

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015** at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs, Jamie Burke, John Graham, Lawrie Hall, David Hauser (Chairman), Wendy McNamee, David Owen, Symon Parsley and Lesley Williams. Also present District Cllrs Steve Lydon and Nigel Studdert-Kennedy, Frances Ashfield – Parish Clerk and Tasha McClune.

**14/15 Public Time:** Not required

**15/15 To receive apologies for absence**  
None received

**16/15 To receive Declarations of Interest on items on the agenda –** None

**17/15 To approve the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2105 –** Minutes were approved as a true record and signed

**18/15 To receive updates/reports from the County and District Councillors**

Cllr Lydon reported that the judicial review for Mankley Fields had failed which could impact on the Woodside Lane application. A different Inspector had appraised the Baxter's Fields appeal which had been successful. Stage 1 of the post submission consultation of the Local Plan should be completed in May after the election. The Boundary Review for Stroud remains the same for King's Stanley Ward i.e. a 2 councillor ward. All wards and parishes will have elections in 2016. No increase in the council tax budget likely for 2015/16. A Section 288 had been taken out by SDC against the original decision by the inspector re the incinerator. Cllr Lydon had met up with the new Police Constable for the area and will forward notes to the Clerk for distribution. Re parking on kerbs – this is a criminal offence and should be reported via Tel. no. 101 and an incident number noted. Suggested that leaflets be put on car windows. Mankley Road housing should begin in May 2015. Cllr Lydon would also send through communications from AMEY re previous queries.

**Play area quotes discussed – Tasha McClune (see agenda item 22/15 i)**

**19/15 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 response to correspondence received re grass cutting quote*  
In response to the reply from TW Hawkins that there had previously been 3 consecutive years without an increase until last year, Councillors decided to remain with original response that they would accept quote based on 2014/15 figures.

Cllr Burke had researched and bought a projector for PC meetings (£169.). Cllrs thanked him for ordering the equipment.

**20/15 Planning:**

- i) *To receive and comment on planning applications received*
  - S.15/S.15/0209/HHOLD Oxlease House, The Nursery KS - Erection of tree house – Cllrs reported that the tree house didn't overlook any other properties but commented that it might look better painted green
  - Appeal re 20 Castle Mead KS re Demolish an existing bungalow and replace it with 4 dwellings – comments to Planning Inspectorate by March 16<sup>th</sup> – Councillors were still concerned about the width of access to

driveway and that a footpath modification order was still in dispute. Clerk to draft letter and circulate to Cllrs.

- S.15/0290/HHOLD New Stanley Cottage, Ryeford Rd South, Ryeford – Single storey extension providing front access to property, kitchen and cloakroom – Cllrs commented that they would like the materials to be in keeping with surrounding buildings.

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

- S.14/2341/FUL – Central Garage, High St. KS - Demolition of redundant garage. - Refused
- S.14/2805/FUL Bristol and Glos. Gliding Club – proposed winch store – Permission

iii) *To receive comments on SDC Local Plan post-submission consultation*

Councillors were concerned that the consultation software was very user unfriendly and that an annotated version would have been useful. Cllrs NSK reported that questions had to be phrased in a particular way.

#### **21/15 To receive a report from Cllr Hall on partnership meetings and discuss arrangements and date of annual parish meeting for 2015**

Cllr Hall suggested that local organisations should periodically get together to discuss issues in the Parish. Cllr Hall to draw up a potential list of local organisations. Suggested that a theme might bring groups together. Discussion about whether or not clear objectives should be developed prior to such a meeting. Cllr Hall will progress this idea, particularly in relation the next Annual Parish Meeting.

#### **22/15 Highways, footpath and public spaces:**

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

Tasha McClune presented a breakdown of quotes from 3 suppliers. There appeared to be pros and cons for each supplier and Tasha was asked to get quotes for the whole play area to be surfaced. The Clerk would look at getting a quote to remove the equipment and look at warranty periods. Cllrs suggested that grants for equipment could be looked at and Tasha agreed to contact some local grants trusts and organisations. The gate also was discussed and would be looked into further by Cllrs and Tasha.

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

Cllrs were concerned that school governors didn't appear to want to meet up to discuss traffic related issues affecting local people. Cllr NSK had discussed issues previously and the Police need to be involved. Cllr Owen offered to reply to school governors saying that councillors were disappointed with the response they had received and hoped that further consideration could be given to the problems they had raised. Look at previous Highways report.

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

The Clerk and Cllr Hall had met up with Asset management and identified a suitable strip of land by St George's Close. It was agreed that the officer would speak with SDC legal department about leasing the land and look at costs of such a lease. The Clerk had been looking into rental charges across the district and asked Cllrs if allotment holders could be advised that a review of rents would take place prior to April 2016. Cllrs agreed to this.

iv) *To discuss proposal from residents re The Green and parking issues*

It was suggested that posts be bought and a team of volunteers be used to put in post on the Green to prevent parking as this issue had been continuing for several years. Stone would be costed as an alternative material to the posts.

The suggestion of putting rubber matting down to allow parking was dismissed.

v) *To receive feedback footpath related issues*

Cllr Graham reported that the subscription renewal for Walkers are Welcome had been cancelled and Leonard Stanley had been informed of this.

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

Cllr NSK reported that he had met with Cllr Binns and Mark Parker from GCC Asset Management. He reminded Cllr Parsley that the intention to bid needed to be sent through by March 6<sup>th</sup> at the latest. It was suggested that this letter is sent from the PC as it is a recognised body. Cllr Parsley reported that the play school and local people were still enthusiastic. He would prepare a business plan based on actual costs which would be required for the second part of the bidding process

**23/15 To receive the Clerk's Report and any correspondence received**

The Clerk's report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk agreed to get information on the new Local Councils Award which had recently been distributed from GAPTC.

An email had been received from a parishioner about a complaint made about her trees. Cllr Hall offered to carry out the work if required to do so.

**24/15 Councillors Submissions** (for notice of forthcoming events or reminders, (not for discussion)

Cllr McNamee suggested the empty phone box in the centre of KS might become a library. Frocester and Nags Head near Avening have similar schemes. Follow up. Cllrs agreed this could be discussed at a future meeting.

**25/15 Parish Council meetings:**

**Date of next meeting Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Lounge Room of the Village Hall**

**Meeting dates for 2015 :**

**January 28th**

**February 25th**

**March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**May 20th- Annual Council Meeting – Election of Chairperson**

**June TBA – Selsley (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>?)**

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**November 25th**

Mrs Frances Ashfield Parish Clerk – King's Stanley Parish

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Meeting closed at 9.45pm