

**St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council
Amenities Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February, 2011, at 7.30pm
In the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards**

Members Present: Cllr Mrs J House, Chairman

Cllr Mrs V Bell

Cllr J Crow

Cllr Mrs S Smith

Cllr R Bryan

Cllr M Dyer

Cllr Mrs A Warman

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

Open Forum: None

388. Declarations of Interest – None

389. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Dudman

390. Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 1st December, 2010, pages 63 & 64, were confirmed as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Bell, seconded by Cllr M Dyer.

391. Matters arising from the Minutes:

1. Minute 318 – Cllr Bryan has arranged for the gate to be repaired, if the weather remains dry this will take place next week. Part of the area will need to be screened off and closed whilst work takes place for safety.

392. Correspondence:

1. Volunteer day at Jubilee Copse is arranged for 28th February from 10am. A leaflet will go through nearby properties and a poster erected on site encouraging attendance. Bat and bird boxes will be going up.
2. Moors Valley are holding a Comic relief fundraiser on 13th March 2011
3. Bus shelter planning application has been registered.

393. Braeside Road and Play Park Area :-

- i) The gate is noted as a risk and there is a cracked bracket which is recorded for monitoring. The Clerk is trying to obtain a replacement bracket and the gate is due for work next week. Noted.

394. Lengthsman – The Clerk reported that a meeting has been arranged for next week to review the contract. Cllr Bryan will attend as previously delegated to approve the original contract. The need for weed killing and pavement sweeping will be raised.

Work carried out: The picnic bench next to the tennis courts has been refurbished. Regular litter picking. Serious issue of dog fouling at Horton Road and the Lengthsman has been attending to clean up.

395. Horton Road - The area is badly fouled with dog excrement. This has been raised with the dog warden and Police. Additional cleaning has been actioned but catching the irresponsible dog owner is proving extremely difficult.

396. Dog Fouling – Additional patrols have been taking place but information from the public is needed to enable enforcement action to be taken. The Clerk will investigate the legality and costs of mobile CCTV.

397. Parish Maintenance Visit March – Moss on the corner of Monkworthy Close and Monkworthy Drive will be reported.

398. Road and Pavement Sweeping – The Clerk has contacted EDDC for a schedule but this is currently being revised and is not available. There is also a problem with a lack of resources. Gainsborough Road was swept last week.

399. Community Celebration for the Royal Wedding 29th April, 2011 – The School is not holding an official event. The Clerk has previously reported the costs of official memorabilia. It was noted that there is only £300 the budget and that a request for no extravagance has been made by the Palace. This was discussed. The consensus was that Council should be mindful of spending and that the issue would not be pursued.

400. Exchange of Information:

1. Next meeting 2nd March 2011
2. Cllr Dyer reported that there is a lot of conservation work going on at Avon Heath. He has raised the issue of parking on the bend in Boundary Lane with Steve Davis.
3. Cllrs Mrs Smith and Mrs House attended the public consultation event at Greyfriars this afternoon in connection with the New Forest Plan. There was nothing of relevance to this Parish to report.
4. Cllr Mrs Bell – currently there are no more plans to increase public transport to this area.
5. Cllr Mrs Warman – The task and finish group are looking at Public Transport. EDDC have no say on where money is distributed by the County Council. Where money is really needed, , rurally, it is not allocated.
6. Cllr Mrs Warman – VHMC had graffiti on the wall. Both the Lengthsman and handyman tried unsuccessfully to remove it. Eventually a team of specialists funded by a Residential grant through EDDC completed the job and the wall has been treated to ease any future incidences. Thanks were given to the Council for the assistance of the Lengthsman. EDDC have written to the residents of the Braeside Mews and pointed out that as owners of the wall, under the Environment Act the owners are responsible for both sides.

The meeting ended at 7.55pm

Chairman