

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

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00pm on 7th October 2015
In the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present: Cllr C House, Chairman

Cllr R Adkins	Cllr M Dyer	Cllr N Hindmarch
Cllr R Bryan	Cllr B Goringe	Cllr Mrs A Warman
Cllr Mrs J Carter	Cllr Mrs J House	

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs, Clerk and Cllr R Warman observing.
The Clerk reminded members that the meeting was being recorded.

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

196. Apologies: None

197. Public speaking - none

198. Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2015, were agreed unanimously, as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House. The record of the informal meeting held on 26th August 2015 were also noted as correct.

199. Matters Arising from the Minutes: None

200. Correspondence noted:

- Street naming land adj 3 Ashley Drive West, new properties will be known as 3 and 3A Ashley Drive West
- Street naming land adj 68 Oaks Drive new properties will be known as 68 and 68A Oaks Drive
- Street naming - 36 Avon Castle Drive additional name "Mulberry House
- Street numbering – New Forest Motel – revised layout plan
- Street naming – Land adj 6 Laurel Lane – Laurel Cottage 4A Laurel Lane

201. Braeside Road and Play Park Area –

- i) Reports on the Play area were noted.
- ii) Dog fouling in the play area – Police and Dog Warden have been patrolling at various hours including late evening and at weekends. No fouling has been found this week to date and Cllr Mrs J Carter reported that none had been found over the last couple of weekends when she had been checking. The Clerk will continue with extra checks for a while longer before returning to the weekly check.
- iii) CCTV – The Chairman and Clerk had met with the West Moors Clerk to view their CCTV system. Information had been obtained and further investigations will be made. There is a power supply issue to resolve as a system would need its own supply in this location and power to the two columns has been cut since the street lighting upgrade. This was discussed. The Clerk will ask the Police if they have any solar type cameras or other alternatives.
- iv) Basketball back plate is showing clear signs of wear this will need replacing within the next 12-18 months. The Clerk will obtain costs.

202. Dogs: - The report from the Dog Warden was noted the Clerk will thank EDDC for his additional efforts

203. Burial Land – The Clerk reported that after discussion with the Chairman of the full Council a book on burials has been purchased at a cost of £100. The publication is currently with the Chairman but is a useful source of information and it is hoped to be able to progress this issue.

- 204. Members considered the budgetary plans for 2016/2017 –** Projects to consider: Allotments costs; Youth Club; noticeboards and other Paris assets. Level of grounds maintenance. This was discussed. Sums for fertilising have been included in the first draft, the items under the “extras” heading have not yet been included. This was discussed. The Clerk explained the flower meadow idea for the Halt and Horton Road and stressed that if it is carried out Members need to understand that there will be times when it can look untidy as cutting can only take place once seed has dropped. The Clerk will contact the County Councillor as suggested about this for the Ashley Halt and Horton Road. The Clerk will discuss weed treatment with the Contractor and the ideal time, whatever treatment is done must be safe for animals. The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Terrafirma about a programme of works on our lands, it was his opinion that less cuts were needed than the 22 scheduled. Members felt that a total rolling programme contingency sum should be included but for a general purpose as they had concern about putting in such large sums. The Chairman stressed that the rolling programme was for discussion and could be altered accordingly.
- 205. Car Park Lining –** The Chairman introduced a draft letter which he asked Members to consider. Costs had been obtained for lining the car park but it would be cheaper overall if the whole car park could be done in one go. He also had concerns that trying to keep the back spaces free for all use would cause confusion. The letter asks the VHMC to consider a trial period of a year where all of the parking on site would be open to all users with the condition that in the event of a large event booking the hall could close off all the existing allocated hall slots and the new additional parking at the rear. This was discussed. Cllr Goringe and Cllr Mrs Warman agreed to put the letter to their next VHMC meeting but a response would not be available until the November full Council. The lining would be deferred awaiting the response.
- 206. Exchange of Information:**
1. Next meeting 4th November 2015
 2. The Clerk reported that a resident had thanked the Council for their efforts in getting the pavement close to Folly Farm cleared. The Clerk will pass this on to Steve Davies of Avon Heath as he was responsible for this.
 3. A resident had called in to praise the Lengthsman for his work on the overhanging vegetation at St Leonards Way Walkway area.
 4. Cllr Bryan also asked the Clerk to thank Steve Davies for his work on clearing the safety signs on matchams Lane.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Chairman