

**St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council
Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2008 at 7.46pm**

Members Present: Cllr Mrs J House, Chairman

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

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs Parish Clerk

548. Declarations of Interest:

| Agenda Item | Name | Declared: P= Personal P & P = Personal and Prejudicial |
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| 6 | Cllr Mrs Warman | P VHMC Chairman of Committee but no decisions are being made. Will leave the room for item 6(ii) . |
| 6 | Cllr R Dudman | P & P on VHMC and Age Concern. Will leave the room for item 6(ii) . |
| 6 | Cllr R Warman | P husband of Chairman of VHMC |

549. Apologies for absence: Cllr I Maddock

550. Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 6th February 2008 (pages 82 & 83) was approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr R Dudman, seconded by Cllr R Warman.

551. Matters Arising from the Minutes: None

552. Schedule of Payments - The schedule of December payments dated 5th March, 2008, 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 Bell, seconded by Cllr M Dyer.

RESOLVED: That the schedule of December payments dated March (cheque numbers 003051 to 003066) be approved.

553. Bank Reconciliation: – The Clerk submitted for information a bank reconciliation for the period end February, 2008 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 J Crow, seconded by Cllr R Warman.

RESOLVED: That the bank reconciliation dated February 2008 be approved.

554. Village Hall Management Committee –

- i) The accounts of the VHMC for end December had been circulated to Members. A copy of which appears as Appendix C with these Minutes in the Minute Book. The accounts were noted.

Cllrs R Dudman and Mrs A Warman left for the next item.

- ii) Cllr Mrs J House gave a brief overview of the Committees discussions with the VHMC so far. The main issue appears to be that the VHMC are concerned over the extent of their liabilities particularly in respect of the major repairs to an aging building. The subcommittee have made it clear that they are not there to negotiate but to report back to the Council for a decision.
- iii) The Chairman has been invited to attend the next meeting of the VHMC on the 6th March. Noted.

555. Grants for Play Park – The Clerk confirmed that the completion reports have been despatched to both Veolia and Awards For All. A further £625.00 is awaited from Veolia Environmental Trust. Noted.

556. Grant Requests – To receive and discuss requests for grants from:-

- i) Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance – A request for a grant together with the annual accounts (copies of which appear as appendix D with these Minutes in the Minute Book) has been received. This was discussed. It was agreed to grant a sum of £150 under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. Proposed by Cllr R Warman, seconded by Cllr M Dyer.

RESOLVED: To grant the sum of £150 to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. Section 137 Local Government Act 1972.

- ii) Greyfriars Community Association (Ringwood and District Community Association) – A request for a grant together with the annual accounts (copies of which appear as appendix E with these Minutes in the Minute Book) has been received. This was discussed. It was noted that over a 1/3 of their total membership of 1,500 regular users were from this Parish and that the request was for assistance towards the Ebenezer Hall and not the Minibus as in previous years. It was agreed to grant a sum of £400, under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Bell, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman.

RESOLVED: To grant the sum of £400 to the Ringwood and District Community Association towards the Ebenezer Hall Appeal, under section 137 of the Local Government Act.

- 557. Internal Audit –** The report from the Internal Auditor for 31st December 2007, was circulated to Members. A copy of which appears as Appendix F with these Minutes in the Minute Book. The Clerk reported that the adjustment had been made to the February salary. The issue concerning broad band should be resolved with the Connect Dorset scheme.

558. Exchange of Information:

1. Next meeting scheduled for 2nd April, 2008
2. The Chairman will be calling a meeting of the Clerks Committee shortly.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

CHAIRMAN