

**St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council
Amenities Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2010, at 7.30pm
In the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards**

Members Present: Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs V Bell, in the Chair

Cllr R Bryan

Cllr R Dudman

Cllr C Preece

Cllr Mrs A Warman

Cllr M Dyer

Cllr Mrs S Smith

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs Parish Clerk and Cllr R Warman observing.

Open Forum: None

419. Declarations of Interest – none

420. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Crow and Cllr Mrs J House.

421. Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting – held on 3rd February 2010 pages 65 & 66 were confirmed as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Smith, seconded by Cllr R Dudman.

422. Matters arising from the Minutes:

1. Min. 383 Hospital bus shelter work has been completed cost £420, the work included new strengthening beams as the roof had begun to collapse. Noted.

423. Correspondence - The following was noted:-

1. Street naming – property rear of 7 & 9 Cedar Avenue, to be known as 7A Cedar Avenue.
2. Street naming - Property adj. 38 Glenives Close, to be numbered number 40 Glenives Close
3. Street naming – land adj 61A Avon Castle Drive to be known as 61B

424. Risk Assessment of Sites:

1. The Clerk presented draft wording for signs this was discussed. Some minor alterations were made to layout. It was agreed unanimously, to proceed with the 5 signs at a cost of £815.00 + VAT to supply and install. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Smith, seconded by Cllr C Preece.

RESOLVED: To proceed with the 5 signs at a cost of £815.00+VAT.

2. Additional hogging required on walk through from St Ives Park – The clerk reported a cost of £200 + VAT to fill in with soil. This was discussed the Committee agreed that hoggin was required. It was agreed, unanimously, that the Clerk will obtain a price for hoggin and if no more than £250 may proceed with the work. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Smith, seconded by Cllr R Bryan.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will proceed with the installation of hoggin provided the cost is not in excess of £250.

425. Braeside Road and Play Park Area –

- i) The inspection report was noted.
- ii) The Clerk reported that the temporary cover for raking the park is working well, health & safety sheet has been read and signed, copy held with copy of passport. Noted.

426. Bowling Club Hedge: Work is due to commence on 9th March. The Bowling Club have agreed to include watering in their maintenance schedule.

427. Grit Bins – Members to received a copy of the NALC response attention was drawn to the final paragraph which states:

“under Section 41(1 A) of the 1980 Act (as amended by s.111 of the Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003) imposes obligations on the highway authority, not a parish council . S. 41 (1A) provides that the highway authority is under a duty to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that safe passage along a highway is not endangered by snow or ice.”

This was discussed. It was agreed that, in light of the NALC response and previous information concerning liability, to recommend to Council not to purchase grit bins, but to write to DCC and identify the reported problem roads for action to be taken by them.

428. Flytipping in the Parish – Cllr M Dyer reported issues with flytipping in Boundary Lane; Hurn Lane, Wattons Lane and Matchams area. It is now a regular problem that without covert action will be impossible to stop. Rubbish is checked for identifying evidence. It was agreed that Cllr Dyer will raise the issue with Mr L Cass of EDDC. An article will be compiled for the next newsletter which will include information on how to dispose of large items and the costs to the Taxpayer.

429. Dragons Teeth in the verge at the entrance to the Village Hall – The Clerk reported. The existing dragon teeth are rotten and some have completely disintegrated, with the new hedging going in it is important to protect this verge from indiscriminate parking. Two quotations have been received carryout the work, the cheapest of which was £25.50 per tooth from Terrafirma Maintenance, 17 will be required if all are replaced. This included the cost of removing the damaged ones. This was discussed. Cllr Mrs A Warman proposed, seconded by Cllr R Bryan that the Clerk contacts Avon Heath and ask if they would be able to supply and install them as this would be cheaper. Agreed, unanimously.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will ask Avon Heath if they can supply and install at a cheaper price. The Clerk will proceed if the price is lower.

430. Exchange of Information:

1. Next meeting 7th April, 2010.
2. Cllr Mrs Smith reported some large branches have fallen close to the St Ives Wood entrance.
3. Cllr Dudman reported that the One Stop Car Park is due for repairs on 15th March.

The meeting ended at 8.06pm.

Chairman