

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

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th May, 2009 at 7.46pm

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

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs Parish Clerk

Open Forum: None

574. Declarations of Interest – None

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

576. Declarations of Interest –

Agenda Item	Name	Declaration
8 (ii) VHMC grant	Cllr R Dudman	Personal and Prejudicial – Cllr Dudman left the room for the debate as he is a Trustee.
8(iii) Wayside Road Safety Action Group	Cllr Mrs V Bell	Personal – knows of applicant but is open minded to hear debate and has no financial gain. Is not a member of the group.

577. Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 1st April, 2009 pages 91 & 92 were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Smith, seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell.

578. Matters Arising from the Minutes: None

579. Schedule of Payments - The schedule of payments dated 6th May, 2009, were 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 6th May 2009 (cheque numbers 003299 to 003310) be approved.

580. Bank Reconciliation: – The Clerk submitted for information a bank reconciliation for the period ended 23rd April, 2009 . 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 S Smith, seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell.

RESOLVED: That the bank reconciliations dated 23rd April, 2009, was approved.

581. Review of the reserve funds held – Cllr Mrs Bell reported that whilst a short report was given at the last full Council meeting a further meeting had not been possible more time was needed to prepare a report for decision by Council. The Clerk thanked the Councillors for their efforts in this respect.

582. Village Hall Management Committee – Copies of the accounts for February were noted.

583. Grants:-

- i) A grant payment (under the Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s26-29) to Dial A Ride for the period January to March 2009 for £203, 29 journeys made. Min 425 Jan. 2007 was discussed. It was agreed, unanimously, to award the grant of £203 requested. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Smith.

RESOLVED: To grant a payment of £203 to Dial A Ride for the period January to March 2009 for £203, 29 journeys made on behalf of the residents of the Parish. (under the Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s26-29).

Cllr Dudman left the room for the next item due to his declared interest.

- ii) The Chairman reported on the VHMC request for assistance with the costs in respect of the boiler and heating replacement. Whilst mindful of the need to assist the VHMC particularly in respect of major work, the grant request and quotations in the name of VHMC have already been submitted direct to Veolia for the full sum. It was agreed that the request should be noted but could not be further considered until the outcome of the grant application to Veolia was known. If unsuccessful the matter would be reconsidered but would need to meet the agreed grant criteria.

Cllr Dudman returned to the room and was informed of the above.

- iii) A grant request from the Wayside Road Safety Action Group for a grant under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 was discussed. It was noted that the matter had been raised at full Council, Minute 556 refers. The report from the Clerk detailing the requirements of section 137 LGA 1972 was discussed and noted. Members were satisfied that the grant met the requirements of the Act and that there was budgetary provision. The conditions suggested were accepted with an addition to ensure that the Council would also not be responsible for any damage to the ground as a result of the felling. It was agreed unanimously that provided the conditions were accepted by the parties concerned in writing then instructions to fell the tree at the Councils cost, for £320+VAT should be given. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Smith. It was also requested that the Clerk follow through with the letter to DCC as per Minute 556. The Clerk will also double check that there is no TPO on the tree.

RESOLVED: Provided the conditions are accepted to instruct the felling of the tree requested at a cost to the Council of £320+VAT. (under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972).

584. Internal Audit – The report from the Internal Auditor for the year-end 31st March 2009 was received. There were no issues raised. Noted.

585. Expenditure: Future spending plans for the financial year in respect of the Finance Committee were discussed. The Clerk requested that consideration be given to the purchase of a portable hard drive and Computer maintenance costs. Noted. The Clerk will investigate.

586. Exchange of Information:

1. Next meeting scheduled for 3rd June 2009
2. Cllr Mrs Smith asked the Clerk for details of the Dial A Ride numbers. To be supplied for the Transport TAG Group.
3. The Clerk reported that the screen and printer from the Connect Dorset scheme was not being used and would deteriorate. The Village Hall has just signed up to this scheme and hopes to increase public access to the Web. Loaning the unused equipment to the VHMC, which was awarded to the Council for this purpose, will be put to the next full Council.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm

CHAIRMAN