

**St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council
Finance Committee Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February, 2009 at 7.51pm

Members Present: Cllr Mrs J House, Chairman

Cllr Mrs V Bell

Cllr J Crow

Cllr M Dyer

Cllr R Bryan

Cllr R Dudman

Cllr Mrs S Smith

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs Parish Clerk.

Open Forum: None

412. Declarations of Interest – Agenda item 7 Village Hall – A Personal & Prejudicial Interest was declared by Cllr R Dudman as he is a Trustee of the VHMC.

413. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from: Cllr I Maddock; Cllr Mrs A Warman and Cllr R Warman.

414. Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 3rd December, 2008, page 61, was approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Smith.

415. Matters Arising from the Minutes: Minute 344 – Cllr Dyer asked, with respect if Cllr R Warman had responded since receiving the Minutes of 3rd December, particularly since the recently received advice from the Monitoring Officer. Cllr R Warman has not been present to raise the issue with directly. The Clerk was asked to write and ask Cllr R Warman if in light of the Monitoring Officer's letter and in respect of Minute 344, has Cllr R Warman noted and accepted the content of the letter and the advice given.

416. Schedule of Payments - The schedule of payments dated 4th February, 2009, 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 approved. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Bell, seconded by Cllr M Dyer.

RESOLVED: That the schedule of payments dated 4th February, 2009 (cheque numbers 003231 to 003256) be approved.

417. Bank Reconciliation: – The Clerk submitted for information bank reconciliations for the periods ended 23rd December, 2008 and 23rd January, 2009. Copies of which had been circulated to each Member and placed with these Minutes in the Minute Book see Appendix B & C. The bank reconciliation was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Bell, seconded by Cllr R Bryan.

RESOLVED: That the bank reconciliations dated 23rd December, 2008 and 23rd January, 2009 are approved.

Cllr Bryan asked that the Committee should look at the security of the reserve fund. The Clerk will seek advice from DAPTC and undertake a monthly review, to be reported monthly.

418. Village Hall Management Committee – Copies of the accounts for November and December were received and noted. Copies of which appear as Appendix D and E with these Minutes in the Minute Book.

419. Grants–

- i) A grant request from Greyfriars (Ringwood and District Community Association) was received and discussed. It was agreed unanimously to authorise a grant payment of £300 specifically for the minibus. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Bell, seconded by Cllr M Dyer.

RESOLVED: To grant £300 to Greyfriars (Ringwood and District Community Association) (under the Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s26-29) in respect of the minibus used to assist residents of this Parish.

- ii) A grant request from Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance – was received and discussed. It was agreed unanimously to grant a payment of £150. Proposed by Cllr J Crow, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Smith.
Resolved: To grant £150 to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance (under the Local Government Act 1972, section 137).
- iii) A grant request from New Forest North Citizens Advice Bureau was received and discussed. It was agreed, unanimously, to grant a payment of £400. Proposed by Cllr J Crow, seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell.
Resolved: To grant £400 to the New Forest North Citizens Advice Bureau (under the Local Government Act 1972, section 142).

420. Monitoring of Expenditure Vs Budget –

- i) A report showing 3rd quarter expenditure V budget was received and discussed. A copy of which appears as Appendix F with these Minutes in the Minute Book.
- ii) Members noted the revised figures including the reduction on interest. The Clerk will contact EDDC for a list of secure investments.

421. Internal Audit Report – The report from the internal auditor was received and noted.

422. Exchange of Information:

1. Next meeting scheduled for 4th March 2009
2. Cllr Dyer reported the decision of the Standards Committee on an alleged breach of the Code. This item will go on the next full Council agenda.
3. Cllr Bryan reported that with the adverse weather there was only sufficient grit for a further 5 days.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

CHAIRMAN