had been removed from Crown Green.

**13/14 Date of the next Meeting**

Next meeting to be held on **Wednesday February 26th 2014** at 7.30pm in  
the Lounge Room of the Village Hall.

Mrs Frances Ashfield

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Clerk to King's Stanley Parish Council