

FULL COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26th March, 2008 at 7.30pm

Members Present: Cllr Mrs J House

Cllr Mrs V Bell	Cllr. M. Dyer	Cllr M. Packham	
Cllr J Crow	Cllr N.R. Hindmarch	Cllr Mrs K Redknapp	
Cllr Dudman	Cllr I Maddock	Cllr G Willetts	

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs, Clerk
 4 Members of the Public.

Public Forum: Residents asked to observe and hear debate on items relating to items 4.1 and 19. The Clerk was asked to forward a copy of the EGM meeting 29th February to a resident in Monkworthy Close.

A resident asked if item 19 was concerning building on the Grange Estate. Cllr Dyer responded that he had heard that approximately 130 people have submitted forms showing an interest in development, the item on this agenda was not in this connection.

559. Declarations of Interest:

Agenda Item	Name	Declared: P= Personal P & P = Personal and Prejudicial
6	Cllr R Dudman	P & P- Village Hall and Age Concern Will leave the room for if these subjects if they arise.
4.1	Cllr R Dudman	For Information only - P & P If these items are to be discussed will leave the room.

560. Apologies for absence: Cllr Mrs S Smith, Cllr Mrs A Warman and Cllr R Warman**561. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th February, 2008**

- i) The minutes of the meeting held on 27th February, 2008, pages 84 to 86, (excluding Confidential Minute 517 which will be redrafted and agreed at the next meeting) were agreed and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Bell and seconded by Cllr M Packham.
- ii) Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 29th February, 2008, pages 90 and 91. Cllr Redknapp corrected the minutes to read Minute 527 Declaration by Cllr Mrs Redknapp was amended and initialled to delete "parishioners and add Councillors". The minutes were then agreed and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr J Crow.

562. Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only):-

1. Forestry Commission – Creation of recreational open space. The Clerk reported further letters; emails and visitors to the Parish Office objecting to the proposal. Details of the felling and licensing applications are awaited before any other action can be discussed.
2. Councillor Willetts asked if a decision had been reached on the licensing objections and spokesperson. The Chairman responded that this will be subject to an EGM.

563. i) Meeting of Amenities Committee Meeting held on 6th February, 2008- The approved minutes of the meeting held on 6th February, pages 80 & 81, were adopted as a correct record. Proposed Cllr R Dudman, seconded Cllr J Crow.

ii) Meeting of Finance Committee Meeting held on 6th February, 2008- The approved minutes of the meeting held on 6th February, 2008, pages 82 & 83, were adopted as a correct record. Proposed Cllr R Dudman, seconded Cllr Mrs V Bell.

iii) Meeting of Planning Committee meeting held on 31st January 2008 - The approved minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2008 pages 78 & 79 were adopted as a correct record. Proposed Cllr M Packham, seconded Cllr J Crow.

564. Parish Plan Monitoring – Nothing to report at this time.

565. Abbey Rose Footpath – The Clerk reported that a number of completed witness forms have already been received. Noted.

566. Play Park

- i) To report the final details and arrangements – The Clerk circulated a programme of the opening. A PA system has been arranged from Terrafirma Maintenance.
- ii) To confirm who will be attending – Eight Councillors have confirmed attendance to date.
- iii) Emergency arrangements – The Clerk will be duty first aider. The Police have been informed.
- iv) Insurance will not now be required for this event.

567. Correspondence (for information only):

1. CPRE Invitation to Seminar on rural litter Tuesday 22nd April at Dorchester 10.30-15.30 – Noted.
2. Dorset Local Access Forum Annual Report – Noted.
3. Homewatch Newsletter – Noted.
4. DCC Confirmation of receipt of the request for additional lighting Oaks Drive. Note over 70 schemes already waiting.
5. VHMC Letter concerning encroachment into other areas of the hall and increase in fees. Noted.
6. East Dorset Community TAG Meeting 31.03.08
7. DAPTC Circ 03/08 Queens Garden Party. The Clerk will complete the form for the Chairman.
8. Sewer sealing work Ashley Heath – Noted.
9. Standards Board Newsletter – noted.

568. District Councillors' Update: Cllr Dudman reported that a subcommittee had been formed to look at the Council's steps to safeguard children and the means of communication and transfer of information between different Councils.

569. Visit by Chairman of EDDC to the Parish Council - The Clerk has received a request for the Chairman of EDDC to attend the next meeting of the Council on 30th April. This was discussed and agreed. The Clerk will send a formal invitation and agenda.

570. Request for No overnight Parking Horton Road layby - A Request from resident to consider requesting No overnight parking on layby close to St Ives Park has been passed to the County Councillor.

571. Complaint concerning parking on land adj at Woolsbridge Road/A31 – The Clerk read out a letter of complaint and request for dragons teeth to prevent parking area adjacent to Woolsbridge Road roundabout. The Chairman responded that this issue was raised as part of the Parish Plan and the Police had advised that there must be 5 or more cars parked from the same individual before action will be taken. This was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk will write and ask for consideration to be given to the request for dragons teeth. Proposed by Cllr Mrs K Redknapp, seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell.

RESOLVED: To write to Highways and the County Council to ask for consideration to be given to this request.

572. Black Bin Bag Sales – The Clerk reported that since EDDC stopped supplying the bags and advertised that they can be purchased from Parish and Town Council Offices, sales have dramatically increased. Since 19th February 40 bags have been sold. It was noted that this has increased the work load of the Parish Clerk. The Clerk was asked to write to EDDC to report issues concerning the volume of sales and if they have any solution to suggest.

573. Village Hall Management Committee – The minutes from the VHMC dated 7th February, 2008 had been circulated to Members and were noted. A copy of which appears as Appendix A with these Minutes in the Minute Book.

574. Connecting Dorset: The agreement has been despatched and a grant for the equipment costs has been received.

575. Land At St Leonards REPORT On Standards Board Case SBE 19649.07 – Cllr Mrs M Phipps Hurn Parish Council – Several recent press articles together with the summary from the Standards Board concerning this case, were copied to Members. This was discussed.

In its finding of no further action, the Standards Board took into account the expression of regret which Margaret Phipps gave. It is evident from her comments, as reported in the Echo of 25 March 2008, that this was not genuinely felt. Cllr Mrs Phipps is reported to have said that she considers the investigation to have been a waste of money, despite the seriousness of her conduct. The article also mentions a letter from a landowners association asking for the Council to hold discussions with this Council. The Clerk confirmed that no such request for dialogue has been received from Hurn Parish Council.

The Minutes of the Hurn Parish Council meeting of 8th January 2007, clearly show that the Council agreed that promoting land at St Leonards for development "would be in the best interests of all parties as it would relieve the burden on the infrastructure around West Parley and Hurn". Richard Heaslip of West Parley Residents' Association is named as a person who might do this. The Echo report of 22 March 2008 shows that he is now engaged in this activity.

As co-owner of 4 ½ acres of land at St Leonards, Cllr Phipps stands to gain financially from any redesignation of the land from its current Green Belt status. Hurn Parish Council has recently shown an interest and commented on other development-related issues within our Parish, but has not had the courtesy to engage in any dialogue with this Council.

This was discussed further and it was agreed, unanimously (Cllrs Dudman and Dyer, District Councillors abstaining from the vote) that a letter should be sent to Hurn Parish Council, copied to the Echo, informing them that based on these articles this Council is not minded to accept the explanations given by Cllr Mrs Phipps to the Standards Board for her failure to declare a prejudicial interest. Cllr Phipps and her brother, stand to gain financially from any redesignation of the land. In view of the seriousness of these findings, this Council asks Councillor Mrs Phipps to resign from office in the public interest. Proposed by Cllr G Willetts, seconded by Cllr J Crow.

RESOLVED: To write to Hurn Parish Council and request the resignation of Cllr Mrs Phipps in the public interest.

RESOLVED: To copy the draft minute and request to Hurn Parish Council to the Echo; West Parley Parish Council; West Parley Residents Association and the St Leonards South Residents Association for their information and clarity.

It was noted that the area of land in question is not suitable as infill. The work and cost involved to develop this area would only be viable if a major development was planned due to lack of existing sewerage and infrastructure.

576. Exchange of information:

1. Next meeting - 30th April, 2008 at 7.30pm
2. Youth club – Cllr Mrs Redknapp reported that no meeting has been held. Two special fund raising nights have been arranged and it is hoped that this will also encourage more Members.
3. Cllr Hindmarch reported that DAPTC item has not appeared on the agenda. The Clerk will ensure this will be included as an item in future.
4. Cllr Hindmarch reported that the Connecting Dorset Targets had been almost met with Parish Councils, but more Village Halls were needed to sign up. The Clerk was asked to find out more information concerning cost of a projector and/or the possibility of a whiteboard so that the Council is ready to receive plans electronically. To put to the next meeting.
5. Cllr Willetts reported seeing motorbikes racing on the Castleman Trailway. The Clerk will report this to the Police.

**577. It was resolved to exclude the press and public for the following item:
To discuss redrafting confidential minute 517.**

The meeting ended at 9.05pm.

CHAIRMAN