

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly
18th April 2012 7.00pm
In the Main Hall at The Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Present: Chairman Cllr R Bryan

Cllr R Adkins	Cllr R Dudman	Cllr M Hockley	Cllr C House	Cllr Mrs A Warman
	Cllr B Goringe	Cllr N Hindmarch	Cllr Mrs J House	Cllr R Warman

In attendance: Clerk Mrs A Jacobs; PC Tony Tester; Members of the Parish Plan Steering Group; Grant Cole EDDC Dog Warden and 22 Members of the public.

1. Welcome: The Chairman welcomed all those attending.
2. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr J Crow; Cllr M Dyer; Cllr G Willetts (attending an ETAG meeting); Revd Moreton; County Councillor P Richardson; Peter Walker (Footpath Liaison Officer) and Steve Davis of Avon Heath
3. Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 20th April 2011 were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House seconded by Cllr R Dudman.
4. Matters Arising: There were no matters arising from the Minutes.
5. Chairman's Report: Cllr R Bryan Chairman of the Council, gave his report a copy of which appears as Appendix A with these Minutes in the Minute Book.
6. Finance Report - Cllr Mrs J House, Chairman of Finance reported. A copy of this report is attached to these Minutes as Appendix B.
7. Amenities Report – Cllr R Bryan Vice Chairman of Amenities reported. A copy of this report is attached to these Minutes as Appendix C.
8. Planning Report – Cllr N Hindmarch, Chairman of Planning reported. A copy of this report is attached to these Minutes as Appendix D.
9. Public Forum: The Chairman opened the meeting to the public.

1. Mrs Cowan – Asked when the litter beneath the Ashley Heath roundabout would be cleared as it was disgusting.
Cllr Mrs Warman responded: As at 17th April the newly formed Dorset Waste Partnership had been unable to reach agreement with the Highways Authority on the necessary working agreements. The only way to carry out the litter pick is at night as a lane must be coned off for safety. Cllr Mrs Warman has reported the situation to the Chief Executives of the Highways Authority and District Council.
2. Mr Wells asked if the Council felt it had the necessary resources to deal with the new Localism legislation properly and were any resources being provided?
Cllr Bryan responded: Of the two pilot schemes in the County, some funding was given. Recent training events reported that it is still unknown what will be available for subsequent schemes. The final version is still no closer. Councillors will be trying to pick up some of the work and we will try to update residents in a subsequent newsletter.
3. Mr Brooks was pleased about the bus service changes and thanked the Council for arranging for the recent meeting with Mr Evans in respect of the Localism Bill yet there is still nothing definite about what will happen. Mr Brooks reported that the Parish Plan Group is not keen to proceed if

they are to be largely ignored as they were by EDDC and DCC in respect of the last Parish Plan.

Mr Brooks asked if there was any further information in respect of garden grabbing?

Cllr Bryan responded: We still do not know any more and it would be wrong to try and answer without definite information. I am also pleased about the retention of some form of bus service, however, I feel very sorry for those on the Horton Road from One Stop down to Moors Valley who will lose their service.

Cllr Mrs Warman reported: from June the 38 will leave the A31 at Woolsbridge Road and then turn up the Service Road along to Sandy Lane where it will turn down and go back to Woolsbridge Road. It will then go along Woolsbridge and turn into Lions Lane where it will stop at Bushmead Drive before continuing along Lions Lane and then turn into Horton Road. It will then continue up to Ashley Heath roundabout before going onto Ringwood. There is currently an issue with the early service as those transferring to the X3 to get to the Hospital will not be able to use their passes as they will be in Hampshire which at present, does not allow use before 9.30am.

4. Angela Hoare: At the meeting on buses there were holes in the service which would not allow connections, have these been resolved?

Cllr Mrs Warman: The buses will start at 0733 hours and then every hour. The X3 is now being timetabled to fit in with the 38.

5. Mrs Baker: Can the Parish inform the bus company that the bus should be travelling at 30mph along Lions Lane? Currently they appear to be well in excess of this.

Mrs Baker was asked to provide more information on what bus it was and what time as this was not the Wilts and Dorset bus.

6. Mr Stacey of the Bowls Club: Car parking at the Village Hall is inadequate, will any of the £29,000 in reserves for Braeside and Parish Lands be used for improving the situation?

Cllr Bryan responded: A working party has been set up and is giving a report to full Council on 25th April. Cllr R Warman responded further: The situation is not easy to resolve as due to the success of Clubs more demand is being made but we are looking into it.

7. The Chairman reported that Mr Pickles has been reported as saying that Gypsy and Traveller sites will not be built on Green Belt land. The LDF is currently in consultation please keep an eye on it and give your views. It was clear after the bus meeting that you can make a difference. Never think you do not have a say, please attend more meetings and take part.

8. A resident complained about the increase in close boarded fences in the Parish, is it permitted?

Cllr Mrs Warman responded: Where property abuts the pavement it can go to 1 metre high without planning, or if the fence is to be set back by 2mtrs a fence of 1.8mtrs may be allowed but planning permission is needed. There are special rules applicable to the Green Belt and maintaining the openness of it.

9. Mrs Cowan asked if there was any news on the future of the mobile library service? The Clerk will check and respond, a letter concerning a review of the service has just been received. Cllr Dudman reported that he had heard that there were to be no changes to the existing mobile library service.

10. A resident of 5 Ashley Drive North asked if a traffic mirror could be installed?

Cllr Mrs Warman responded: The Council has tried to get one there before but because of problems on siting, ie, too close to a light and land issues it was not possible. Cllr Mrs Warman will try to resurrect it.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Chairman