



KING'S STANLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Lounge Room of King's Stanley Village Hall, **Wednesday 26th February 2014** at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors Jamie Burke, John Graham, Laurie Hall, David Hauser (Chairman), David Owen, Wendy McNamee, Symon Parsley and Lesley Williams. Also present: District Cllrs Nigel Studdert – Kennedy and Steve Lydon, County Cllr Dorcas. Binns and Frances Ashfield (Parish Clerk)

AGENDA

14/14 **To receive apologies for absence**
Cllr Alan Bladon

15/14 **To receive Declarations of Interest on items in the agenda**
None

16/14 **To approve the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 22nd January 2014**
Minutes were approved and signed

17/14 **To receive updates/reports from the County and District Councillors**
i) Updates and reports

Cllr Dorcas Binns (County Councillor) reported back on the recent budget meeting where the 2014/15 budget had been voted through with good cross party support. Some of the areas to be funded included:

- Living wage
- Apprenticeship ,children in care and care leavers travel card
- Community empowerment chest for infrastructure schemes
- Suicides and self harm support via school nurses and key schemes re for well being development and mental health.
- Active Together grant funding for supporting physical activity schemes - £40k per County councillor over 2 years.#Study into pupil pressures
- C Councillors have some funding towards Highways issues

Council tax will not increase in 2014/15 but there's a likelihood that in 2015/16 £19 million will need to be found

Cllr Nigel Studdert -Kennedy (District Councillor) reported that the Mankley Fields planning application will probably go to the Development Control meeting on March 11th with the Development Control Officer recommending the application. All bar one of the reasons for objection have been met. Issues at present are related to building

works not being started which affects the 5 year land supply for building. A meeting with Nick Boules, council officials and councillors has been set up to look at these issues.

The examination in public of the Local Plan for Stroud and District will take place in April where the Inspector will make a decision.

Cllr Owen asked why local issues relating to housing aren't being addressed ie appropriateness of proposed housing which could cause problems in the future, Cllr Parsley commented that if SDC don't approve applications and they go to appeal then SDC will have to pay an average of £45k towards costs. It was felt that the NPPF was in favour of developers.

Cllr Lydon (District Councillor) said that they weren't against house building as a means to kick start the economy but if appeals are lost then the planning process is removed from the councils. The Village Green status signage had been erected at Woodside Lane and Mankley Fields. The documents can be seen at the Parish Office and at Stonehouse TC and Ebley Mill until 4th April.

Where the housing had been demolished on Mankley Road, sloworms had been rehoused. Planning permission for this land had yet to be received.

The Police precept is to increase by 2% for 2014/15.

ii) To discuss installation of a plaque dedicated to WW1

It had been discussed previously that a public subscription might cover the £250 cost of a plaque of remembrance for WW1. It had been suggested that the plaque could be displayed in the church. The PC suggested that a more public place which was non-denominational might be more appropriate.

iii) To discuss proposals for new recycling services and prepare a response

It was decided to put this item on the next agenda as not all councillors had had chance to read the documentation.

18/14 To receive the Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report had been previously circulated and points covered a range of action points from the previous meeting and tasks/issues followed up during February.

19/14 Planning:

i) To receive and comment on planning applications received

a) S.14/0178/HOLD – Waterlane Cottage, Selsley – Erection of oak framed orangery
Discussed and agreed - no observation

b) Village Green status consultation document

This is available for anyone to read and copies are at the Parish Office, Ebley Mill and Stonehouse TC office. Comments by April 4th.

ii) To receive a progress report from the Clerk on applications already responded to
S.13/2574/HHOLD – Meadow View – permission

S.13/2700/HHOLD The Cedars - permission

S/13/2271/HHOLD Walnut Rise - approval

iii) To discuss Emergency Planning procedures re flooding

Agreed to follow up names of Flood Wardens on KS Emergency Plan leaflet and see if they still wish to remain as flood wardens.

iv) To receive an update on Parish Plan related issues

There is a grant for £400 to refresh parish plans. Councillors felt that there mightn't be enough time for people or enthusiasm to do this work. It was agreed that smaller areas of work such as energy related issues should be pursued.

v) To discuss Electoral Review

Proposal from Government that elections are held for all councillors once every 4 years instead of current system of annually elected thirds. Councillors responded that the advantages were that an administration can plan more efficiently with less short

termism but a disadvantage is that experience can be lost all at once. Three- member wards are to be introduced which means potential boundary changes for smaller wards. On- line survey of views to be completed by 21st March 2014.

20/14 **Highways and footpath issues:**

i) To receive a report from the Highways working group

Cllr Bladon and Cllr Burke had met up with Mr and Mrs McClune to discuss issues of concern relating to traffic speed, near misses and parking by the school. Cllr Bladon had also spoken with parents at the school. The two councillors were concerned that the response from Highways was based on trend analysis and not risk management. Suggested that footpath down the hill be widened by the pinch point near Walnut Tree House and slabs put in to hold back the banked area. Cllr Bladon to send suggestions/options to Highways Dept.

ii) To receive an update on work to The Pound

A no parking sign has been put up on the Pound. Cllr Owen to follow up getting the work priced up now the weather is starting to improve,

iii) To receive GCC Highways response on status of roundabout near Castle St

The Clerk received a reply from the Highways Dept. on the official status of the roundabout: "There is no need to have advanced warning signs indicating a roundabout as given the mandatory direction of travel signs, white arrows on blue background, drivers have to observe this as a roundabout".

iv) To receive GCC Highways response to query re status of Marsh Lane

Cllr Graham had been in contact with the Highways Dept. as there had been reports of motor bikes using the route. The Highways Manager responded that this narrow part of Marsh lane is a class 6 highway and is therefore the same as a bridle path which means motorised vehicles should not be using it.

v) To discuss steps on the Cotswold Way

Cllr Graham reported that the area near Manor Farm and the foot bridge are very wet and muddy. He has been in touch with the Cotswold Way manager about the possibility of putting in some steps. The cost would be approximately £280.00. It was suggested that the wardens submit a paper with this proposal and associated costs to the next meeting. Cllr Graham also queried the value of being a member of Walkers Welcome and the annual subscription fee involved. Cllr Graham will contact LSPC to see if they are still members.

21/14 **To receive an update from the Allotments Working Party**

Cllr Hall and the Clerk are meeting up with the Tenant Housing Manager from SDC on the 28th February to look at the possible extension of allotment land at St George's Close. Cllr Hall suggested perennial are contacted again about using land in Gardeners Way. Cllr Hall will also follow up the waiting list in LS, The committee at Selsley Cricket Ground are happy for some of the land to be given over to allotments but ownership and leases need to be investigated further. The Parish Council would be concerned if the drystone wall surrounding the area became their responsibility. Change of use might need to be looked at. Cllr Hauser agreed to talk to someone re legal issues and Cllr Hall would speak with SCC committee members again. Cllr Hall said he would write an article for a future parish magazine about allotments and land.

22/14 **Play area and equipment:**

To consider a plan for replacing play equipment in the play area

The Clerk reported that the ROSPA inspection was due in May and there were still some outstanding issues re play equipment that needed to be addressed. The person carrying out weekly inspections was concerned with the deterioration of the bark and suggested that a more durable surface be looked at. The clerk suggested getting costings and examples of play equipment for user groups to look

at. Cllr Burke was asked to look at playgroup taking the lead on selecting the equipment and the Clerk would send him a copy of the ROSPA report.

23/14 Young people in the Parish:

To receive feedback from a meeting with Stonehouse TC on needs of young people in the local area

Cllr Hauser and the Clerk attended a meeting in Stonehouse with the Town Council and representatives from Eastington and Cainscross to look at what facilities and services were available for young people in the area.. It had been suggested that funding for a youth worker to work across the whole area would be useful and by parishes working together there would be a greater chance of getting a dedicated youth worker. King's Stanley would need to look into what the numbers of young people were across the parish and what needs they had. A member of the Youth Council had volunteered to do some survey work in the parish. Cllr Pam Swain from Stonehouse TC invited people to come to the opening of the skate board park and new youth centre on May 3rd.

24/14 Financial Issues:

i) To authorise payments in accordance with the RFO report

Payments were authorised and cheques signed

ii) To receive the finance report

The finance report was discussed and agreed. The format was queried and a request made for a different layout to be considered for future meetings.

25/14 Correspondence – Clerk to report on correspondence received

Most items of correspondence are sent out to all councillors electronically.

- The report from the CPSO Liz Ward was read out and the increase in shed thefts noted. Councillors asked that a monthly report be made on a regular basis.
- The Marah Trust information had been received and Cllr McNamee reported that she was taking part in the sleep out project on March 7th.
- Cotswold Conservation Board annual forum – March 7th at 9.30am Moreton in Marsh. The CCB had also sent examples of 6 exemplar projects relating to energy conservation and advice
- GRCC newsletter
- Electoral Review on-line survey to be completed by 21st March 2014

26/14 Councillors Submissions (for notice of forthcoming events or reminders, not for discussion)

- A comment was made about the gravel being tipped on top of the path and onto the grass . This was done at the request of the school and was a temporary solution to the wet path prior to tarmac being laid.
- A couple of issues relating to abusive behaviour/bad driving in Coldwell End had been reported to one of the councillors. It was suggested that the neighbourhood warden is contacted and asked to look into issues.
- The school is now in an improving situation
- An action point about the skip was followed up with Cllr Williams

27/14 Parish Council meetings:

i) To discuss change of date for the June PC meeting to be held in Selsley

It was agreed that the June meeting would take place on THURSDAY 26th June at the Selsley Scout Hut as Wednesdays are regularly booked.

ii) To consider theme and format for Annual Parish Meeting to be held in April

There was a query as to whether there was a need to have a separates APM and the Clerk said she would look at previous years minutes.
iii) Next meeting to be held on **Wednesday 26th March** at 7.30pm in the Lounge Room of the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

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Parish Clerk – King's Stanley Parish

Dates of meetings for 2014 (agreed at January's PC meeting)

Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Lounge Room unless specified otherwise:

February 26th

March 26th

April 9th – Annual Parish Meeting - Hall

April 30th

May 21st – Annual Council Meeting

Thursday June 26th - to take place at Selsley Scout Hut **(note change of day)**

July 23rd

September 24th

October 22nd

November 26th