

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Grants and Precepts Sub Committee
Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 5th October 2016 at 7pm
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present:, Cllr R Warman Chairman

Cllr R Adkins

Cllr N Hindmarch

Cllr Mrs A Warman

Cllr Mrs B Waugh

Present: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk. No public present.

136. Election of Chairman of the Committee - The Chairman of full Council took the Chair for the election of the Chairman of the Committee. Cllr R Warman was duly elected Chairman for 2016/2017 and took the Chair. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr N Hindmarch. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: Cllr R Warman was duly elected as Chairman.

137. Pecuniary Interests: None

138. Apologies for absence: All present

139. Grants for 2016/2017 and budgetary provision for 17/18 in respect of each organisation were agreed as recommendations to be put to full Council for ratification:-

1. Age Concern Mondays - Council meets the room hire costs- The Clerk reported that the group commences at 10am and ends at 3pm. Attendees get a lunch and activities. The group is extremely well run by volunteers. Numbers currently stand at 25. The group is not able to take dementia clients because they are not trained for this. Cost will be approximately £2,393 for 2016/2017 already allocated and agreed in the budget for the current financial year and £2,521 pa for 2017/2018. It was agreed unanimously to recommend the grant to continue for 2017/2018 to cover the room hire cost for 2017/2018. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs B Waugh.

RESOLVED: To recommend to Full Council the grant for Age Concern should continue for 2017/2018 on the above basis.

2. Brightside club - Wednesday afternoons instigated by the Council, Members pay a weekly contribution. The Members pay approximately half of the cost and the Council meets the other half of £750 per annum. The members do a variety of activities and it is for older people. It was agreed unanimously to recommend to full Council the grant of £750 pa for 2017/2018. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr R Adkins.

RESOLVED: To recommend to Full Council the grant for £750 for 2017/2018 for the Brightside Club.

3. Greyfriars Community Centre – budgetary provision £300 towards cost of minibus which collects elderly Parishioners weekly for shopping visits in Ringwood. Clients ring up and book a journey and contribute a nominal amount. This is a vital door to door service. It was agreed unanimously to recommend to full Council to award the grant for 2016/2017 at a cost of £300 and to allocate the same provision for 2017/2018. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr N Hindmarch.

RESOLVED: To recommend to full Council to award the grant for 2016/2017 at a cost of £300 and to allocate the same provision for 2017/2018.

4. East Dorset CAB budgetary provision £500 number of clients seen 128 (68 last year) average cost per client £44.26 (13/14 cost)– Accounts and request were circulated. It was agreed unanimously to recommend to full Council to award the grant for 2016/2017 at a cost of £500 and to allocate the same provision for 2017/2018. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr B Waugh.

RESOLVED: To recommend to full Council to award the grant for 2016/2017 at a cost of £500 and to allocate the same provision for 2017/2018.

5. CAB New Forest – budgetary provision £500 – number of clients seen 85 (last year 103) however others assisted via advice line, email and web chat services. Accounts and request were circulated. A motion to recommend and increase in the grant to £600 was put and fell. After further discussion it was agreed that both CAB branches would receive the same grant sum. Proposed by Cllr R Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman.

RESOLVED: To recommend to full Council to award the grant for 2016/2017 at a cost of £500 and to allocate the same provision for 2017/2018.

6. Royal British Legion – budgetary provision £150 which includes the wreath at a cost of £19.60. This was discussed. It was agreed unanimously to recommend to Council to award the grant for 2016/2017 at a cost of £150 and allocate the same provision for 2017/2018. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs B Waugh.

RESOLVED: To recommend to full Council to award the grant for 2016/2017 at a cost of £150 and to allocate the same provision for 2017/2018.

7. EDEP Grant request for £300 – The Clerk reported on the essential work of the EDEP in reviewing and reporting on environmental issues in the District. It was noted that the other East Dorset Parishes also contribute to the group which is made up of volunteers. It was agreed to recommend to full Council to award the grant for 2016/2017 at a cost of £300 and to allocate the same provision for 2017/2018.

RESOLVED: To recommend to full Council to award the grant for 2016/2017 at a cost of £300 and to allocate the same provision for 2017/2018.

8. Youth Club – Members reviewed the reserves and discussed how best to fund the £12,000pa provision agreed as per minute 104 (ii) to the Youth Club. Member considered the precept implications and use of reserves and in addition discussed the possibility of gradually building in the provision using the reserves to partly fund the sum required. It was noted that the sum included some maintenance work which would not be required each year. Taking into account the major changes in Local Government it was agreed to recommend to Council that the full sum should be included in the precept for 2017/2018.
9. Other budgetary provision for 16/17 and 17/18 – There were no other grants requests put forward.

- 140. Precept 2017/2018** – Members reviewed the budget vs expenditure to date and commenced the precept preparation. Final recommendations will be put to Council for the November Full Council meeting.

Provision in the precept calculation for 2017/2018 was made for the website and Parish-on-line. Including the Youth Club this then brought the calculation to a total of £87,051 an increase of £3,905 (4.7%) over 2016/2017. Contingency sums and cutbacks had been included to keep the results of the additional commitments to a minimum and took into account the reserves held. The Committee were mindful that unknown costs would be passed down to Parishes with the major changes in Local Government structure.

Funding for the proposed new burial ground was discussed. Cllr Adkins will circulate a rough budget calculation to the Committee. Provision for the initial investigations are sanctioned up to £3,000 in the current year. Further funding will need to be considered carefully but can be met from reserves initially but if the project goes ahead the Council may have to consider waiting a year and consider applying for a Public Works Loan, if necessary, to spread the cost. Currently no provision has been included for this much needed project in the calculation for 2017/2018.

The Clerk was asked to obtain the Council tax band D breakdown for the Parish and the number of households. The Chairman will review the calculation prior to the Clerk circulating the updated version to the whole Council and asking for Members to put forward any queries to the Committee in time for the 2nd November meeting.

- 141. Exchange of Information:** Next meeting scheduled for 2nd November 2016

The meeting closed at 7.52pm

Chairman