

**St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council
Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 5th December, 2007 at 7.52pm**

Members Present: Cllr Mrs J House, Chairman

Cllr Mrs V Bell	Cllr. Mr M Dyer	Cllr Mrs S Smith
Cllr Mr J Crow	Cllr I Maddock	Cllr Mrs A Warman
Cllr Mr R Dudman	Cllr Mrs K Redknap	Cllr Mr R Warman

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs Parish Clerk

407. Declarations of Interest:

Agenda Item	Name	Declared: P= Personal P & P = Personal and Prejudicial
7 (ii)	Cllr Mrs Warman	P & P VHMC Chairman of Committee will speak under code s12 (2)
7 (ii)	Cllr R Dudman	P & P on VHMC
7 (ii)	Cllr R Warman	P husband of Chairman of VHMC
5	Cllr Mrs J House	P & P knows of cheque payee through previous employment

408. Apologies for absence: None

409. Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 7th November, 2007 (pages 60 & 61) was approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Dyer, seconded by Cllr Crow.

410. Matters Arising from the Minutes: None

Cllr Mrs House left for the next item due to a declared interest and Cllr Mrs Bell took the Chair.

411. Schedule of Payments - The schedule of payments dated December 2007, was discussed, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, and is placed with these Minutes in the Minute Book see Appendix A. The schedule was then approved. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Warman, seconded by Cllr Mr Warman.

RESOLVED: That the schedule of payments dated December 2007 (cheque numbers 003004 to 003018) be approved.

Cllr Mrs House returned and took the Chair.

412. Bank Reconciliation: – The Clerk submitted for information a bank reconciliation for the period end November 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and placed with these Minutes in the Minute Book see Appendix B. The bank reconciliation was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Bell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Smith

RESOLVED: That the bank reconciliation dated 20 November 2007 be approved.

413. Village Hall Management Committee –

- i) The accounts of the VHMC for the end of the financial year had not been received in time for the meeting. The Clerk will circulate for the next meeting.
- ii) Report from sub-committee – The report together with a response report from Cllr R Warman had been circulated to Members with the Agenda copies will appear as Appendix C and D with these Minutes in the Minute Book. Cllr Mrs House reiterated the process of investigation and research undertaken by the sub committee prior to compilation of the report and informed the Members that the subcommittee recognises a need to fund the VHMC but on a business like footing, any monies required for the final decision will need to be budgeted for and will affect the precept. The report compiled by them is a starting point for discussion and begins with clarifying the requirements of the current lease and responsibilities of the VHMC.

Cllr Mrs Warman read out her response to the sub-committees report (as permitted under section 12(2) of the Code of Conduct) a copy of which will appear as Appendix E with these Minutes in the Minute Book and then left the meeting.

Cllr Dyer asked Cllr Mr Warman to confirm that he is not on the VHMC. This was confirmed.

Both reports were discussed in detail. And note was taken by the members of the sub mission that the VHMC has worked very hard to improve their financial position and maintain the hall to a high standard. It was agreed, unanimously, that the subcommittee should be

asked to meet with the VHMC to establish on what common ground a lease could be issued on with a view to finding a way forward. Proposed by Cllr Dyer, seconded by Cllr Crow. Cllr Mrs House confirmed with the members of the subcommittee that they were willing to continue.

RESOLVED: The subcommittee of Cllrs Mrs House, Mrs Bell and Mr Maddock were asked to meet with the VHMC to establish on what common ground a lease could be issued on with a view to finding a way forward.

414. Withdrawal from fixed deposit account for play equipment – The Clerk reported that £35,000 has been moved from the Fixed Deposit Account to the Current Account to enable payment for the play equipment once the inspection has been completed. Noted.

415. Grant Requests:-

i) A request from Dial A Ride detailing the journeys made by residents had been circulated to Members (reimbursement agreed under Min 255 September 2007). A copy of which is placed with these Minutes in the Minute Book see Appendix F. It was agreed unanimously to approve a grant payment of £392. Proposed by Cllr Dyer, seconded by Cllr Crow.

RESOLVED: To grant the sum of £392 to Dial A Ride for the period July 2007 to September 2007 (under the Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s26-29).

ii) A request for a grant from New Forest North Citizens Advice Bureaux was circulated and discussed. A copy of which is placed with these Minutes in the Minute Book see Appendix G. It was agreed to approve a grant of £400. Proposed by Cllr Dyer, seconded by Cllr Crow.

RESOLVED: To grant the sum of £400 to the New Forest North Citizens Advice Bureaux (under the power of Local Government Act 1972, section 142)

iii) St Ives First School – A request for a grant towards the cost of running the swimming pool was discussed. A copy of the request together with the annual accounts appear as Appendix H with these Minutes in the Minute Book. This was discussed. It was agreed that the Council cannot give money towards the running costs of the pool but would give further consideration to possibly grant aid a specific item. The Clerk will obtain further information to enable further consideration to be given to the request.

416. Exchange of Information:

1. Next meeting scheduled for 6th February, 2007
2. The clerk will put the election review of the Chairman of the Finance on the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

CHAIRMAN