

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly
20th April 2016 7.00pm
In the Main Hall at The Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Present: Chairman Cllr R Adkins

Cllr R Bryan	Cllr B Goringe	Cllr Mrs A Warman
Cllr Mrs J Carter	Cllr N Hindmarch	Cllr R Warman
Cllr M Dyer	Cllr M Hockley	Cllr Mrs B Waugh

In attendance: Clerk Mrs A Jacobs; and 49 Members of the public.

1. Welcome: The Chairman welcomed all those attending and introduced Mrs Pat Shepherd who gave a talk on the breaking of the Enigma Code and her time at Bletchley Park. This was accompanied by an extensive history display by Mr John Hawkins on the part the Parish played in World War II.

The meeting reconvened at 7.50pm.

2. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr J Crow and County Cllr P Richardson.

3. Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 15th April 2015 were confirmed as a true record without objection. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs B Waugh. There were no objections.

4. Matters Arising: None

5. Chairman's Report: Cllr R Adkins gave his report which combined the work of the Committees:

Thanks were given to:-

- Peter Walker who is our Rights of Way Liaison Officer and updates the website
- Mr Hancock the newly appointed assistant Flood Warden for Oaktree Park
- Mr G Willetts for his attention to our SSSI's and environmental issues
- WI for doing the refreshments this evening
- Councillors who go above and beyond to give that bit extra particularly Cllr Crow as Floodwarden; Cllr B Goringe for litter picking and Cllr M Dyer for his role on EDEP. The District and County Councillors.
- The District Councillors who have donated their grants to the Parish Council and Youth Club
- All Members for their time and effort

The Council has been laying its foundations for moving forward over the coming years. There have been a lot of changes at County and District Levels and a number of cuts. This has particularly affected our Youth Club but we are fortunate to own our own building. The Parish Council is stepping in as Corporate Trustee to assist and support the Club and will also be committing funds to make up for the County withdrawal of staff cover.

An allotments site has been identified and has generated a lot of interest. We have been fortunate to be offered the land at a good rate. The application is currently at Planning and we will keep you informed of progress. I hope that by this time next year they will be up and running.

Burial Ground – As a Parish we have been looking for a suitable site. We are surrounded by land protected by SSSI and RAMSAR classifications. Land has not been easy to locate. We believe we have found a site but the location cannot be revealed yet at the owner's request. The site is a 25 acre site. It will need to be an eco-type burial site, woodland style. Currently we are measuring up and the next step will be hydrology reports. We will need the full support of the Environment Agency, Natural England and Highways and we can then apply for planning. The burial sites at adjacent parishes are filling up with some only allowing residents. The area being offered would allow us to take in adjacent demand. The project is ongoing and costs still need to be fully identified and go through Council. We will keep you informed via the newsletter.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk Ann Jacobs for her hard work over the last year.

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

7. Questions/Open Forum: The Chairman asked the floor for questions but none were received.

The Chairman reported that due to two Councillors leaving the area there are now two vacancies and the Council will be co-opting shortly to fill them.

The Chairman thanked all for coming and closed the meeting at 8.15pm. The history display would be available for a further 15/20 minutes.

Chairman

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