

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly
15th April 2015 7.00pm
In the Main Hall at The Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Present: Chairman Cllr M Dyer

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

In attendance: Clerk Mrs A Jacobs; and 10 Members of the public.

1. Welcome: The Chairman welcomed all those attending and reported the sad loss of Vivienne Bell a past Councillor and ex Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, her funeral is on Wednesday 22nd April, 2015.

2. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr R Dudman; County Councillor P Richardson and Cllr G Willetts who was attending an ETAG meeting.

3. Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 16th April 2014 were confirmed as a true record without objection. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House seconded by Cllr J Crow.

4. Matters Arising:

- Speed Checks – Two Councillors have joined with Members of Homewatch on the Community Speedwatch team and are regularly carrying out checks in the Parish.
- Street Cleaning was reported.
- Burial Land – The new Council will be investigating this further.

5. Chairman's Report: Cllr M Dyer gave his report:

- The 7th May is the end of this Council's four year term, a new Council starts on 8th May 2015. There are no contested seats and we will have one vacancy to co-opt another Member. Cllr G Willetts and Cllr R Dudman are sadly leaving us.
- The Parish News went out at the beginning of March but has been poorly distributed which due to purdah restrictions means we will have to wait until 8th May to distribute further copies. We are looking at alternative methods of distribution to improve coverage and have asked for a refund.
- In the last four years we have eventually managed to get dropped kerbs installed close to the hospital
- Responded to the consultation on charging at the HRC's since which the Government has stepped in and a final decision is expected in June.
- A boundary review sought to reduce our Councillors in the South Ward which we objected to and won.
- There has been steady progress on Allotments and car parking at the hall
- We have a good relationship with the Police CSO's
- My thanks go to Peter Walker who is our Rights of Way Liaison Officer and to our Clerk Ann Jacobs for her hardwork over the last year.

6. Finance Report: Cllr R Warman Chairman of Finance gave his report a copy of which appears as appendix A with these Minutes in the Minute Book.

7. Planning Report: Cllr R Bryan gave his report a copy of which appears as appendix B with these Minutes in the Minute Book.

8. Amenities Report: Cllr B Goringe gave his report a copy of which appears as appendix C with these Minutes in the Minute Book.

9. Allotments Sub- Committee: Cllr C House gave his report a copy of which appears as appendix D with these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Chairman asked the floor for questions:-

10. Open Forum:

1. Mr Alan Davies, Struan Gardens – You quote three major expenditure items totalling over £37,000 was all of the work subject to proper tendering bids? Cllr R Warman confirmed that it was.
2. Mrs L McCree Grosvenor Close – I work with a lot of elderly people who have reported that on visiting the Braeside Road Village Green they have been jumped on by dogs, can anything be done? The Clerk responded that a campaign about controlling dogs and clearing up after them on the site is about to begin.
3. Mrs L McCree Grosvenor Close – Parking of builders vans at the junction of Lions Lane and Braeside road is an issue as it means that people are going on the wrong side of the road to go past them on the junction. The Clerk will report to the PCSO
4. Mr K Brooks Bushmead Drive – You said that Councils were being told not to charge for HRC's but I believe this only applies to their own areas. Cllr Dyer: Our site is Wimborne and that one is not really fit for purpose as you have to go up steps. Our most convenient site is Somerley and most users of which are EDDC. I have spoken to the Manager of the site and he says that they have already reviewed and decided not to charge but they have reduced the hours of opening. DWP have to pay other authorities to use their sites and it costs around £70,000 per annum. The law requires a council to provide a site, if I am in again in May I feel that £70,000 is very good value as if we had to build our own it would cost millions, it is money well spent. Cllr Mrs Warman reported that she had spoken to Hampshire Recycling Centre and they had confirmed that provided you have a BH24 post code you can use the Somerley tip. Cllr Dyer reported that the Millhams site check users and keep a tally of addresses from non-Bournemouth users.
5. Mr P Walker offered to put the newsletter on the website
6. Mr Davies: It is becoming apparent to most that the industrial traffic using Horton Road is increasing is there anyway of focusing Highways attention to safety of pedestrians who are at risk due to the narrowness of the road and the speed that vehicles are travelling? Can I ask that the Council makes representations about future use of the road and asks for a traffic analysis, could consideration be given to make it a 30mph. Please do not forget that there are plans for increased industrialisation and I do not think this road is safe at present. Cllr Dyer asked the resident to put his concerns in writing so that these can be relayed to the County Councillor. Cllr Bryan reported that the Parish has tried before to get a speed reduction but without objections by Highways EDDC cannot refuse applications on transport grounds. DCC need to understand the issues of this area. Cllr Dyer has asked that EDDC Planning look into the responses from DCC Highways. Cllr Mrs Warman responded that previous requests were refused because of the width of the road. The Core Strategy plans for the Woolsbridge Industrial Estate to be increased by 9ha. Mr Davies suggested that S106 monies should be made available.
7. Mr K Brooks: Pointed out that Highways seem to approve 99%of applications. A recent application in Laurel Lane was passed due to the Highways response which allowed an allocation of 0.4 of a space on the road outside the property. Cllr Mrs House responded that it is a big issue which needs the public to stand up and be counted. Cllr Dyer responded that there is no money for general schemes so improvements would have to be funded from development so you do have to be careful what you wish for. Cllr Bryan responded that it is time to get through to residents that this is their area and the Council needs support, Navitus is a huge issue such applications will have a huge impact on the area
8. Mr Brooks informed the Council that he had submitted his views on Navitus and he has grave concerns if it goes ahead.
9. Mr Brooks proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Ray Dudman and Cllr Graham Willetts for all of their work.

The Chairman thanked all for coming and closed the meeting at 8.05pm