



KING'S STANLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF KING'S STANLEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Lounge Room of King's Stanley Village Hall on **Wednesday 26th March 2014** at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Alan Bladon, Jamie Burke, John Graham, David Hauser (Chairman), David Owen, Symon Parsley and Lesley Williams.

Also present Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy and Frances Ashfield – Parish Clerk

Present for the agenda item 28/14 – public time: Tony Cooper, Brian Culver, Clive Ellis, Jan Gardner, Carol Greenway, Phillip Greenway, Barbara Hale, Barbara King, Cllr Stephen Lydon, John Walker and Peter Wheatley

28/14 **Public time – 7.30- 8,10pm**

Cllr Studdert-Kennedy emphasised that the planning application for Woodside Lane was a new application and not an appeal based on the previously refused application. Some of the previous grounds for refusal had now been addressed and were therefore either diminished or had gone. He outlined the current situation with the Mankley Fields application ie it would be examined in public next week. The Mankley Fields application would be going to appeal. By 29th April the planning inspector would indicate what he saw as an appropriate number of houses within the local plan for Stroud. The Local Plan didn't include either Woodside Lane or Mankley Fields as housing development sites. Cllr Studdert-Kennedy and Cllr Lydon had been working together to make an argument that housing numbers had been sufficiently met. With reference to Woodside Lane, the AONB and settlement boundary are the major issues. Soil quality is also in question. A decision is likely to be made at the Development Control Committee meeting in June.

Issues highlighted by Parishioners and action points:

- Photos of the landscape have been taken from the wrong view. **Action** - Additional views of the landscape need to be taken to include green strips of farmland radiating from the escarpment.
- Access for construction traffic is inadequate, particularly at the roundabout in Castle Street. Lorries would have to use the roundabout 'illegally' to get around it.
- The lane is 4.9 mtrs wide and pavement 900 mtrs which is below GCC standards. **Action** -Suggested that a site visit is made with Action Group, Councillor (s) and Highways Dept. to look at highways issues
- Issues around Stanley Mill being granted planning permission but no work has started. Councils are judged on what has been built not what has been given permission. Concerns that permission could be given amounting to 100's of houses but none built. Planning decisions seem to be skewed towards developers. **Action** - This point needs to be made with the MP.
- Query about the number of houses/flats/bungalows etc. in the Parish. **Action** -SDC council tax office should have this information. A percentage can then be made in relation to recently built new housing.

- **Action** – Cllr Lydon will organise a briefing meeting with Planning officers, members of the Action Group and Parish Councillors

Thanks were made by members of the public to Cllr Hauser for his contribution to the Mankley Fields application hearing. Thanks were extended to Cllr Studdert-Kennedy for his input to the meeting.

29/14 **To receive apologies for absence**

Cllrs Laurie Hall and Wendy McNamee

30/14 **To receive Declarations of Interest on items in the agenda** - None

31/14 **To approve the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 26th February 2014** – Minutes were approved and signed

32/14 **To receive updates/reports from the County and District Councillors**

Cllr Studdert-Kennedy reported that all the supermarket applications were still going through the planning system.

33/14 **Planning:**

i) To receive and comment on planning applications received

- S.14/0525/FUL Land at Woodside Lane – erection of 48 dwellings
Concern from Councillors that a closing date of 8th April had been given for a response to be made. It was felt that Councillors needed time to look at the new application and reflect on what needed to be said. It was agreed that Cllr Studdert-Kennedy would follow up the closing date with SDC Planning and that this application would be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.
- S.14/0482/HHOLD 7 Deacons Close – retrospective application re erection of a shed – No observation
- S.14/0613/HHOLD 17 St Georges Ave – extension to rear and ramp access to front – Councillors supported this application

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

S.13/27170/FUL Land at Mankley Fields for 150 dwellings – Refused 11.3.14

S.13/2459 and 2460/VAR Stanley Mills, Ryeford Rd. - Consent given 18.3.14

S.14/0178/HHOLD Waterlane Cottage, Selsley – erection of oak framed orangery – permission 18.3.14

S.13/2750/FUL land behind Woodland View Middleyard – Permitted 11.3.14

iii) To receive an update on Parish Plan related issues – none received

34/14 **Highways, footpath and public spaces:**

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

Cllr Bladon reported that a meeting for the end of April had been set up with the Head of Highways, Brian Jenkinson from the school and Cllr Burke to walk around Shute Street and the school area to look at safety issues. Cllr Bladon requested an accident number be sent through to him re an accident that happened last week in Selsley.

ii) *To receive an update on work to The Pound*

Cllr Owen reported that now the dry weather was here Mr Wheeler should be able to assess the work and price it up.

iii) *To receive a report on work carried out to the steps on the Cotswold Way*

Cllr Graham reported that the Cotswold Wardens had gone ahead with the repair work to the steps prior to AMEY taking over the new contract. All staff are to be transferred over to AMEY.

iv) *To receive an update on the children's play area*

The Clerk had sent through websites of contacts for play equipment and the playgroup were going to look at what they would like to see in the play area. There had been concerns about the slide but the children enjoy using it. A zip wire had been suggested. A member of the playgroup to be invited to a future meeting.

v) *To receive an update on the planting of the war memorial*

Cllr Parsley was thanked for organising the snowdrop planting. Sam King provided the snowdrops and the Gardening club helped plant them. Cllr Parsley was planning to sow wild grass and flower seeds and cowslips.

35/14 To receive an update from the Allotments Working Party

Cllr Hauser has been trying to get information from the lawyer about SCC land. Cllr Hall and the Clerk met with SDC Officer Kevin Pring at the end of February. The request to extend land had been passed to Asset Management. The Clerk had put a paragraph in the Parish magazine requesting land for allotments.

36/14 To discuss and prepare a response to the Refuse Collection Survey

The Councillors discussed the proposed new waste collection service and came up with the following:

- Two weekly collection agreed in principle particularly if food waste was to be collected. However, large families might need a more regular collection.
- Bulky waste collection should remain free to deter dumping. The cost of collection dumped waste probably outweighed that of the free collection service.
- No outright decision on black bags ie status quo, buy own bags, distribute bags every 6 months.
- Suggested that cardboard waste needed larger recycling containers or weekly collection

37/14 Financial Issues:

- i) To authorise payments in accordance with the RFO report
Payments were authorised and cheques signed in accordance with invoices
- ii) To receive the finance report
Finance report received and accepted

38/14 To receive the Clerk's Report and outstanding actions

The Clerk's report was distributed prior to the meeting. The Clerk highlighted the high numbers of people using the Parish Office, reporting that 10 people had turned up this week.

Actions – a stream on the Cotswold Way had been dammed. Cllr Graham would look into this.

39/14 Councillors Submissions (for notice of forthcoming events or reminders, not for discussion)

- Cllr Graham reported that he had requested that a table is booked for the last market in Summer to display energy efficiency information
- Cllr Bladon reported back from the school governors a concern about the 3 HV power cables. It was to be discussed at the MT meeting later in the week and suggested that a quote be requested from Western Power. Wayleaves to be checked.

40/14 Parish Council meetings:

- i) To consider new date for the Annual Parish Meeting
Councillors decided that **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on the **30th April at 7pm**. This is the meeting at which local groups report back on what they have been doing over the past year.
- ii) Next Parish Council meeting to be held on **Wednesday 30th April** at approximately 8pm in the Lounge Room of the Village Hall.

Mrs Frances Ashfield Parish Clerk – King's Stanley Parish

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