

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Of the Full Council

Minutes of Meeting Held On Wednesday 25th March, 2009, at 7.15pm

Members Present: Cllr Mrs J House, Chairman

Cllr J Crow	Cllr N R Hindmarch	Cllr Mrs A Warman
Cllr M Dyer	Cllr M Packham	Cllr R Warman
Cllr R Dudman	Cllr Mrs S Smith	

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs, Clerk; Sergeant Mark Hughes and 6 members of the public.

The meeting opened at 7.15pm to hear about PACT groups and their formation, from Sergeant Hughes. The Neighbourhood Policing Team work on very specific priorities generated by their own Communities. PACT pulls together various key elements within the community to identify the priorities specific to that area. The panel then agree who will be responsible for which priority. PACT has been very successful in other areas. Due to the amount of forestry in this area it is hoped that the Forestry Commission will send a representative.

Public Forum: Nothing raised.

485. Declarations of Interest:-

Agenda Item	Name	Declared
15 - Village Hall Management Committee	Cllr Mrs Warman	Personal and prejudicial, but provided only receiving the minutes will stay in the room. VHMC Trustee and Chair.
15 - Village Hall Management Committee	Cllr R Dudman	Personal and prejudicial, but provided only receiving the minutes will stay in the room. VHMC Trustee
13	Cllr M Dyer	Personal and prejudicial, tree is on a neighbours land. But will use 12 (2) to speak and then leave.
4 (i)	Cllr J Crow	Personal and prejudicial – if any discussion is to take place will leave the room.

486. Apologies for absence were received and accepted for the full Council meeting from; Cllr Mrs V Bell; Cllr R Bryan; Cllr I Maddock, Cllr G Willetts.

487. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th February, 2009 pages 78 to 80, were agreed and adopted as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr J Crow seconded by Cllr Mrs S Smith.

488. Matters arising from the Minutes for information only:-

- Minute 381 – The Clerk read out the response received from Forestry Commission concerning Oaktree and Oakdene access route.
Cllr J Crow, left the meeting for the rest of this item.

7.36pm The meeting was closed to hear from Sgt Hughes with reference to the Road Traffic Act 1988. Sgt Hughes confirmed that the RTA does apply, but a long term solution should be considered and under Section 117 of the Crime and Disorder Act there is a responsibility for the owners of the land. Monitoring is fruitless, the long term solution has to be speed management. It is hoped that PACT will be able to move forward with this.

- Minute 448.1 – Village Hall Lease Subcommittee – The Parish Council representatives are currently looking further at the means/method and legal implications of adding on the first part of the car park onto the lease.
- Minute 440.3 Cllr Mrs Warman has informed EDDC legal section to ensure that any boundary fenced off is correct.
- Minute 449.7 – Mrs Warman pointed out that the EDDC Planning Committee met on Tuesday not Thursday as recorded.

489. Adoption of the approved Minutes of Committee Meetings – The Council adopted the following approved Minutes:-

- Meeting of Amenities Committee held on 4th February, 2009 pages 72 & 73. Proposed by Cllr J Crow, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Smith.
- Meeting of Finance Committee held on 4th February, 2009 pages 74 & 75. Proposed by Cllr J Crow, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Smith.
- Meetings of the Planning Committee held on 29th January, 2009, pages 70 & 71 and 19th February, 2009, pages 76 & 77. Proposed by Cllr J Crow, seconded Cllr M Packham

490. Tree obstructing Sight Lines on Exit of Wayside Road onto Boundary Lane – A petition of 9 signatures raising concerns over safety on exiting the junction and requesting the removal of a tree was received.

Cllr Dyer asked to speak, using 12 (2) before leaving due to the declared interest. - There is no doubt that the tree represents a danger to drivers. Residents have tried their best to get the County Council to remove it but responsibility has been passed on. Despite a site visit by the County Tree Officer nothing tangible has been achieved.

7.50pm Cllr Dyer then left the room for the rest of this item.

The meeting was closed to hear from one of the petitioners.

It is very dangerous exiting from Wayside Road as due to the tree obstructing the view to the right cars have to protrude some distance to get a clear view. There is a dip on a straight with cars often travelling in excess of the 40mph speed limit. There is going to be a fatal accident. Can the Council please do something about this tree before this happens.

The Clerk reported that as the tree is not on Parish Council land there was no statutory power available to the Parish Council to sanction the cost of removal.

The meeting reopened for debate.

The Clerk was instructed to consult with the EDDC Tree Officer and ask for his written opinion.

Cllr Mrs Warman proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Smith, that the Council writes to DCC, supporting the residents petition pointing out the severe safety hazard and requesting the prompt removal of the tree. Letter to be copied to EDDC. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To obtain assistance from the EDDC Tree Officer, and write to DCC in support of the prompt removal of the tree on safety grounds.

491. Parish Plan – The Clerk gave a brief report on the liaison meeting held on 19th March, 2009. A copy of this appears as Appendix A with these Minutes in the Minute Book.

8.05pm The meeting closed briefly to hear from Mr Brooks, Chairman of the Parish Plan Steering Group:- The overhanging vegetation on the Horton Road appears to emanate from Forestry Land.

1. Cllr Dudman reported that there were several roads requiring resurfacing in his Ward. The Clerk requested a list so that they can be reported to the Parish Maintenance Unit.
2. Cllr Dyer reported speed problems on Woolsbridge Road and Boundary Lane. A fatal accident has recently occurred on Boundary Lane. This will be raised at PACT.

492. Correspondence – The following correspondence was noted:

1. Invitation from EDDC to review the current dog patrol arrangements across the District on 14th April.
2. Letter from prospective resident raising concern over clearance of land at Ashley Strip
3. Invitation from EDDC to attend a Forum on the Strategic Housing Audit Inspection 24th March. Cllr Mrs House attended and reported that some issues of communication by EDDC with Parish and Town Councils were indicated and that in some areas affordable housing is desirable but the infrastructure is not always there to support it.
4. DAPTC Circular 03/09
5. New Forest District Local Development Framework – nearest Display – Public Offices, Christchurch Rd, Ringwood.
6. Invitation to Stronger Communities Launch – 21st April, at Loxton Somerset.
7. Invitation from Veolia for the Clerk to attend Lunch at the House of Lords, Friday 24th April.
8. Invitation from East Dorset Community Partnership – Annual Conference Wed. 29th April, 9.30am, Allendale Centre, Wimborne. Cllr Mrs J House will attend.
9. DCC letter requesting Parish Councils to contact residents concerning overhanging vegetation. The Clerk will continue with the practice of written communication.

493. District Councillors Update – Cllr Dyer reported: The strategic land assessment is currently being discussed but this still has to go through the Scrutiny Committee.

Cllr Dudman reported that a Sub committee review of buildings and assets owned by EDDC is underway.

494. County Councillors Update – Cllr Mrs A Warman reported: As a result of the “Baby P” publicity seven additional social workers have been taken on but due to natural wastage the total number is dwindling. The Dorset Direct telephone number 01202 221000 is now working well for

reporting problems such as highways. The Government has now brought in the Independent Safeguard Authority which will supersede the Criminal Records Bureau. The ISA website will allow employers to check to see if an employee or prospective employee is barred.

495. Reports were received from Members representing the Council on outside bodies:-

1. Avon Heath Liaison Panel – draft newsletter has been circulated. Cllr Dyer reported that peer pressure appears to be working as regards dog mess issues.
2. DAPTC – next meeting 23.04.09 at the Village Hall – Cllr Dyer will attend.
3. Homewatch – A report was given by Cllr R Dudman. A copy of which appears as Appendix B with these Minutes in the Minute Book.
4. Freedom Youth Club – Next meeting 21st April.
5. PACT – Cllr Mrs House will report at the next Council meeting.
6. Traffic & Transport TAG Group – Cllr Mrs Smith is awaiting the minutes from the meeting attended. To be reported on at the next meeting.

496. Land at Folly Farm – A request from Ringwood Town Council to nominate two representatives to discuss a proposal from the Lantern Community to lease the land was received. Cllr M Packham gave an overview of the history of ownership. It was noted that following a lengthy legal case whilst Ringwood Town Council has the title of the land, this Council was awarded an interest of 2/5ths. This was discussed. If the land is leased then the agreement must ensure that the lessee keeps to the plan provided and this Council's interest must be safeguarded. It was agreed, unanimously, that Cllr M Packham and Cllr R Warman will be appointed as representatives to meet with Ringwood Town Council and the Lantern Community. Proposed by Cllr A Warman.

RESOLVED: Cllr M Packham and Cllr R Warman are appointed as representatives for the Council to meet with Ringwood TC and Lantern to discuss leasing the land at Folly Farm.

497. Clerks Holiday – This was discussed. It was agreed, unanimously, that the Clerk and Chairman will arrange for some temporary cover for the Clerk's Annual leave. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Smith, seconded by Cllr M Dyer.

RESOLVED: To arrange temporary cover for the Clerk's Annual Leave.

498. East Dorset Spring Clean 2009 – A letter from EDDC requesting information on litter black spots was discussed. The areas reported by Members will be listed to EDDC.

499. Village Hall Management Committee – The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th February, 2009, were circulated to Members. A copy of which appears as Appendix C with these Minutes in the Minute Book.

500. Exchange of information:

1. Next Full Council meeting: 29 April, 2009 at 7.30pm
2. The Clerk reported a number of inquiries concerning the increase in the Parish portion of the Council tax. An information was circulated to Members.
3. The Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman had been on a guided history tour of the Parish given by Mr Hawkins.
4. Forest Design Forum Invitation the Hub 2nd April, will be attended by Cllr Mrs J House.
5. The criteria for a SID installation on Hurn Lane has been met. DCC asked for a Cllr to meet and agree a suitable site. Sgt Hughes agreed that PC Richards would be a more suitable suggestion. The Clerk will forward this suggestion on to DCC.
6. Cllr Dyer asked why the entrance doors to the hall are always pegged open when the heating is on. Cllr Mrs Warman reported that there are issues with the Annexe heating which means that the hall gets too hot.
7. Cllr Mrs Warman requested that alternative Solicitors for Council work be considered due to the rate being charged by the current Council solicitor.
8. Cllr R Warman asked for a copy of the letter from Mr Mallett referred to in the Finance Minutes.
9. Cllr M Packham thanked the Chairman on behalf of the school for her letter of congratulations relating to the OFSTED inspection which has been read to the whole school. The school now has a kitchen for meals and is hoping to run a breakfast club.

The meeting ended at 9.10pm

Chairman