

**St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council
Amenities Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 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 M Dyer
 Cllr R Bryan Cllr R Dudman Cllr Mrs S Smith

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs Parish Clerk

Open Forum: None.

484. Declarations of Interest – None

485. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs A Warman

486. 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 V Bell, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Smith

487. Matters arising from the Minutes:

1. The Clerk reported that DCC had telephoned and advised that there has been a change of policy and they will be weedkilling in May and September.
2. Grit bins – DCC also advised that due to the increased number of bins a priority stock supply list is being formulated.

488. Correspondence:

1. Street naming 12 & 12A Lions Lane to be known as Oakdene and Ashwood. Noted.
2. 7 Warren Close, new self contained attached to be known as 7A Warren Close. Noted.

489. Braeside Road and Play Park Area :-

- i) The report on the Play area was noted.
- ii) Update on gate - Members to retrospectively authorised the cost of a replacement gate (gate £270 + removal and install £175 +_VAT). Proposed by Cllr Mrs Smith, seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell. Agreed unanimously. Replacement closures are priced at £16+VAT noted. The Clerk also advised that posters had been placed around the site asking the Public to ensure that their dog was kept under control.
- iii) The Clerk has written to the Bowls Club asking for action to be taken to repair the razorwire fencing at the rear of Bowls Club as it had come loose and was hanging lower. The Bowls Club have confirmed that they have secured it back within their compound. The Clerk was asked to write to the Bowls Club to request that they ensure that their insurance will cover them in the event of injury to the public.
- 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.

490. Lengthsman – The Lengthsman has been on sick leave for two weeks.

491. Horton Road - The Clerk reported that the Water Board had checked the site but could not confirm whether the portacabin had a cesspit. EDDC are also investigating old records and a response is awaited. It was noted that with its location so close to Horton Road main sewer and the sewer crossing the site, it was likely that a cesspit would not have been necessary

492. 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.

493. Road and Pavement Sweeping – The schedules have been received. It was noted that Matchams Close is swept but not on the schedule. Due to the gradient and bends Matchams Close is a priority particularly during leaf fall.

494. Use of Braeside Road by EDDC Team Freedom – Members to discussed the request and agreed to the use, provided no vans are on the recreation ground, sufficient Public Liability cover and that if the vehicle is parked in the car park that it is done so in the marked spaces.

495. Rights of Way Report – The report from the Rights of Way Liaison Officers had been circulated to Members. The Clerk will write and thank the volunteers for their thorough report. The report was discussed. FP 21 repair - It was noted that there was no budgetary provision for repairs to ROW's which would normally be funded by either the County or land owner. The cost is unknown and due to the work being on SSSI special care would need to be taken. With no evidence of usage and no estimate of cost it was agreed that a review after a dry period would be undertaken before any further discussion. The Clerk will put on the July agenda. Proposed by Cllr Dyer, seconded by Cllr Crow.

RESOLVED: To review the condition of the path after drier weather and discuss in July.

496. Exchange of Information:

1. Next meeting 4th May 2011
2. Cllr Dyer reported seeing two flatbed lorries going in to Matchams Stadium with various items such as mattresses and similar material. The matter will be reported to Enforcement.
3. Cllr Mrs Bell reported a telephone computer scam. The caller says they are from Windows Support.

The meeting ended at 7.55pm

Chairman

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