

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

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

	Cllr J Crow	Cllr Mrs S Smith
Cllr R Bryan	Cllr M Dyer	Cllr Mrs A Warman

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs Parish Clerk and three members of the public.

Open Forum: A Member of the public raised the issue of dog fouling and the general tidiness of the Parish. Particular comment was made in respect of an apparent lack of road and pavement sweeping. Cllr Bryan asked that this was put in writing to the Council. Mr Brooks, Chairman of the Parish Plan asked if the Council had been able to obtain an up to date schedule from EDDC on road and pavement sweeping. The Clerk reported that although chased this was still awaited.

Mr Frecknall the Chairman of PACT queried the minutes of the last full Council meeting in respect of PACT and the dog fouling issues. Members of this Council attended the last PACT and the minutes have been copied to Council. Mr Frecknall informed the Council that although there had been some discussion dog fouling was still certainly a priority. Patrols by the RSPCA and Police are being arranged and special posters will be erected.

438. Declarations of Interest – None

439. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Dudman and Cllr Mrs J House.

440. Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 2nd March 2011 pages 83 & 84, were confirmed unanimously, as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Smith, seconded by Cllr R Bryan.

441. Matters arising from the Minutes:

1. Minute 318 & 391 – Cllr Bryan due to bad weather and half term week repairs were delayed to the gate. Work is now scheduled for end of this week or early next.
2. Min 396 Cllr Warman reported that the dog fouling offender in St Leonards Way was once again letting out his dogs at night. This has been reported to the Dog Warden.

442. Correspondence:

1. Street naming 22 Lions Lane to be known as 22 and 22A. Noted.

443. Braeside Road and Play Park Area :-

- i) The gate is noted as a risk, the areoskate seat is not moving smoothly but is being investigated. Goal needs moving again the Clerk will instruct the contractor. Noted.

444. Lengthsman – Cllr Bryan and the Clerk reported on a meeting held to review the contract. An additional budgetary provision is allocated to allow for some extra work, but the Council will have to decide the priority, either road sweeping or weed killing. Weed killing and pavement sweeping will be available. A site for the disposal of leaf litter will need to be located. Horton Road was suggested. Currently the service is contracted out.

445. Horton Road - The Clerk reported a definite improvement in fouling but monitoring will continue. The Clerk will obtain prices for wildflower planting on the bunds, heathers were also suggested. The Clerk will check with the contractor about any additional costs for cutting. The Clerk also reported a recent incident in a nearby Parish where an old cesspit suddenly opened up in a recreational area. The Clerk asked if any of the Members of long service knew if the old portacabin had a cesspit. Cllr Mrs Warman informed the meeting that the cabin did not have a cesspit as it had been connected to the mains.

- 446. Dog Fouling** – The Clerk reported that both of the Parish sites were very clear. The Dog Warden had carried out additional checks and Lengthsman had also been checking at both sites. A couple of people had been warned of the penalties of not clearing up by the Clerk last week and their description will be sent to the Dog Warden in case of further transgressions.
- 447. Road and Pavement Sweeping** – The schedules have been chased but are still awaited. Defer item until information available. Cllr Bryan asked if either of the two Parish District Councillors could assist? Cllr Mrs Warman will take this up with Mr Cass at EDDC.
- 448. Parish Plan Updating/Review** – Cllr Bryan reported. Cllr Bryan and Cllr Mrs House both attended the last Parish Plan meeting. It was agreed at that meeting that it was time that the plan produced in 2007 was reviewed and updated. Cllr Bryan praised the work of the group. It was agreed that Cllr Bryan, Cllr Crow and Cllr Mrs House would form a working party to liaise with the group and formulate a report with recommendations. It was agreed that the review should wait until after the election of the new Council in May.
- 449. Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge** – The email from Fields in Trust of 21.02.11 was discussed. It was agreed that more information was required but consideration should be given to putting forward all three of the Parish sites.
- 450. Exchange of Information:**
1. Next meeting 6th April 2011
 2. The Chairman reported on the Jubilee Copse working day which was well attended. Bird and bat boxes have been erected some in view of a nearby property so that information on occupation can be sought.

The meeting ended at 8.02pm

Chairman