

**ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL**

Meeting Of the Full Council

Minutes of Meeting Held On Wednesday 29th April, 2009, at 7.30pm

**Members Present:** Cllr Mrs J House, Chairman

Cllr Mrs V Bell	Cllr M Packham	Cllr Mrs A Warman
Cllr R Bryan	Cllr Mrs S Smith	Cllr R Warman
Cllr M Dyer		

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs, Clerk and one member of the public.

**Public Forum:** Mrs Neilds was introduced to Members.

**541. Declarations of Interest:-**

Agenda Item	Name	Declared
15 - Village Hall	Cllr Mrs Warman	Personal and prejudicial, but provided only receiving the minutes will stay in the room. VPMC Trustee and Chair.
14 – Tree Wayside Road	Cllr M Dyer Cllr Mrs V Bell	Advice was sought by both members and, in the light of the advice given in relation to 19, no declaration was made.

**542. Apologies for absence** were received and accepted for the full Council meeting from Cllr J Crow; Cllr R Dudman; Cllr N Hindmarch and Cllr I Maddock.

**543. Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th March, 2009 pages 87 to 89, were agreed and adopted as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Smith seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell.

**544. Matters arising from the Minutes for information only:-**

1. Land at Ashley – a meeting is arranged with Ringwood Town Council Members for 30<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr R Warman, Cllr M Packham and the Clerk will attend.

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

- i) Meeting of Amenities Committee held on 4th March, 2009 pages 81 & 82. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Bell, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Smith.
- ii) Meeting of Finance Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 pages 83 & 84. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Smith, seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell.
- iii) Meetings of the Planning Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2009, pages 85 & 86. Proposed by Cllr M Packham, seconded Cllr Mrs S Smith.

Items 16 & 19 were brought forward.

**546. Community Resilience Officer Volunteer** – The Clerk reported that Mrs Neilds has volunteered for the post of Community Resilience Officer and was introduced to the Council. This was discussed. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk will find out more information on the training and pass the information on to progress this matter.

**547. Prejudicial and Personal Interest Declarations** – Further correspondence and copies of emails to and from the Monitoring Officer had been circulated to Members with the agenda. This was discussed. The content was noted. The Chairman asked if there were any further declarations in light of the content in respect of tonight's business. Cllr Dyer and Cllr Mrs V Bell confirmed that in respect of item 14, taking into consideration the advice given in relation to 19, there was no financial interest on either part and therefore the matter affected them no more than any other Member of the Parish. No other declarations were made.

**548. Correspondence** – The following correspondence was noted:

1. Written confirmation of Fire Risk procedure carried out from the Tennis Club
2. Dorset Strategic Partnership bulletin 2009
3. Information on the forthcoming Equality Bill
4. Fire and H&S Policy from the Youth Club
5. Letter from resident enclosing article on traveller illegal encampments from the press
6. Notice of European and County Elections
7. Suggestion for naming rear of 135 Sandy Lane – The Beeches. This was discussed and it was suggested that this could be confusing as it is close to Compton Beeches and alternative name of "The Elms" will be put forward.

- 549. District Councillors Update** – Cllr Mrs Warman reported: A Motion had been moved at Council that when the decision on the RSS was received, in June, EDDC would consider a judicial review, although a good case would have to be made. This has since been amended to consider a legal challenge similar to the one at County.

Cllr Dyer reported that the new Chief Executive of the District Council had been introduced to Members. As a new Council year starts in May a reshuffle is proposed. Large boulders have been placed in the Forestry Commission car parks, this is to restrict access to wide vehicles.

- 550. County Councillors Update** – Cllr Mrs A Warman reported: Following a query from a resident about the publicised resurfacing of the A338 she had made enquiries. Parishes have not been notified as a large grant of £26m will be needed to carry out the proposed work. A detour down Matchams Lane will not be signed as a contra flow is planned on the A338. The plan is to install a silent surface and a speed limit will be applied. The County Officer responsible is Mr M Piles and he is willing to come and talk to the Parish Council if requested.

County has been advised that 15% of the money held in Icelandic banks will be repaid in August with a further 65% available over the next 2 to 3 years.

There has been a complaint of several incidents concerning traffic from Hurn Lane accessing the Ashley Heath roundabout. County agree that there is a problem and cameras and relining are being considered.

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

1. Avon Heath Liaison Panel – Meeting postponed to 18.05.09
2. DAPTC – last meeting 23.04.09 here at the Village Hall – Cllr Dyer attended nothing of note apart from various Parishes appear to have conflicting decisions with the EDDC planning team. Whilst EDDC take the views of Parishes into account their role is as a statutory consultee only.
3. Homewatch – A very successful AGM was held with almost 100 people in attendance.
4. Freedom Youth Club – Cllr Mrs Smith is awaiting the Minutes.
5. PACT – Cllr Mrs House reported that the first meeting was to establish the aims and objectives. Moors Valley hope to be represented next time. The problems over the access at Oakdene was discussed. Speeding complaints – Police need specific information to follow this through.
6. Traffic & Transport TAG Group – Minutes are still awaited the Clerk was asked to follow this up.

- 552. Street Lighting** – The Clerk reported on the meeting with the Chairman and Mr Pain. The intent of the buyout was certainly to adopt all lights on adopted roads. There is a discrepancy of 113 lights on the schedule attached to the agreement, and yet from old papers there should be 118 lights adopted. Identifying these missing 5 lights (two are known to be in the play park and could not be adopted as not on a highway) is the first step and a map showing the location of the 113 has been requested. The Clerk is going to write to the Chief Executive of DCC and copy the original correspondence. If the remaining 3 lights have to be brought up to standard this may cost approximately £4,000.

**553. Annual Parish Assembly Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 –**

1. Invitations have been despatched and 20 plus tables booked and at least 50 people have confirmed attendance.
2. Format for the evening will be the tables with groups around the sides of the hall and the middle left free. The public will be allowed in from 7pm until 9pm. The Chairman will give a brief speech which will include a financial report.

- 554. Council Reserve Fund** – Cllr Mrs Bell apologised for the delay in the subcommittee meeting. Mindful that additional work for the Clerk should be kept to a minimum. The subcommittee are looking at splitting the reserves into two further financial institutions, away from the working balance and into a separate bank so that not all the Council's money is held with one organisation. Different options are being looked into. Security is the highest priority rather than rate of growth. A further meeting is to be held to discuss various options. It is hoped that a final recommendation will be ready for the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Bell, Cllr R Bryan and Cllr R Warman for their efforts to date.

- 555. Council Annual Insurance Renewal** – The Chairman reported on the two companies who had responded to the request for a quotation. Zurich premium £5145.60 and Came & Company £4290.37 or £ 4075.85 if a long term agreement for 3 years is accepted. Cllr R Warman

proposed that the Council accepts the quotation from Came & Co., seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell. This was agreed unanimously. Cllr Mrs A Warman withdrew from the vote as the Village Hall is part of the proposal.

**RESOLVED: To accept the quotation for the Parish Council Insurance with 3 year agreement at a cost of £4075.85 from Came & Co.**

**556. Tree obstructing Sight Lines on Exit of Wayside Road onto Boundary Lane –**

Cllr Mrs Warman had tried to get DCC to agree to accept responsibility for the tree but has been unsuccessful. DCC are adamant that the tree started as a boundary tree and that the field is on Wayside Road which is unadopted and therefore a private access. This was disputed, the field is on Boundary Lane not Wayside Road. This was discussed. It was noted that it is not just the residents of Wayside Road that are affected but the users of Boundary Lane as well. The issue could take some time to resolve and in the mean time people are at risk. Cllr R Warman recommended that if the grant is progressed and the work granted by the Parish Council, then a letter should also go to DCC stating that we do not accept their decision but in the interests of public safety we have assisted the group. The grant application will be put to the Finance Committee on the 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**557. Village Hall Management Committee –**

- i) The Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2009, were circulated to Members. A copy of which appears as Appendix C with these Minutes in the Minute Book.
- ii) A report and recommendations from the Village Hall Subcommittee was circulated to Members. A copy of which appears as Appendix D with these Minutes in the Minute Book. This was discussed. The rent for the office and fees for hiring of the meeting room should be paid in advance to the VHMC to aid with cashflow. A deed of variation to the existing lease should be able to be done without the aid of a solicitor. Cllr M Dyer proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Smith that all of the recommendations in total be accepted. This was carried by 6 in favour and Cllrs Mrs A Warman and Cllr R Warman abstaining. It was agreed that an independent party would be asked to draft an explanation of the lease.

**RESOLVED: To accept all of the recommendations in total listed in section 2 of the report from the Village Hall Subcommittee.**

- iii) A recommendation from the Finance Committee meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> April, to delegate approval of legal advice up to a maximum cost of £500 to the Village Hall Subcommittee. Was discussed it was agreed not to progress this further at this time.

**558. Power of Well Being –** Members discussed the report from the Clerk. It was agreed that the Clerk will get more information on what this power could be used for and undertake the training. The Clerk to report back.

**559. DAPTC Renewal of subscription –** The Clerk reported the renewal fee for 2009/2010 was £892.54. This was discussed it was agreed to renew. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr M Packham. Cllr R Warman abstained and Cllr A Warman against.

**RESOLVED: To renew the DAPTC subscription for 2009/2010 for £892.54.**

**560. Annual Return–** A copy of the Annual Return for 2008/2009 and Statement of Assurance had been circulated to Members. A copy of which appears as Appendix E with these Minutes in the Minute Book. This was discussed Cllr R Warman requested information on the variances. The Clerk will forward him a copy of the explanation to be sent to the External Auditor. It was agreed to approve the Annual Return and sign the Statement of Assurance for 2008/2009. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Bell, seconded by Cllr M Packham. Cllr R Warman abstained from the vote the proposal was carried with the rest in favour.

**RESOLVED: To approve the Annual Return and sign the Statement of Assurance for 2008/2009**

**561. Exchange of information:**

1. Next Full Council meeting: 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009
2. Cllr Mrs Warman reported that the sign on the land adjacent to 17 Craigside Road has already been removed. The fence has been incorrectly erected incorporating part of the EDDC portion. EDDC are writing to the Earl of Malmesbury to advise him.

The meeting ended at 9.40pm

**Chairman**