

KING'S STANLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF KING'S STANLEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Lounge Room of the Village Hall on **Wednesday 20th May 2015** at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Jamie Burke, John Graham, Lawrie Hall, David Hauser, Wendy McNamee, Symon Parsley. Also present District Cllrs Steve Lydon and Nigel Studdert-Kennedy, Frances Ashfield – Parish Clerk.

51/15 Election of Chair, Vice- Chair and PC representatives of other committees

Position of Chair – David Hauser was proposed by Cllr McNamee and seconded by Cllr Burke and accepted by all Cllrs. Vice- Chair – Cllr McNamee was proposed by Cllr Hall and seconded by Cllr Graham.

Election as representative to Village Hall Committee – Cllr McNamee

Election as representatives to Marling Trust

52/15 Public Time: No public in attendance

53/15 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Lesley Williams

54/15 To receive Declarations of Interest on items on the agenda – None

55/15 To approve the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 22nd April 2105 – Minutes were approved as a true record and signed

56/15 To receive updates/reports from the County and District Councillors

Cllr Studdert-Kennedy reported that the appeal re 20 Castle Mead had been turned down (inappropriate for the area and overbearing). Mankley Road development due to start on June 1st and continue until December 2016. King's Stanley and Selsley Trust met on 19th May and agreed that Symon Parsley should try talking to Diocese and County Council about the Old School House. The Trust had expressed concerns about continuity of Village Hall Trustees and was looking at the proposal as a business case and didn't have a moral duty to fund it. Cllr Hauser suggested that a working group be set up to meet with the Trust and clarify questions. Cllr Lydon offered his help.

Cllr Lydon reported that there was a change of staffing in the Planning Department. With reference to Woodside Lane and Mankley Fields and re meeting up to discuss conditions, it was suggested that a couple of people from each PC should look at the conditions and work directly with developers. Cllr Lydon said he would like to meet with developers on a monthly basis to discuss any issues. The examination of the Local Plan has yet agreed final number of houses. Stage 2 should be agreed soon. In 2016 all councillors will have to step down and there will be 51 vacancies on the District Council. The 'Future Shape of Gloucestershire' has same boundaries as emergency services. Cllr Lydon suggested that KSPC should get involved in shaping future boundaries. Financially Stroud is relatively well off but there's likely to be a rethink on local government services particularly related to what the public are wanting to pay for. Re Brunston Yard and supermarket proposal, as SDC hadn't made a decision in time, it was a non-determination argument. The final high court decision hasn't yet been agreed. A High Court judgement is likely in June re incinerator.

58/15 To discuss and agree process for election of a co-opted member to the Parish Council

The Clerk advised that NALC suggests a job description and criteria should be set prior to advertising the post. A vacancy should be advertised publicly with a closing date on it. Cllrs suggested that a general poster be put up advertising the vacancy. It was suggested that a

representative from Selsley should be sought as currently there isn't anyone on the PC from Selsley. If there were a number of applicants then criteria would be set.

59/15 Highways, footpath and public spaces:

i) To receive an update on play area equipment recommendations/quotes

Tasha presented an update. She had received a quote from a local company in Woodchester after unsatisfactory follow up with original company. Two local schools have used this company. They can build to exact specifications and within the agreed budget. Cllrs agreed to support this proposal and requested a detailed quote be sent through prior to any final agreement being made. Tasha outlined Step 1 – initial replacement, Step 2 to go to local/natioanl funds for additional equipment for older children. The surveyed children had identified other pieces of kit they'd like. Agreed that Tasha goes ahead with further information from Dragonfly, bark can be bagged up and stored as some is needed around the slide, someone needs to be on site whilst work is being carried out.

Re gate -agreed a latched gate was needed. Marling Trust to make a decision on payment– Tasha to speak to Marling Trust. The potential gate is an Aston 2 way gate - £200.

ii) To receive a report from the Highways working group – to discuss potential funding for Highways related projects and funding available via Cllr Binns

The Clerk had received a request from a couple in King's Stanley about lack of dropped kerbs in New Street and Shute Street. There were dropped kerbs on one side of road but noth the other which made it impossible for people on motorised scooters or with mobility aids to get directly into the village. Cllr agreed that this could be a project for Cllr Binn's Highways budget. Clerk too contact Cllr Binns with the proposal.

iii) To receive an update on work to be carried out The Green – As Cllr Owen wasn't at the meeting it was agreed to defer to June's PC meeting

iv) To receive feedback footpath related issues

Cllr Graham reported on landslip threatening Sandpit Cottage. Cotswold Way would have to be re-routed temporaly. Ramblers had objected and wnted a separate gateway for walkers. Walk with Wheels is a scheme for disabled ramblers who use motorised vehicle from Coaly Peak to Selsley. Due to varoios access issues it had been suggested that a new gate be put in for disabled users. The Woodland Trust could put in some money. Maximum cost likely to be £600. Cllr Graham asked if the PC might fund some of it. Cllrs agreed in principle although the Clerk advised that the budget for 2015/16 had been set and such funding hadn't been factored in. Funding might have to come from reserves. Cllrr asked Clerk to check funding. Cllr Graham said that some years ago a set amount for gates was put into the budget annually. Cllr Graham to suggest this at budget setting in November.

v) Update on use of BT phone box

Cllr McNamee reported that she had checked if the phone worked and that the light wasn't working. Cash couldn't be used for calls, card or reverse charges only. She will follow up usage with BT.

vi) To receive an update on Old School community asset- (Previously discussed under District Councillors' reports).

Cllr Hauser advised Cllrs that an email had been received from Ruth Nares about issues with parking at the school – Clerk to forward this email to cllrs.

Clerk reported that she had discussed parking issues with CPSO and putting notices on cars. It was suggested this could be discussed at the APM.

59/15 Planning:

i) To receive and comment on planning applications received

- S.15/1066/DISCON Stanley Park, Selsley – Discharge of Condition 5 fro permission S.14/2101/LBC – To be forwarded to Cllrs.
- Town & Country planning (Inquiries procedure) Brunsdon Yard, Ryeford Road. Demolition of existing buildings and erection of new food store with access, car parks etc. (Discussed during District Councillors report). Cllrs noted that comments previously sent would go forward to the appeal.

- S.150951/HHOLD 40 Coldwell, KS – loft conversion, including installation of rear dormer window, side windows and velux rooflights and rear decking area. Cllr Parsley had looked at this application and advised that the house next door had similar conversions. The height of the roof would not be raised. Cllrs agreed 'no observations' for this application.
- The Clerk advised that several further planning alerts had just been received and would be forwarded to Cllrs for comments.
- **ii) To receive a progress report from the Clerk on applications already responded to**
- S.15 0661/FUL Little Foxes, Daffodil Leaze – change of use of existing poultry shed to use as a play barn ancillary to the main dwelling – *Permission*
- Town & Country Planning Appeal for 20 Castle Mead, demolish bungalow and replace with 4 dwellings – *not granted*

60/15 Financial Issues:

i) *To receive the finance report and authorise payments in accordance with the RFO report* -The report was accepted and payments were authorised and cheques signed in accordance with invoices.

ii) To discuss review of Financial Standing Orders

Cllr Hall agreed to look at these with the Clerk and report back.

61/15 To receive Clerk's report and any correspondence received
The report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk reported that she had worked well over her hours for the past 3 weeks, audit and additional meetings had increased the workload. She advised she would take some TOIL and holiday over the following two weeks. The continuing query about Beeches Close ownership should be followed up with Jane Roberts. (Cllr Hauser to follow up)

62/15 Councillors Submissions (for notice of forthcoming events or reminders, (not for discussion)

Cllr Burke reported damage to the cattle grid at The Grove and was advised to report it to Highways. The map on the noticeboard situated on the Green was considerably faded. The Clerk has a spare large, laminated map and will look to replace it.

63/15 Parish Council meetings:

Date of next meeting is Wednesday June 10th at 7.30pm in the main hall of the Village Hall. This is the Annual Parish Meeting.

Local groups have been invited and posters put up around the parish.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **THURSDAY June 25th at SELSLEY SCOUT HQ at 7.30pm**

Future meeting dates for 2015 :

July 22nd

September 23rd

October 28th

November 25th

Mrs Frances Ashfield Parish Clerk – King's Stanley Parish

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Meeting closed at 9.35pm