

**St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council
Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2008 at 7.42pm**

Members Present: Cllr Mrs J House, Chairman
Cllr Mrs V Bell Cllr. Mr M Dyer
Cllr R Dudman Cllr Mrs S Smith

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs Parish Clerk

244. Declarations of Interest: None

245. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr J Crow; Cllr R Bryan; Cllr I Maddock; Cllr Mrs A Warman and Cllr R Warman

246. Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 3rd September, 2008, page 33 was approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Bell, seconded by Cllr M Dyer.

247. Matters Arising from the Minutes: None

248. Schedule of Payments - The schedule of payments dated 1st October, 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 S Smith, seconded by Cllr M Dyer.

RESOLVED: That the schedule of payments dated 1st October, 2008, (cheque numbers 003168 to 003195) be approved.

249. Bank Reconciliation: –

The Clerk submitted for information a bank reconciliation for the period ended 23 September 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 M Dyer, seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell.

RESOLVED: That the bank reconciliation dated 23rd September, 2008 is approved.

Cllr Dudman declared an interest in the next item. As the matter was just to receive and note the accounts and not to make any decision he stayed in the room.

250. Village Hall Management Committee – Copies of the accounts of the VHMC dated 30th June, 2008 and 31st July 2008, had been circulated to Members a copy of which appears as Appendix C and D with these Minutes in the Minute Book. These were noted.

251. Budget Planning: The Committee reviewed the draft budget. After consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman an additional 10% on last year's precept sum was put to Members. The costs of additional security measures following the gypsy encampment; health and safety; maintenance of the Village hall and costs of a bye election were offset to a degree by reserves held. The budget was discussed and it was agreed to recommend to Council a precept figure of £71490.00 for 2009/2010. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr V Bell.

RESOLVED: To recommend to Council a precept demand of £71,490 for the 2009/2010 Financial Year.

252. Exchange of Information:

1. Next meeting scheduled for 5th November, 2008 apologies given by Cllr R Dudman
2. The Chairman reported that due to the concerns with the lease the Clerk is asking the Solicitor to look at the lease for the Village Hall for clarification concerning responsibilities. A figure of approximately £500 has been quoted for the consultation. Sanctioned by Chair and Vice Chairman under emergency powers.

The meeting closed at 8.03pm

CHAIRMAN