

## **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 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014** at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs Jamie Burke, John Graham, David Hauser (Chairman), Wendy McNamee, David Owen, Symon Parsley and Lesley Williams. Also present Cllr Steve Lydon, Frances Ashfield – Parish Clerk and Natasha McClune – Play Area Working Group  
*For the public time session* – Ann Ryland, Elizabeth Wilkinson, Anne Keoga, Ken Franklin, Julie Hale, Jan Gardner, Jean Edwards, Carol Greenway, Helen Coombs, P Greenway, Jean Humphries, Sue Hayward, Janet Ashmead, Arthur Witrill, John O'Connor, David Kip, Pam Culver and Clive Ellis.

**87/14 Public Time** – Over half an hour of discussion and comments took place re development at 20 Castle Mead. The status of the footpath was questioned ie permissive/PROW/private and Cllr Lydon said he would follow up queries with SDC. Issues relating to sewer capacity, which were already overflowing, would also be followed up by Cllr Lydon. It was suggested that residents contact Severn Trent with current sewerage issues. Other discussions included: access issues, character of new development and safety of children and people with mobility problems. Cllr Lydon reminded everyone that this application would be going to the next Development Control meeting for a decision and that all comments sent to Planning would be taken into consideration. The Parish Council said they would discuss their comments for submission to SDC later in the agenda and send in a response the following day.

**88/14 To receive apologies for absence**

Parish Cllrs Lawrie Hall, Alan Bladon, District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy and County Cllr Dorcas Binns

**89/14 To receive Declarations of Interest on items on the agenda** – None

**90/14 To discuss potential play equipment and make a site visit**

Natasha McClune brought along an ideas board based on various options. She also presented a paper outlining key observations, immediate requirements for the play area and medium term requirements. The working group had interviewed playgroup staff, parents and children, spent time looking at the area and how it was currently used and met with a number of play equipment companies. Natasha presented the referred option with costs. Councillors thanked Natasha and the working group for all their hard work and impressive presentation. The PC would look in more detail at the proposals and costings at the next meeting.

**91/14 To approve the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 23rd July 2014** – Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed

**92/14 To receive updates/reports from the County and District Councillors**

**Cllr Lydon** reported that both himself and Cllr Studdert-Kennedy had approached a barrister to look at the Mankley Fields application as there was a judicial review being made by both SDC and the developers re potentially subjective views of Planning Inspectorate in the outcome of Mankley Fields and Slad development. Woodside Lane decision will now have to wait for the outcome of the decision of the judicial review.

Ryeford – Finance isn't the issue in solving the problems. 'Visibility' is the line taken by Highways Dept.

Defibrillators are important in rural areas. Could discuss in more detail at future meetings.

Action Group in Leonard Stanley set up an appeal to support the village green proposal. The Labour Group proposes no increase in council tax for next financial year. Cllr Lydon contacted the Post Office re changes in King's Stanley but wasn't clear about what the service will eventually be. Needs clarification. Supermarket applications are all on hold as SDC needs to consider all 4 applications at the same time.

#### **93/14 Planning:**

i) *To receive and comment on planning applications received*

- *S.14/0724/ FUL 20 Castle Mead, KS – Demolish existing bungalow and replace it with 4 dwellings (revised plans)*

Councillors discussed this application and, taking into consideration issues such as access, design and safety, they decided to OBJECT to the application. An objection letter would be sent to Planning the following day.

- *S.14/2101/LBC Stanley Park, Selsley – alterations to form 8 apartments within previously subdivided house.*

Councillors discussed history of previous alterations but felt that this restoration would be acceptable and hoped it would bring the building back into good use.

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

- *S.14/1452/HHOLD Kingston House KS – 3 dormer windows to front elevation to roof – Permission*
- *S.14/1490/FUL White Lodge St. George's Ave KS – New dwelling – Withdrawn*
- *S.14/1519/HHOLD The Old Nags Head, Selsley Hill – single storey extension - Permission*
- *S.14/1031/HHOLD Coach House , KS – detached garage, shed and observatory – Permission*
- *S.14/1357/HHOLD 24 Bath Road, KS – Demolition of garage and rebuild new garage – Permission*
- *S.14/2424/FUL Mankley Road, LS – Demolish 25 dwellings and build 51 new dwellings – Permission*

#### **94/14 Highways, footpath and public spaces:**

i) *To receive a report from the Highways working group*

Cllr Burke reported back that Highways had committed to do what had been discussed at a Highways working group meeting some months ago. To date the grass verge had been cut back. Still waiting for flashing yellow sign and guidance pack + signs for '20 is Plenty'. Nettles from Middleyard to spring by footpath need cutting back.

Re Winter Plan – ask Highways which area they cover and speak to LS about their snow wardens. Should PC advertise for snow wardens?

ii) *To receive an update on work to The Pound and grass cutting requirements*

Cllr Owen and Graham cut back grass in August with strimmer. Now need to seed with wildflowers. Follow up SDC offer of wildflower seeds.

iii) *To receive an update from the Allotments Working Party*

The Clerk reported back that Cllr Studdert-Kennedy had received a reply from Perennial about the use of allotments at Gardener's Way and that these would not be available for public use, only for tenants' use. The Clerk had contacted Asset Management again to find out what was happening with the query re additional land at St George's Close.

iv) *To receive feedback from Cllr Graham on stream query and footpath diversion*

Cllr Graham had met with person who was concerned about the stream. He suggested a project could be developed locally, perhaps with the school. Logs will be removed from stream in autumn. Cllr Graham thanked Cllr Williams and Lydon for

looking into issues about footpaths and AMEY. No changes will be made in looking after footpaths but their policy is not to stockpile materials which might cause some delays when carrying out work.

Concerns about path giving way near Sandpit Farm. Woodland Trust see this as a priority. Message needs to be passed on to cyclists. Signage is required highlighting danger.

Ridgers Cottage – Enforcement officer has visited to look at vehicles parked there and on footpath. Currently looking at who owns the path.

v) *To discuss query re signage on Bell Lane* – Cllrs asked for this to be referred to SDC

vi) *To discuss query re field and hedge on Coldwell Close – Issue re overgrown hedge and ownership of field* – Cllr Owen agreed to follow this up and find out who is owner.

vii) *To discuss the future of the bench by The Rectory wall* – Cllrs agreed that as it had been inspected and advised that it was beyond repair that it should be removed. It would be good to replace it. Look at possible funding for this and put article in newsletter.

The bench at the war memorial had been sawn through – Could this be repaired?

viii) *To discuss siting of Christmas tree on village green.* Cllrs thought this was a great idea that had been brought by a residents to the council but were concerned about health and safety and insurance implications.

#### **95/14 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 review insurance provision and insurance quote for 2015*

The Clerk asked if the PC wanted to accept a LTA with Came and Company up to 2017 which reduces the insurance premium as per paperwork sent out in August. The PC agreed to adopt the LTA and quote for 2015.

iii) *To discuss grant applications and award grants* – Deferred to October's meeting

#### **96/14 To receive the Clerk's Report and any correspondence received**

The Clerk's report covering August and September was distributed prior to the meeting. A correspondence file was available for councillors to look at.

#### **97/14 Councillors Submissions** (for notice of forthcoming events or reminders, (not for discussion)

Due to lateness of the meeting no submissions made.

#### **98/14 Parish Council meetings:**

Next Parish Council meeting to be held on **Wednesday October 22nd 2014** at **7.30pm in the Lounge Room of the Village Hall.** At this meeting grant applications will be assessed and the Brian Ireland, Village Agent will attend to give a short presentation about his role..

Mrs Frances Ashfield Parish Clerk – King's Stanley Parish

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Meeting closed at 10.05pm