

St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council

Amenities Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May, 2007 at 7.30pm

Members Present: Cllr Dudman
 Cllr Mrs K Redknap Cllr M. Dyer Cllr I. Maddock
 Cllr Mrs J. House

In attendance: Mrs Krystyna Bradbury Acting Parish Clerk and prospective Councillor Mrs S. Smith

586. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest to report.

587. Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr A.P. Thackray, Cllr Crow, Cllr Mrs V. Frecknall and Cllr Mrs A. Warman

588. Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 11th April 2007 (pages 91 - 92) was confirmed and signed as a correct record.

589. Matters arising from the Minutes: None
 There were no matters arising from the minutes.

590. Correspondence:

- a. **Street naming notification:** The name "Monkworthy Close" has been suggested for the development to the rear of 7 – 9, Monkworthy Drive, Ashley Heath. The Parish Council had no objection to this proposal.
- b. **East Dorset Community Partnership:** Notification that the partnership is launching a website and contact details are needed from Local Action Groups or Parish Plan Groups. It was considered that the Council should await the official publication of the Parish Plan before releasing the information.
- c. **Zurich Municipal:** Annual Health & Safety Advisory Service Seminar. 9.30am – 2.30pm on Thursday 7th June 2007 at the Crown Hotel, Blandford. The Clerk was requested to pass the information on to Cllr Ann Warman.
- d. **Dorset Community Action:** Play Talking 2007 – a **FREE** event organised by the Dorset Community Action Play Team to discuss various aspects of providing facilities for play. 1.30pm – 8.30pm on Monday 14th May at Dorford Centre, Bridport Road, Dorchester. Noted.
- e. **Gaunts House:** Invitation to attend a 60's Dance & Dine Evening on Saturday 12th May 2007. Tickets £12.50 each. Noted.

591. To Consider the Management Plan Proposals for Jubilee Copse

It was considered that this is a very worthwhile project but will require detailed consideration of the costs involved and also of the practical aspects of carrying out the plan e.g. the involvement and management of volunteers.

RESOLVED: that the plan is approved in principle subject to further information being obtained on the costs involved in implementing the plan.

592. Horton Road: Following a complaint that was received from Mr & Mrs Little, Heather Villa, Horton Road, Councillors visited the recreation area to assess the situation (See reports attached as Appendix A of these minutes). The condition of the fence is poor due to age and general wear and tear and it is therefore less able to withstand knocks from footballs.

RESOLVED: that quotes are obtained for planting suitable shrubs along the fence to protect it from footballs.

593. Braeside Road and Play Park Area:

- a. To receive the EDDC Playground Inspection Report: It was noted that the problems highlighted in the report were fairly minor and could be rectified as part of the refurbishment of the Play Area
- b. To consider re-planting of the vandalised memorial tree: The loss of the tree has been reported to the Tree Officer and his recommendation was to replant with either an Oak or a Beech. **RESOLVED: That the Millennium tree be replaced with a Beech.**
- c. Update on the kissing gate installation: It was reported that the order for installation is going ahead but that no firm date is available as yet.

594. Play Park Refurbishment –

It was reported that the application for a second grant is in hand.

595. Flexible Bus Service 300: The introduction of the service was welcomed and it was suggested that information about both the door to door service and the regular bus timetables should be included in the Parish Newsletter.

596. Exchange of Information:

- a. **Cllr Mrs K. Redknap:** reported that the street sign at the entrance to Ashley Park is missing. The Clerk was asked to follow this up.
- b. Next meeting is scheduled for 6th June 2007

The meeting ended at 8.06pm

Chairman