

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 28th January 2015** at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs, John Graham, Lawrie Hall, David Hauser (Chairman), Wendy McNamee, David Owen, Symon Parsley. Also present District Cllr Steve Lydon, Frances Ashfield – Parish Clerk and members of the public (Frank Nicholson and Jenny Machin)

1/15 Public Time:

Issues discussed: Village Green – concerns about parking on the village greens as grass is churned up, and looks a mess. Seems to be a lack of pride in maintaining amenities. No parking signs disregarded. PC will cost installation of stones or posts. Mr Nicholson offered to reinstate grassed area near Castle St. **Parking by school** – Parents are regularly blocking driveways on Shute Street when dropping off children at school. Cllr Lydon to discuss matter with new police officer, Community Police Officer and Neighbourhood Wardens could get involved. PC to contact Chair of School Governors to ask if a representative of the PC could attend a school governors meeting to discuss these issues.

2/15 To receive apologies for absence

Parish Cllr Jamie Burke, District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy, and County Cllr Dorcas Binns

3/15 To receive Declarations of Interest on items on the agenda – None

4/15 To approve the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 26th November 2104 – Minutes were approved as a true record and signed

5/15 To receive updates/reports from the County and District Councillors

Cllr Lydon reported that the District Council budget would be set at the end of January and there currently weren't any proposals to increase the council tax budget. The Local Plan inspection had been deferred due to illness of the Inspector. Re incinerator decision – all councillors had written in querying costings. Woodside Lane-planning appeal likely to appear in near future. Village Green application for Woodside Lane – group is still looking for legal support. Supermarket decision appears to be on hold for now. Cllr Lydon will follow up what's happening at Stanley Mill and the land that's been recently cleared. He will also look into the proposed development at the auto garage.

6/15 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 agree the budget and precept for 2015/16*

Cllrs requested that spreadsheets could be sent out as a PDF document as some Cllrs were unable to print off spreadsheets. The Parish Clerk went through the proposed budget and costings for 2015/16. It was suggested that a 6 months contingency fund might be worth considering in the future rather than a 3 months one. The Clerk had costed the precept which would increase to £1.57 per household. The precept had decreased by £3,000 three years ago and had remained the same. This meant that transfers from the savings account had been made year on year to cover the shortfall. Councillors were concerned that the budget was overspent in 2014/15 due to unforeseen work on footpaths. The proposed precept of £20,257.00 was agreed and accepted by Councillors.

Cllr Hauser asked the Clerk to contact GAPTC to query the large increase in subscriptions for 2016.

iii) *To discuss quote re purchase of projector*

Cllr Burke had researched and costed a projector for PC meetings. The quote was for £160. It was agreed to go ahead and purchase a projector up to the sum of £180.

7/15 Planning:

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

- S.15/2893/106R – 1-10 Gardeners Way KS – Removal of 106 agreement
Cllrs were concerned that the removal of the 106 agreement, given in 1991, could open up the development to people of all ages rather than over 60's which was the original objective of the site. Cllrs were happy to see a continuation of the current age parameter with perhaps a change in the stipulated constraints, to include people from all professional backgrounds. Cllrs agreed to object to this proposal.
- S.14/2341/FUL – Central Garage, High St. KS - Demolition of redundant garage. Erection of 2 houses. Cllrs were concerned about access and parking for 2 houses as parking was particularly difficult in that area.
- S.15/0118/HHOLD Collett Cottage, Greencourt, KS – Single storey extension. Cllrs were concerned about the size of the plot in relation to the development which appeared to take up 50% of the plot. Cllrs saw this as over-development of the plot.

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

- S.14/2555/FUL Land at Willow Brook, Coldwell, KS – Proposed new dwelling
- S.14/2498/HHOLD 58 Borough Close, KS – Erection of extension and alterations to form a link to existing detached garage
The above two applications have been permitted.
- 2014/0004/ASSETC - The former KS C of E Primary School was included to the register of Assets of Community value on 23.1.2015. DISPOSAL – Moratorium period for intention to bid is March 6th 2015.

Cllr Parsley gave an update on what was happening with the Old School. Cllr Binns had arranged a meeting with SDC's Asset Management Dept. A working party had been set up and was looking at sources of funding, valuation of the building, preparation of a business plan etc. A letter from SDC re 'Nomination of KS C of E Primary School for inclusion on the Register of Assets' had been received by the Parish Clerk and Cllr Parsley.

Intention to bid must be registered with the Diocese of Gloucester by 6th March 2015. The bid must then be received by the owner (Diocese of Gloucester) by 23rd July

8/15 To discuss issues relating to charitable organisations and grant giving in King's Stanley Parish

A member of the public had contacted the PC to request that a current list of charitable and grant giving bodies in the parish be drawn up. There was a query about an 'unknown' charity operating in the parish. Cllr Hall was able to identify the said charity as 'The School House Trust'. It was agreed that the Clerk draw up a list of charitable grant giving bodies and display it on the notice boards and website. Cllr McNamee suggested the noticeboard on the Green perhaps be moved to a more popular spot near the Co-op.

9/15 To discuss networking opportunities for King's Stanley Parish

Cllr Hall suggested that local organisations should periodically get together to discuss issues in the Parish. A list of local organisations was suggested. Cllr Hall to draw up a list to be discussed at the next PC meeting. Cllr McNamee thought such a meeting could take place at the Annual Parish meeting.

10/15 Highways, footpath and public spaces:

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

Tasha McClune had sent through a summary of feedback from 3 providers. Cllrs asked that she attends February's PC meeting to discuss costs.

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

Nothing to report from the group.

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

The Clerk had received a response from Asset Management and is meeting a member of the team with Cllr Hall on February 9th to look at St George's Allotments

iv) *To receive feedback footpath related issues*

Cllr Graham reported that the footpath at Sandpit Cottage was still unstable and a sign needed to be put up to warn horseriders/cyclists. A temporary closure notice is required. Clerk to contact PROW officer with concerns. Cllr Graham commented on the subscription renewal for Walkers are Welcome. The PC are minded not to renew the membership of WAW.

v) *To receive an update on Old School community asset*

This was discussed under 'Planning' on the agenda

11/15 To receive the Clerk's Report and any correspondence received

The Clerk's report was circulated prior to the meeting. Correspondence included a quote for the grass cutting contract. The quote for 2015/16 had increased by £1.50 per cut, Cllrs queried this increase as fuel costs had reduced and requested that the Clerk contacted the contractor and say that the PC were happy to renew contract at last year's terms.

12/15 Councillors Submissions (for notice of forthcoming events or reminders, (not for discussion)

Letters received by residents about road closure of Selsley Hill.

- Concern about short notice previously given about removal of yellow lines in the centre of the village. The notices covered multiple areas, rather than just King's Stanley, and were confusing.
- Cllr Hall reported back that he'd attended a pensions event at County Hall and would feedback information to the Clerk. Cllrs thanked Cllr Hall for attending the Pensions meeting.
- Gloucestershire Playing Fields Assoc. prepared a report for Marling's Close Playing Field including the play area which achieved an overall score of 75 out of 100.
- PC agreed for weeds to be dealt with on Outdoor Fitness area.

13/15 Parish Council meetings:

Annual Parish meeting date to be discussed and agreed at February's meeting.

Date of next meeting Wednesday February 25th at 7.30pm in the Lounge Room of the Village Hall

Meeting dates for 2015 :

January 28th

February 25th

March 25th

April 22nd

May 20th- Annual Council Meeting – Election of Chairperson

June TBA – Selsley (Thursday 25th?)

July 22nd

September 23rd

October 28th

November 25th

Mrs Frances Ashfield Parish Clerk – King's Stanley Parish

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Meeting closed at 10.00pm