

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday March 23rd 2017 at 7.30pm in the Scout HQ in Selsley

In attendance:

Cllrs Lawrie Hall (Chair), John Graham, Symon Parsley and Lesley Williams. Residents: Barbara Hale, Jean Edwards, Elizabeth Gardiner, Jolyon Gardiner, Jonathan Haddirk, Martin Carslake, Beverley McGowan, Liz Shankland, Teresa Dummer, Peter Wheatley, John Kendall, Ann Kendall, Claire Neary, Kevin Dickens (Paramedic), Alan Ford, Mike Merret, Frank Nicholson, Jenny Matcham. District Cllrs Nigel Studdert Kennedy, and Steve Lydon. Neighbourhood Warden – Andy Murray. Frances Ashfield (Parish Clerk).

Apologies for absence:

Cllrs David Hauser, Wendy McNamee, Nina Rogers and David Owen. Vanessa Hall and Tony Partridge

1. To agree minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held in April April 2016

Query re attendance of Cllr Dorcas Binns. Minutes agreed and signed.

2. KSPC Chairman's report - Lawrie Hall

The Chairman acknowledged the incident on Westminster Bridge which had taken place the previous day.

He presented his report outlining progress made in the parish over the past few months and explained reason for increase in precept for 2016/17. He thanked his fellow councillors, Neighbourhood Warden, CPSO Liz Ward and Frances Ashfield – Parish Clerk for all their hard work and acknowledged local groups such as Tea a& Chat and Selsley Community Group for their invaluable input to the parish.

(see appendix 1 for report)

3. County Councillor and District Councillors' reports

Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy presented his report and made particular reference Cllr Lawrie Hall's work in relation to the installation of the stones on the Green. **(See appendix 2 for copy of report)**

Cllr Steve Lydon - Thanked Frances Ashfield as Parish Clerk, Lawrie Hall as Chair and all members of the Parish Council for the support they have given him and the work they had undertaken on behalf of all residents. He outlined issues relating to budgetary issues, housing waiting lists and recycling. **(See appendix 3 for copy of report)**

4. Presentation on defibrillators in the community – South West Ambulance Service

Kevin Dicks, a paramedic from SW Ambulance Services, commented that King's Stanley appeared to be a very networked community and was pleased to hear that fundraising had been initiated for a defibrillator. He explained why defibrillators were needed in communities, how they worked in practice, costings and availability of training to use the machines.

It was agreed that Claire Neary, a resident of King's Stanley, would lead fundraising for a defibrillator for King's Stanley village, in conjunction with the Tea & Chat group. Training sessions could be set up in the village hall in the use of the equipment. Mike Merret had offered to assist with training as he was a qualified paramedic. Claire would provide regular updates to the Parish Council on progress.

5. Local organisations' reports

King's Stanley & Selsley Trust

Cllr Lawrie Hall, reported that the Trust had appointed clerk to the trust in 2017. He explained that the trust existed to help people in the parish facing financial problems. There had been £4,000 worth of grants given out in the last year. The income of the Trust was very healthy.

He asked for assistance from all present to identify potential applicants who could benefit from a grant.

St George's Church

The Anglican Church is to be reorganised and the 15 churches would be combined into Stroudwater Benefice with just 3 clergy for the 15 churches. New editors of the parish magazine had started a few months ago and welcomed articles for the new style magazine.

5. Open Forum – general comments and discussions

Barbara Hale reported that the ITU will put in a bus shelter opposite the Co-op and funding was available from the new financial year for this. The Chairman thanked Barbara for her involvement in this.

6. Residents' ideas for the Parish Action Plan

The Clerk explained that since the Parish Plan produced in 2007 the Parish Council needed to ask residents if there was anything they would like to see happen in the parish over the next few years.

The Chairman explained that the parish council wants to take forward things in its remit and support those that it isn't directly responsible for. A three year plan is required with actions that can be achieved over the next 3 years.

The Clerk asked attendees to write comments and ideas on stick -it notes and put them on the large sheets of paper under the different headings. **(see appendix 4 for lists of ideas).** The ideas are to be added to the existing draft action plan.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

KSPC AGM 2017 - CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

I feel that we should begin by having regard for the events in London yesterday. In doing so we can take note of the speeches made from all parts of the House of Commons this morning, the main messages being of sympathy for the victims and a determination that life continues normally, in London and the rest of the country including Kings Stanley and Selsley.

The work of the PC in the last year:

Financial base 2016/17 – There was a 25% increase in precept 2016 to ensure adequate contingency, particularly if clerk was absent. Also sufficient budget was needed to fund assets as they become life expired, eg MUGA, Trim Trail. Funding for Ryeford road work - £3k donation was made. (This work is due in a few months when the unfortunate closure of Bath Road is finished). Indeed one of the main issues which has concerned parishioners over the last 2 years, and sadly will continue on Mankley Field LS for at least another two years, has been housing developments and the associated disruption of the life of the villages.

Work carried out:

Physical works undertaken have very much focused on KS village green; bench installed, with help from Tea & Chat who provided the bench; Telephone box, which again T&C converted into a library after PC acquired it, organised change of use and carried out refurbishment; footpaths either side of green resurfaced with 106 money; rocks installed to protect the village green, (thanks to our County Councillor Dorcas Binns for funding this project).

Councillors John Graham and David Owen continue to champion footpaths including the Cotswold Way.

We created a new website for the PC early this year, and continue to develop it. We will be putting an updated asset register of KSPC owned assets soon.

One of the frustrations experienced by parishioners, and shared by the PC is the time it often takes to achieve some of those things. Remember, we are the lowest tier of Government in the UK.

Also the number of issues which the PC would love to intervene in, but does not have the responsibility, such as parking, speeding and pot holes.

Plans already in hand:

Financial base for 2017/18 is at almost stand still

Financial support given to Selsley Community Groups to acquire a defibrillator with early plans for a similar project in King's Stanley.

Play equipment for Marling Field. We were very grateful to the Stanley Players who made a grant of £500 to help with this

Youth shelter on Marling Field and further play equipment will be purchased with contributions from S106 monies.

The phone kiosk in Middleyard is to be converted, as we did on the Green in KS, to include a parish notice board for Middleyard, which currently does not have one.

Contribution for a replacement seat for Selsley. The bench will be made by the craft department of South Gloucestershire and a Stroud College.

I would like to thank my fellow parish councillors as well as district and county councillors for their

support. Also our neighbourhood warden Andy Murray and community police support officer Liz Ward and especially our parish clerk, Frances Ashfield, who in addition to undertaking the quite substantial administrative and financial tasks of the council, runs the parish room in the Village Hall every Monday and, most importantly stops me from doing some of the dafter things I am often minded to do!

Cllr Lawrie Hall – Chairman to KSPC
March 2017



Cllr Studdert-Kennedy's ANNUAL REPORT TO KING'S STANLEY on 23rd March 2017

As you are all aware by far the greatest concern over the last twelve months has continued to be housing development. At present The Woodside Lane Development is nearing completion. However the Mankley Field development in adjoining Leonard Stanley has just started and will have considerable effect on King's Stanley for some time to come, not least by the closure of a large section of Bath Road for 10 weeks commencing on 10th April for the purpose of installing a new sewer and a pavement.

The problems in the village relating to development and planning permission have received closed attention from the Planning Enforcement Officers at Stroud District Council not least because in addition to sharp eyed residents holding a watching brief, they have been regularly approached by my fellow District Councillor, Steve Lydon, and me. It is perhaps worth noting that at present the Planning Conditions attached to Planning Permissions for a particular site are only enforceable by the District Council once development ON the site in question has commenced.

The Enforcement Notice for the development on the site of Mayo's Garage has still to run its course. Any actual action on the building is unlikely for some months.

According to the Developers, work to carry out repairs on the Pier Building at Stanley Mill was to have commenced on 20th March. This work has to be done before development work on the Mill can start.

Discussions continue to be held over the possible development of Brunsdon's Yard.

This site is difficult to fit into the current retail hierarchy rules in the Stroud/ Stonehouse area while also meeting the developer's aspirations.

Thanks to the Planning Enforcement Department at Stroud District Council vehicle storage at Ridger's Cottage has been dramatically reduced..

The new re-cycling waste collection service, which was based upon earlier trials in the Stanleys, appears to have settled in and re-cycling rates have improved. The object is to reduce the amount going to Landfill and thus help to constrain costs.

The recent unexpected closure of the King's Head has caused some inconvenience and left the Tea & Chat Group without a base. The Bell at Selsley appears to be thriving.

With help of District Councillors a map was obtained indicating the legal position of the pavement on the North West of Castle Street. In consultation with the County Council and Highways it was established that there was some doubt over who actually owned it. However there was sufficient flexibility to allow the surface to be dressed with tarmac. It is to the credit of the Tea & Chat Group that their preparatory work proved to be the catalyst that allowed the present Chairman of the Parish Council and certain members of the Parish to ensure that the work was completed. This same combination must be singled out for the installation of the Seat on the Village Green in Castle Street.

Whilst writing I must congratulate Lawrie Hall upon the installation of the stones on the Village Green in Castle Street thus bringing to an end, at least for the time being, the almost endless discussions upon how parking on this Green should be dealt with.

Nigel Studdert-Kennedy.
22nd March 2017

(Appendix 3)

District Councillor – Steve Lydon's report to the Annual Parish Meeting 2017

Local issues:

Ryeford Bridge work will be put off until Bath Rd closure is over and road will be closed from 10th April 2017 to 16th June 2017

Woodside Lane development and problems has caused noise, traffic etc is only the warm up act for Mankley Field, both developments none of us wanted .

Thanks to Lawrie and Frances and all the PC members for the work they do. I also acknowledge and thank the work carried out by my fellow District Cllr Nigel Studdert Kennedy.

District Council feedback:

- Highest ever public and business satisfaction with the Council (80% and 70% respectively)
- Resident and business rating for value for money, efficiency and service standards at best ever
- Council housebuilding programme delivering to timetable and budget (236 homes at cost of £19m over 5 years)
- House building and commercial development rates being sustained
- Council seen as an effective and valued partner in economic development and regeneration by local companies, investors, business organisations and GFirst LEP
- Carbon management programme delivered – Council was first in Europe to be ‘carbon neutral’
- Membership at both leisure centres at record levels (good for health and well being, good for income!)
- New ‘invest to earn’ capital investment completed at The Pulse, Dursley and underway at Littlecombe
- Gloucestershire’s only local plan adopted under the National Planning Policy Framework and the first Community Infrastructure Levy scheme in the county – shortlisted for national award
- Successful management of the single largest regeneration site in Gloucestershire (Council owned site at Littlecombe)
- Award winning canal regeneration project with high levels of public support, over £113m private investment and, in three years alone, 48,000 hours of volunteer work
- Substantial reduction in waste to landfill – already half the countywide target for 2020 – and a substantial increase in recycling (the success of which has brought issues and increased cost)
- Admired and highly commended rural sustainable drainage scheme in the Stroud Valleys – one of only two UK projects sponsored by the Environment Agency – CPRE award
- Successful work on education-business links and skills (Stroud Ambitions, Employability Charter and support for Festomane)
- Substantial chunk of LEP Growth Deal 1 and 2 funding for infrastructure projects in the District
- Continuing high quality services – accreditation such as EMAS and Green Flag
- 7th best council tax collection rate in UK and best in Gloucestershire, improved position re business rates (up from 207 to 87)
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KING'S STANLEY PC – RESIDENTS' COMMENTS FOR KSPC ACTION PLAN 2017

The following comments were received at the APM held on 23rd March 2017.

Residents were asked to write stick it notes with ideas on what they would like to see happen in the three villages.

Issues to be noted at the PC meeting held on March 29th 2017.

SELSLEY	Cost	Funded by/from	Lead person	Notes
Put pressure on Highways Dept. to prevent grass verge by cattle grid in Selsley East from being churned up by traffic parking/turning		GCC	SCG	Follow up with Highways. KSPC could also follow it up if necessary.
Selsley Hill pinchpoint. Safety issues for residents and traffic trying to pass at the pinchpoint.		GCC	SCG and KSPC	Needs traffic flow control or warning/ lights.
Playground equipment needed	£20,000	S 106	KSPC with SCG	A sum of £20k has been put in the S 106 application
Street lighting improvements in Broad Street, Grove Lane, Selsley Hill and Pooles Lane		GCC	SCG	Identify what's needed and speak to Highways Dept.
Improve sightline for vehicles turning out of the Grove.		SDC	KSPC and SCG	Difficult to see traffic coming from right. Proposed removal of some grass/soil to improve sightline.

MIDDLEYARD	Cost	Funded by/from	Lead person	Notes
Irresponsible parking on bad bend by Stream Cottage is dangerous for drivers and pedestrians				

KING'S STANLEY	Cost	Funded by/from	Lead person	Notes
Perspex, closed noticeboard on brick wall of Co-op for general, PC info and sales notices.		External		
Re-surface footpath from Village Hall to Footbridge to school and improve slope down to bridge.			Marling Trust	
Encourage parents to use this path rather than park in Broad St and Shute St.				
Request double yellow lines on Shute Street and Broad Street		Highways	GCC	
Plant daffodils on the Green		KSPC	Friends of The Green	Look at buying bulbs in September/October 2017
Community speed camera		GCC		Contact Community Safety Team at GCC
Encourage more use of car park and install barrier		SDC		
install pedestrian crossing from Crown Ct to Co-op		GCC		
Reduce speed limit in Woodside Lane (speed bumps)		GCC		
Install physical/visual barriers to change car drivers' behaviour		GCC		
Touring cinema				
Install youth shelter	S 106	KSPC	KSPC	This has been identified in the S 106 plan
Outreach worker to work with young people		GCC?		
Additional equipment for outdoor gym				
Maintenance plan for MUGA and Outdoor Gym. Annual contribution for repairs and refurbishment		KSPC	KSPC	Maintenance plans already in place. Annual contribution already identified in annual budget. Need to start allocation monies towards eventual replacement