

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

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00pm on 1st October 2014
In the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present:, Cllr B Goringe Chairman

Cllr R Bryan	Cllr Mrs J House
Cllr M Dyer	Cllr Mrs A Warman

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

There was no public speaking.

193. Members resolved to suspend standing order 3L - following the amendment to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, dated 6th August 2014. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr R Bryan. Agreed unanimously.

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

195. Apologies: were received and accepted from Cllr R Dudman and Cllr C House

196. Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2014 pages 5 & 6 were agreed unanimously, as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House.

197. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

1. Min. 31 (iii) Dog bin is scheduled to be moved to new location. Nearest resident has no issue provided emptied regularly and no smell. New contract allows for sanitising twice per year.
2. Patio replacement will commence on 28th October all users informed. Photographs of the existing edges of the court have been taken prior to the work.

198 Correspondence noted:

1. street naming and numbering – Development at 44 Ringwood Road to be known as Pinetops.
2. The Clerk reported notification of an accident at Lions Wood. Incident reported to DCC and DWP.

199. Aerial Slide Quotations – Cllr Mrs House reported: Several quotes have been received a budget figure will be around the £12,000 mark. We are looking at a 25m timber and steel construction with a ramp.

200. Braeside Road and Play Park Area –

- i) Reports on the Play area were noted – minor repairs have been instructed.
- ii) The Chairman explained the request from the Bowling Club to cut back the willows and birch behind the Club as they are partly obstructing the air conditioning units. It was difficult to prove where the trees originate but there is concern about damage to the units and building. The cost is anticipated to be around the £250 mark. It was agreed that the Council would ask if the Bowling Club would share half the cost, however the Council could take no responsibility for damage to the fence or razor wire. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer seconded by Cllr R Bryan.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will confirm the cost of complete removal and liaise with the Bowling Club, ensuring that they are aware that the Council will not be responsible for damage to the fence.

- iii) New dog waste collector engaged due to excessive increase and lack of notice from the previous contractor.

201. Dogs:

- i) Reports from the Dog Warden were noted.
- ii) The Clerk reported an email complaining about a dog in the children's play area. Details obtained and have been emailed to the Dog Warden. Cllr Mrs Warman reported an incident with another very large dog which had also been reported to the Dog Warden, the Clerk was asked to check that this had been followed up. It was noted that there was a fence at the back of the Scouts down and this could lead to a dog entering the scouts or the recreation ground. The Clerk was asked to write to the owner to check when the garden was scheduled to be secured. Members were concerned about irresponsible dog owners who did not control their dogs when children were using the field. The Clerk will erect some laminated signs requesting owners to ensure that their dog is under control at all times.

202. Street sweeping and litter Consultation – The Clerk will compile a response emphasising that pavements are a big issue; with an area with so many trees regular clearance of roads and trees is essential to keep drains clear and paths safely accessible. Members could also complete and return the consultation individually. Deadline is 31st October 2014.

203. Members considered budgetary plans for 2014/2015 – Projects considered: Allotments – costs were needed; aerial slide replacement in hand; Scout area; tree work; Youth Club; noticeboards and other Parish Assets. A three year plan for such works and any additional work was needed.

204.. Exchange of Information:

1. Next meeting 5th November 2014
2. Cllr Mrs J House reported overhanging vegetation outside the kissing gate emanating from the recreation ground.

The meeting closed at 7.43pm

Chairman