

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

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.21pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016  
In the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

**Members Present:** Cllr Mrs J House, Chairman  
Cllr R Adkins                      Cllr B Goringe                      Cllr C House  
Cllr M Dyer                      Cllr N Hindmarch

**In attendance:** Mrs Ann Jacobs, Clerk

**416. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests:** None.

**417. Apologies** for absence were received and accepted from Cllr R Bryan who was attending a meeting at EDDC. Apologies were also received from Cllr Mrs A Warman and Cllr R Warman.

**418. Minutes** - The Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 page 72 were agreed, unanimously, as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr R Adkins, seconded by Cllr C House.

**419. Matters Arising from the Minutes:** None.

**420. Schedule of Payments** - Members reviewed and approved the Schedule of Payments for January and February unanimously.

**RESOLVED: To approve the schedule of payments for January and February as per Appendix A with these Minutes in the Minute Book.**

**421. Bank Accounts:-** Members reviewed and approved the bank reconciliation for end December and January as circulated. Copies of which appear as per Appendix B with these Minutes in the Minute Book.

**RESOLVED: The bank reconciliation for the end of January was approved.**

Proposed by Cllr C House, seconded by Cllr M Dyer. Agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED: The bank reconciliation for the end of February was approved.**

Proposed by Cllr C House, seconded by Cllr R Adkins. Agreed unanimously.

**422. Upgrade to Superfast Broadband** – Members to discussed upgrading to Superfast Broadband to allow for Councillors to use their own laptops and tablets at meetings. Cllr Adkins reported that this follows on from some enquiries from the Youth Club to have access. In assessing the current speed it appears that there is an issue with the current set up. The Parish Council is currently paying for medium fibre but is not getting the standard speeds. Cllr Adkins will look into this further and report back to Council.

**423. Review of Reserves** – Members reviewed expenditure Vs budgets to date and the suggested movements of funds proposed. It was noted that a significant underspend is anticipated but this was expected in light of plans for the Allotments and Burial Ground proposals. It is essential that funds are reserved for these projects. It was agreed unanimously to allocate the sums in the reserves as suggested. A copy of the agreed proposal is attached as per Appendix C with these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr C House.

**RESOLVED: To allocate the sums in the reserves as proposed on Appendix C with these Minutes in the Minute Book.**

**424. Exchange of Information:**

1. Next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 if sufficient business
2. Cllr Adkins will do an update report for April, the Burial Ground proposal is still being discussed. An exact location is still to be discussed, EDDC Planning seem to be in favour in theory but there will be a lot of pre-preparation such as hydrology to be carried out. A reserve sum for this will be needed.
3. Cllr M Dyer reported that Mr Giles Moir has resigned from EDDC and gone into a private planning practice.
4. Cllr Hindmarch asked if consideration could be given to further funds for the CAB now that one of the Age Concern groups was ceasing. It was noted that the budget provision had been increased to £500 to each CAB for 2016/2017.

The meeting closed at 7.49pm

**Chairman**