

**St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council
Amenities Committee Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00pm on 6th March 2013
In the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present: Cllr M Dyer, Chairman

Cllr B Goringe	Cllr Mrs A Warman	Cllr G Willetts
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In attendance: Mrs A Jacobs, Clerk and Cllr R Warman observing

420. Declarations of Interest & Requests for dispensations: None received.

421. Apologies: Cllr R Bryan; Cllr R Dudman; Cllr C House and Cllr Mrs J House

422. Public speaking - none

423. Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2013 pages 67 & 68, were agreed, as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Cllr B Goringe, seconded by Cllr G Willetts.

424. Matters Arising from the Minutes: None

425. Braeside Road and Play Park Area –

- i) The report on the play area was noted. New turf laid around bays.
- ii) Annual Inspection of the Play area –Booked for 7th March 2013.
- iii) The 5 year electrical safety check on the light columns in the Play Area has been requested cost around £70 sanctioned by Clerk and Chairman of Amenities.
- iv) Alternatives to progressing the Gym project – No progress at present due to work levels. Cllr Mrs Warman suggested SITA also has a site next to Veolia. The Clerk will investigate.

426. Horton Road – The Clerk reported an increased level of enquiries due to the site being suggested for allotments and suggested that the Annual Parish Meeting would be a suitable venue for further discussion. Those present agreed. The Clerk will email other Members to gauge opinion. A report of a possible badger sett had also been received. The Clerk was asked to write to Lord Normanton and ask if he would have any objection to the use of part of the site for allotments.

428. Dogs: The report from the Dog Warden was noted. Cllr Goringe reported picking up 6 DFD on the previous Friday. Cllr Willetts reported fouling from Lions Wood into the Recreation Ground. These will be reported to the Dog Warden. The Clerk has requested that the VHMC ask the Dog Training Lady to remind her Members about clearing up, Cllr Mrs Warman confirmed that this had been done.

429. Noticeboard Refurbishment Project – The Clerk and Cllr Goringe circulated a report detailing the price of refurbishing the existing boards or replacing with new. This was discussed. The Clerk will put up a sign on boards 1 and 5 indicating the proposal to remove the boards and asking residents to contact the Clerk with any objections. The cost for refurbishing a board were discussed. It was agreed, unanimously, to utilise the allocated budgetary provision of £400 in this year's budget to refurbish one board as a trial. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr G Willetts.

RESOLVED: To proceed with refurbishing one noticeboard using the allocated budgetary provision of £400.

430. QEII Status for Council Owned Sites – Due to the current issue of allotments defer item to a future meeting. It was noted that the deadline was the 3rd June.

431. Members resolved to exclude the Press and Public (under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960) To discuss the report on the Lengthsman Service and consider the recommendations made. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr B Goringe. Agreed unanimously.

See confidential Minute 431 in the Confidential Minute File.

432. Exchange of Information:

1. Next meeting 3rd April 2013

2. Cllr Mrs Warman reported receiving a number of complaints concerning litter. This has been raised with EDDC who have complained to DWP. Cllr Goringe has also written into complain about litter along the A338 and A31. The Clerk will also report Boundary Lane and Hurn Road.
3. Cllr Willetts reported on issues with the weekly collection in Bushmead Drive, rubbish was regularly spilled and left during collection and bins left in the middle of entrance ways rather than to one side. It was noted that it was a new crew since DWP took over. The Clerk will report.
4. Cllr Mrs Warman reported that the two lights not working on the Village Hall were left over from the old system.
5. Cllr Willetts reported a large branch outside 124 Lions Lane needs removing and also outside the hairdressers there are some smaller ones.

7.35pm the meeting closed.

Chairman