

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

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 5th March 2014
In the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present: Cllr B Goringe

Cllr M. Dyer	
Cllr R Dudman	Cllr Mrs A Warman

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

400. Apologies for absence: Cllr R Bryan; Cllr Mrs House; Cllr C House and Cllr G Willetts

401. Pecuniary Interests: None

402. Public Open Forum: none

403. Minutes – The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2013 page 59 -
RESOLVED: Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2013 page 59 was agreed unanimously as an accurate record.

404. Matters arising:-

1. Min. 313 (iii) The Council has Public Liability cover up to £15m. Noted

405. Correspondence:

1. Street naming 4 Hurn Lane will now be known as Avon Reach.- noted
2. Copies of complaints forwarded to DWP re pavement cleansing

406. Braeside Road; Play Area and Horton Road

- i) Monthly inspection report received and noted
- ii) Dog Warden report received and noted

407. Lengthsman update – The Clerk reported that a quote for the supply of topsoil and seed for Braeside Road had been received for £275 +VAT. Members agreed that this was reasonable. The Chairman reported that the branches on the corner of The Close and St Ives End Lane were still there. The Clerk will report it to the Lengthsman.

408. Street and pavement cleaning: The new DWP are now responsible and are currently undergoing a review of the schedules and issues arising. This was discussed it was agreed that roads leading to facilities such as the Post Office, High Street, School bus routes should be the priority. The extreme weather has not assisted the cleansing team causing amount of debris and issues with machinery. A number of the complaints are in connection with the pavement along Horton Road from Ashley Heath to St Ives Park. The speed of traffic, wide loads and useable part of the path are a safety issue. The Clerk reported meeting with residents from Whitfield Park and walking the stretch, in parts there is less than 18" of pavement. When it is cleaned the debris collected is deposited on the bank and verge which washes back onto the pavement in heavy rain. The pavement needs to be cut back to the edge to remove the grass and other debris which now encroaches. DWP have been informed and are checking but report that this may not be a cleansing issue. A number of serious potholes where drains are breaking up have also been reported to DCC. Members to report what they feel are the priorities, main routes. Members to receive a number of complaints concerning the footpath alongside the Horton Road which have been sent to DWP.

409. Patio Replacement: Members discussed their requirements for replacement. A sketch showing the paths tarmacked and main area to be of slabs (reusing the existing cleaned slabs) was circulated. The next step is to compile a formal specification for quotes to be obtained on the basis agreed. This will then be circulated to the other tenants to ensure that they are aware and to

ask for any comments. Some quotations have already been obtained and a shortfall of around £2,000 is anticipated. The Committee will highlight the project to full Council and ask that consideration be given to earmarking some further funds dependant on the quotations. Cllr Mrs A Warman proposed that Cllr Goringe be elected as Project Manager, seconded by Cllr M Dyer. Agreed unanimously. It was noted that the smaller grain asphalt is better wearing and this will be specified.

RESOLVED: Cllr Goringe was appointed as Project Manager for the project.

410. Exchange of Information:

1. Next meeting 2nd April 2014
2. Cllr Mrs Warman reported that the road outside 68 Oaks Drive was still partly flooding due to the tarmac levels.
3. Cllr Dyer reported that he had noted that the Bowling Club hedge had been cut very late again in November and scorching can be seen again. It had been pointed out by EDDC, previously to the Club that it was important for cutting to be done by the end of August as this variety of hedging is prone to die back. The Clerk will mention this to the new Secretary.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

Chairman