

**ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL**

Meeting Of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at 7.30pm

**Members Present:** Cllr Mrs S Smith, Chairman

Cllr Mrs V Bell	Cllr M Dyer	Cllr Mrs J House	Cllr R Warman
Cllr R Bryan	Cllr N Hindmarch	Cllr M Packham	Cllr G Willetts
Cllr J.F. Crow	Cllr I Maddock	Cllr Mrs A Warman	Cllr R.C. Dudman

In attendance: Mrs K. Bradbury, Acting Clerk and County Councillor P Richardson.

**Open Forum:** There were no questions from members of the public to report.

**112. Declarations of Interest:-**

Agenda Item	Name	Declared
Item 17	Cllr M. Dyer	Personal and Prejudicial in the Folly Farm land and future lease. Cllr Dyer left the meeting during discussion of this item
Item 13	Cllr R. Warman	Personal has an investment with Standard Life
Item 14	Cllr R. Warman	Personal is related to the Chairman of Village Hall Management Committee
Item 14	Cllr R. Dudman	Personal and Prejudicial only if voting on allocation of money relating to the village hall
Item 14(ii)	Cllr Mrs A. Warman	Personal and Prejudicial is Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee
Item 14(iii)	Cllr Mrs A. Warman	Personal and Prejudicial is Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee
Item 14(iv)	Cllr Mrs A. Warman	Personal and Prejudicial is Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr Warman left the meeting during discussion of this item

**113. Apologies:-** there were no apologies to report.

**114. Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009 pages 8 to 10 were agreed and adopted as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J. House, seconded by Cllr Mrs V. Bell.

**115. Matters arising from the Minutes for information only:-** There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes to report.

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

- i) Meeting of Amenities Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 pages 4 and 5. Proposed by Cllr M. Dyer, seconded by Cllr Mrs V. Bell.
- ii) Meeting of Finance Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2009 page 6. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V. Bell, seconded by Cllr Mrs J. House.
- iii) Meeting of Planning Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2009 page 103. Proposed by Cllr G. Willetts, seconded by Cllr M. Packham.
- iv) Meeting of Planning Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2009 pages 8 to 10. Proposed by Cllr G. Willetts, seconded by Cllr M. Packham.

**117. Correspondence** - The following correspondence was duly noted:-

- 1. Housing and Council Tax Benefits leaflets – to increase awareness of financial help.
- 2. Tree Wayside Road - Letter from Chief Executive DCC declining request for reimbursement for cost of removing tree Boundary lane. DCC confirm that the tree forms part of the boundary to the field and the access to Wayside Road is private and therefore not maintainable at public expense. It was reported that the tree is not in Wayside Road and it was requested that the paperwork be reviewed.
- 3. Receipt of a declaration from Cllr Dyer for receiving the wood for disposal from the felled tree Wayside Road was noted. Estimated monetary value, zero.
- 4. Lengthsman Scheme letter from DCC – Members discussed this in December 2008 and agreed that due to costs this Council would not pursue this idea at present. DCC are trying to gauge potential demand as a budget of £80,000 has been set aside to support such schemes across the

County. Currently Ferndown costs running at £24,213 per annum with a grant income of £10,000 from the County Council, balance met from precept and from other organisations buying in.

5. Felling Licence for Lions Hill – Cllr Mrs Warman and Clerk met with representative of Herpetological Trust. Assurances received concerning historical group of trees on rise. It was noted that Cllr R. Dudman had also attended the meeting. Refer to Amenities for further debate on historical research and information board suggestion.
6. Review of Dorset's Waste Management Strategy – Formally adopted available on [www.dorsetforyou.com/futureofwaste](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/futureofwaste)
7. Gambling Act 2005 – Consultation on minor amendments to draft policy. A copy was passed to Cllr J. Crow.
8. Dorset Community Action – support poster
9. Avon Heritage Festival 20<sup>th</sup> September 2009
10. History – Display of maps and plans our parish and Ringwood 1<sup>st</sup> Sept to end October Ringwood Meeting House. Mr Hawkins.
11. East Dorset Forest Design Plans have been submitted to the Forestry Commission SW Conservancy for approval and have now been placed on the Public Register for a period of 28 days. See <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/publicregister>. Copies passed to Cllr I. Maddock and G. Willetts for review.
12. Hampshire Minerals & Waste Framework consultation period on sustainability Appraisal 13.7.09-17.08.09
13. Bournemouth Airport Draft noise Action Plan Consultation see [www.bournemouthairport.com](http://www.bournemouthairport.com). As the plan includes proposals for an expansion of night flights the item was referred to the next Full Council meeting for further discussion.

**118. County Council Matters:-**

- i) Cllr Richardson gave a short report on County Council matters; see Appendix A with these Minutes in the Minute Book.

**119. District Councillors' Update:** reported:

1. Cllr M Dyer; nothing to report.
2. Cllr R. Dudman; nothing to report.
3. Cllr Mrs a. Warman; nothing to report.

**120. Reports from Members representing the Council on outside bodies:-**

1. Avon Heath Liaison Panel – Cllr G. Willetts reported that he had met Mr B. Kliger about the resurfacing of the access to the Castleman railway but that nothing had been resolved. Plans are being submitted for a licence to fell some of the trees (thinning only) along the north side of the embankment as the birch saplings are interfering with the natural habitat. Cllr M. Dyer reported that Mr Steve Davis and his team have won a green flag award for excellence in management of the Avon Heath Country park. It was suggested that Mr Steve Davis be invited to attend a Full Council meeting two or three times a year to report directly on matters relating Avon Heath.
2. DAPTC:- It was reported that Mr Neil Farmer had given a presentation about involving parish and Town Councils more closely in consultations. However the consensus was that the process was not working and council's did not feel included.
3. PACT – Cllr Mrs J. House reported on the meeting in held in July. A questionnaire had been sent out to over 1,000 households requesting information about local problems and concerns. Only 46 responses were received and the main items of concern were speeding, dog fouling and travellers.

**121. East Dorset Community Action Conference 8<sup>th</sup> July 2009:-** An explanation of the new structure for the East Dorset Community Partnership was given. The revised structure seeks to improve the effectiveness of the partnership. There was concern that Parish and Town Councils had no discernible input or true representation within the new structure except through representation on the Themed action Groups. The report from members attending was received and noted and a response to Neil Farmer regarding the new structure will be formulated..

**122. Themed Action Groups:- It was RESOLVED to appoint the following members to Themed Action Groups:** proposed Cllr M. Dyer, seconded Cllr G. Willetts.

1. Environment – Cllr G. Willetts
2. Health:- Cllr R. Bryan
3. Housing:- Cllr N. Hindmarch
4. Children and Young People:- Cllr R. Warman
5. Community Safety:- Cllr I. Maddock

**123. Street Lighting:-**

- i) Letter received from the Chief Executive of Dorset County Council was noted. Letter copied to Members previously, under separate cover.
- ii) PFI replacement street lighting project to commence October 2009 –A report from the Clerk following a meeting held with SEC representative and Cllr Mrs J. House was received and noted. On behalf of the Council, the Chairman expressed her appreciation of the amount of work put in by Mrs A. Jacobs and Cllr Mrs J. House in preparing the report.

**124. Council Reserve Fund:-** Due to unresolved administration queries with one institution, with the authorisation of authorised signatories and the Chairman, all reserve have been transferred to AIB as guaranteed until September 2010. This is a temporary measure until queries have been answered or an alternative is found.

**125. Village Hall Management Committee –**

- i) The Minutes of the last meeting held on 18th June 2009 were received and noted.
- ii) Village Hall Insurance – Cllr Mrs A. Warman exercised her right to speak to this item under paragraph 12 section 2(b) of the Code of Conduct stating that the Village Hall was responsible for its own insurance and that two quotes had been obtained that were lower than the sum agreed by the Parish Council and would save the Village Hall in excess of £3,000 over a three year period, Cllr Warman also requested that the cost of early cancellation of the Parish Council policy be checked. It was noted that the resolution to accept the quotation from Came and Co could not be overturned for at least six months and that there was insufficient information available regarding the terms of the various quoted policies obtained by VHMC for a true comparison to be made. Cllr Mrs A. Warman again requested that the cost of cancelling the current policy should be ascertained. **It was RESOLVED that the matter of the Village Hall Insurance be referred to a future meeting six months after 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009 allowing for the necessary figures to be obtained and for the terms of the lease to be confirmed.** Proposed Cllr Mrs V. Bell, seconded Cllr Mrs J. House.
- iii) Car Park –A letter confirming agreement to accept responsibility for the whole car park was received. The consensus was that a red line be inserted in the new location and the Clerk instructed to confirm in writing that this does not alter the existing access arrangements for other clubs and users sharing this site.
- iv) Rental agreement for the Parish Office – A draft agreement has been supplied by the VHMC. It was considered that the document was seriously flawed and required further consideration. **Refer to the next Finance Committee meeting.**

**126. External Audit and Annual Return:- It was RESOLVED to approve and accept the opinion of the External Auditor.** Proposed Cllr Mrs V. Bell, seconded Cllr Mrs J. House. It was noted that there were no matters raised and that notice of conclusion is displayed on noticeboards. Thanks were conveyed to the Clerk.

**127. Clerk's Committee:-**

- i) Cllr Mr G. Willetts was appointed as the additional Member to the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen to bring total number on the Clerk's Committee to six members, as per Terms of Reference. The Chairman thanked Cllr J. Crow for his assistance and help on the Committee.
- ii) It was confirmed that the annual appraisal for the Clerk would be conducted by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Council.

**128. Folly Farm Land and Future Lease:**

1. The Lantern Community has applied to take over the land on a very long term lease. Cllr M. Packham, Cllr R. Warman and the Clerk attended a meeting with Ringwood Town Council and the Lantern Community. It was pointed out that the rights being sought by the Lantern Community could all be actioned by a contractual agreement. It was also pointed out that the land is Green Belt and falls within the jurisdiction of East Dorset District Council for planning purposes and therefore it was unlikely that any further development would be granted permission. Ringwood Town Council is proposing to set up a steering/liaison group to consider the matter further.
2. Cllr Mr M. Packham and Cllr R. Warman were appointed to sit on the Liaison Group.

**129. Exchange of information:**

1. **Cllr Mrs S. Smith:-** Reported on the diesel spillage on the A31 and will pass on the information to Cllr I. Maddock.
2. **Cllr R. Bryan:-**

- i. It was reported that the travellers are still camped on the roundabout/island on the A31.
  - ii. It was reported that there is a lot of illegal signage going up around the area. It was noted that it is permissible to remove the signs and lay them flat on the ground but not to remove them completely as this could be construed as theft.
3. **Cllr G. Willetts:-** There has been a huge increase in dog fouling in the St Leonards Drive area in the last few months such that it is becoming a health hazard. It was noted that a new dog warden has been appointed and should be in post very soon.
4. **Cllr I Maddock:-** The interchange with the A338 suffers from major tailbacks, especially during the rush hours. Improved lane allocation signs and traffic lights would help relieve the congestion and keep traffic moving.
5. **Cllr Mrs A. Warman:-** The Woolsbridge Road roundabout needs cleaning up. **Refer to the next Amenities Committee meeting.**
6. **Cllr R. Dudman:-**
- i. It was reported that the dog warden had caught the dogs of a resident who was allowing them to roam free at night. The resident was being taken to court and the publicity will probably be the best deterrent against irresponsible dog owners.
  - ii. Cars are being offered for sale on the verge of the A31/Woolsbridge Road junction.
  - iii. Cllr Dudman has been invited to attend the Dorset Flood Fair on behalf of the Parish Council.

The meeting ended at 9.10pm

**Chairman**