

**St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council
Amenities Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2010, at 7.30pm
In the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards**

Members Present: Cllr Mrs J House, Chairman
CllrMrs V Bell Cllr R Dudman Cllr Mrs A Warman
Cllr J Crow Cllr M Dyer

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

Open Forum: None

313. Declarations of Interest – None

314. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Bryan and Cllr Mrs S Smith

315. Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 3rd November 2010, pages 53 & 54 were confirmed as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Bell, seconded by Cllr J Crow.

316. Matters arising from the Minutes:

1. Minute 271 - Parts are on order for maintenance work to the Gyrospiral and Aeroskate, parts will be delivered direct to the Maintenance Contractor to enable work to proceed as quickly as possible.
2. Bat boxes have been ordered for Jubilee Copse and bird boxes purchased.

317. Correspondence:

318. Braeside Road and Play Park Area :-

- i) The gate still requires some form of closing mechanism which we are having difficulty in locating. Replacing with the same type would cost £225 + VAT and would be easily vandalised.
- ii) Team Freedom have requested use of the site for one day on each during the February, Easter and May Half Term School Holidays. It was agreed unanimously, subject to the previous conditions concerning liability to allow access. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell.

RESOLVED: To permit the use of the recreation ground at Braeside Road on the dates requested subject to conditions.

319. Lengthsman – The Clerk reported the sudden loss of Ralph Haydon, Lengthman. The memorial service will take place on Thursday 9th December at 11.30am. Cllr Mrs House, Cllr Mrs Bell and Cllr R Dudman hope to be able to attend.

Ferndown Town Council will be employing a Contractor temporarily to cover the work whilst other arrangements can be made. There will be no additional charge for this.

320. Horton Road - The Clerk suggested that Members may wish to consider installing a bench at Horton Road. Prices for further discussion will be obtained.

321. Dog Fouling – Additional patrols have been taking place in the early morning and other times using both dog wardens in an attempt to catch a persistent offender at Horton Road.

322. Community Celebration for the Royal Wedding 29th April, 2011 – Cllr Mrs Warman reported on the successful event arranged for the last Royal Wedding. This was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk will get some costings for some form of memorabilia such as a mug. The Clerk will also write to Moors Valley and the Sheiling and First Schools to ask if they have any plans which the Council may consider supporting.

323. Budget planning – A letter has been received from Dorset County Council informing the Parish of the termination of all arrangements inferred or otherwise for Tree, grass cutting, weed-killing and minor Highway maintenance from 1.4.11. The Clerk has emailed DCC for locations of relevant verges. The Clerk was asked to also get written confirmation of who will deal with trees on County land if one should need felling due to safety. Members noted that due to the cutbacks additional budgetary provision may be needed but without more accurate information it was difficult to assess the potential financial impact.

324. PACT Items –

- i) Members discussed a request to install pinch-points in Boundary Lane. This was discussed. It was agreed to Recommend to Full Council to consider requesting pinch-points in Boundary Lane.
- ii) An invitation for Parish Councillors to attend speed checks with the Police was discussed. The Clerk will ask the Police for a list of dates and circulate to Members.

325. Exchange of Information:

- 1. Next meeting 2nd February 2011
- 2. Cllr Crow reported an access issue to the footbridge over the A31 by mobility scooters. There are now 6 Senior citizens at the park using scooters and the kerbs are preventing access. Currently they are using part of the A31 and the verges as the grass gives them a better holding. The footbridge is also close to the Hospital. The Clerk will report to Highways.
- 3. Councillor Dudman reported an issue with alleged drug selling late at night in St Leonards Way. He has reported the incident to the Police.
- 4. Cllr Crow asked about the possibility of grit bins for Oaktree Park. Unfortunately this is private land so the Council cannot supply them.
- 5. Cllr Mrs House asked Members to identify appropriate site locations for grit bags.

The meeting ended at 8.07pm

Chairman