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

**Members Present:** Cllr Mrs J House, Chairman  
Cllr R Bryan                      Cllr M Dyer                      Cllr Mrs A Warman  
Cllr R Dudman                      Cllr Mrs S Smith

**In attendance:** Mrs Ann Jacobs Parish Clerk, Cllr R Warman observing

**Open Forum: None**

**266. Declarations of Interest – None**

**267. Apologies** were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs V Bell and Cllr J Crow

**268. Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting** held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2010, pages 44 & 45 were confirmed as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Smith, seconded by Cllr M Dyer.

**269. Matters arising from the Minutes:**

Min 222 – The Clerk thanked Cllr Bryan for his help in raking the park. Some minor turf work is also required and will be costed.

Min 228.8 Cllr Bryan reported observing at least 30 workmen recently repairing the A338 traffic island. The repairs would not have been necessary had the white lines been installed.

**270. Correspondence:**

1. Street naming Land rear of Erica, Horton Road – property will be known as Wilhan Rise
2. Street naming – Rest A while Park – confirmation of official address 174 Ringwood Rd (1-11)

**271. Braeside Road and Play Park Area :-**

- i) The inspection report was received and noted.
- ii) Costs for essential maintenance to Aeroskate and Gyrospiral of Labour £240.00 plus parts cost £150.86 + VAT were discussed and agreed unanimously. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Smith, seconded by Cllr R Dudman.

**RESOLVED: To order the parts and instruct the work for essential maintenance, total cost £390.86 + VAT.**

**272. Lengthsman** – Recent work includes clearance of vegetation to improve sight lines at bus stop on Horton Road, and clearance of steps from FP 19 into St Ives Park. Prices for replacing the wooden battons on the memorial bench adjacent to the tennis courts are being obtained.

**273. Horton Road** - Guard rail at bus stop adjacent to the site Min 92 and Min 165.2 – A response from Highways had been copied to Members. Members accepted the explanation as regards a guard rail and welcomed the improvements suggested. The Clerk will write and ask that a warning painted line indicating to users to keep back from the edge is also installed.

**274. Risk Assessments of Sites report**

- i) A copy of the risk assessment report had been copied and circulated to Members and was noted. The Clerk thanked Cllr Mrs Smith for her assistance in carrying out the assessment.
- ii) Dog Fouling – was reported as very serious at Horton Road but on one particular boundary and very close to the dog bin. The matter has been reported to both Police and Dog Warden. In addition a letter had been sent to properties in the immediate vicinity of the footpath as it

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was thought that the dog fouling may be partly due to a loose dog. The letter asks for information and for people to check boundary fences.

iii) Costs for remedial work were approved:

1. Felling the dead tree at Horton Road £115 + VAT Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Smith. It was noted that the Tree Officer had given consent.

**RESOLVED: To instruct the work to fell the tree at a cost of £115+VAT.**

2. The Clerk reported work to repair the footpath leading up onto the Horton Road and the trip hazard area close to the dog bin, cost £80+VAT. Sanctioned by Cllr Mrs Smith and the Clerk for health and safety reasons. Retrospective approval was given.

**275. Budget planning –** The Committee awaits the announcement of cuts to the County Council maintenance budget.

An increase of 1% on the grass cutting Maintenance budget was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Smith, seconded by Cllr M Dyer.

**RESOLVED: To accept the proposal to increase the grass cutting maintenance budget by 1%.**

**276. Exchange of Information:**

1. Next meeting 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010

2. Cllr Mrs Smith reported seeing the pavement clearance in Woolsbridge Road by leaf blowers but there appeared to be no follow up truck collecting the debris once blown into the road. Cllr Mrs Warman will take this up with EDDC.

3. Cllr Dyer reported that the dangerous parking previously reported in Boundary Lane was still occurring. It was noted between 4pm and 5pm this evening. Cllr Dyer asked that this was raised again at PACT. Cllr Bryan reported that he had been late this evening due to the road being obstructed by the Fire Service cutting people out of vehicles after an accident had occurred at this point.

4. The Clerk reported receiving a complaint about the gate closest to the basketball court, closing on a small child's finger causing the nail to blacken and subsequently fall off. The gate has been checked and is compliant with EN1176. The complainant was asked to provide written details, however, to date nothing had been received and the date of the accident was unknown. It is recorded in the accident book.

**The meeting ended at 8.01pm**

**Chairman**