

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 28th October 2009 at 7.00pm**Members Present:** Cllr Mrs S Smith, Chairman

Cllr Mrs V Bell

Cllr R.C. Dudman

Cllr N Hindmarch

Cllr M Packham

Cllr J.F. Crow

Cllr M Dyer

Cllr Mrs J House

In attendance: Mrs A Jacobs, Clerk, County Cllr P Richardson; Mr G Powell of ARCT and Mr S Davies of Avon Heath. Two members of the public.

Avon Heath Country Park – Mr Davies gave an overview of the work at the park during the last year and the plans for the future. The park has won the Green Flag Award this year which is in recognition of the high standard achieved. Key indicator species have been most successful on site. The Joint Liaison Panel has worked well and the target is for Avon Heath to run at nil cost to the Council Tax Payer. The current 10 year habitat plan is just coming to an end. There have been requests by residents to remove more trees which will be discussed with the Parish Council. The Council congratulated the management team for their joint working and successful management of the park.

Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust (ARCT) – Mr Powell gave an over view of the newly combined Trust which now manages over 40 sites across Dorset. A new Community Officer has now been employed which brings a total of 6 paid staff, assisted by a number of volunteer groups. ARCT has sourced a 10 year grant which will pay for maintenance work and the Council will be consulted on a work plan next year. These sites cannot be managed just for reptiles, the management of the heath as a whole is their base. Currently the Lions Hill site is classified by Natural England as “unfavourable- no change”. A lot of work is planned to improve this by the end of the grant period, although there will be little visual impact to visitors. The aim will be for an open heath scattered Pines removed and small clumps of Pine retained.

Open Forum: No questions were raised.

Cllr Hindmarch arrived at 7.20pm due to working commitments.

County Councillors Report – A copy of the report had been circulated prior to the meeting and appears as Appendix A to these Minutes in the Minute Book. Cllr Richardson reported that it is hoped that the new way of repairing potholes would help to clear the backlog. County is currently in the midst of budget preparation a very time consuming process but every effort is being made not to increase Council tax. Currently preparation work is taking place on the A338 in readiness for the resurfacing work due to commence in July 2010. This work is aimed at protecting wildlife prior to the commencement of the project. Road surface will be the “quiet” type. From the second week in November there will be a dedicated webpage on Dorset For You.

The Council recorded their thanks to Cllr Richardson for his written reports and regular attendance at Parish Council meetings both of which were most useful in keeping them fully informed on County Council matters.

7.35pm The meeting opened.

238. Declarations of Interest:- None

239. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Bryan; Cllr I Maddock; Cllr Mrs A Warman; Cllr R Warman and Cllr G Willetts. .

240. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th 30th September 2009, pages 32 to 34, were agreed and adopted as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Bell, seconded by Cllr M Dyer.

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

1. Bournemouth Airport Draft noise Action Plan – A response has been submitted. Copy attached. Thanks were given to Cllr Mrs House for her considerable efforts in this matter.
2. Abbey Rose footpath – the letter to the Secretary of State has been sent requesting a date for a decision on the application to add the route to the definitive map.
3. TAG Groups – restructured now only Housing, Transport and Environment TAG’s running.
4. Cllr Dyer reported that the Subcommittee for the Bowling Club Hedge issue had met. The Clerk reported that this was to be discussed at Amenities next week.

5. Min. 201 An interesting article concerning the new type of boilers had recently appeared in the newspapers. This was circulated to Members for their information.
6. Min. 199.1 The resident working on the verge outside her property had, on investigation, the permission of the District Council to do so.

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

- i) Meetings of the Planning Committee held on 17th September, 2009 pages 30 & 31. Proposed by Cllr Mrs House, seconded by Cllr M Packham.
- ii) Amenities Committee Meeting, held on 2nd September 2009 page 27. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Bell, , seconded by Cllr M Dyer.
- iii) Finance Committee Meeting held on 2nd September 2009, pages 28 & 29. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell.

243. Correspondence - The following correspondence was duly noted:-

1. DCC request for nominations of DCC Officer champions
2. Invitation to Remembrance Day service All Saints Parish Church 10.45am 8th November, Members to advise if the Clerk if able to attend for seating arrangements. A rehearsal is to be held at 10am on 7th November. Cllrs Mrs Smith, Mrs House, Mr Dudman and Mr Hindmarch will be attending with their partners.
3. Notification of Sunseeker Rallye Saturday 27th February 2010
4. Dorset Waste Forum meeting 26th November – Cllr Hindmarch will be attending.
5. Invitation to CAB AGM 11th November at 7.30pm
6. Report from the Conservation Volunteer Co-ordinator – The Clerk will circulate to Members.
7. EDDC invitations to function for the Chairman, copied to the Chairman.
8. DAPTC Community Day 19th November, the Clerk, Cllrs Mrs Smith, Mrs Bell and Mrs House will attend.
9. EDDC Licensing agenda

244. District Councillors' Update:

1. Cllr R Dudman reported: Currently working on a procurement briefing. There are seven Councils working together to hopefully make savings on all purchases. Audit has caused a degree of work and another Overview and Scrutiny is about to start.
2. Cllr M Dyer reported: Matchams has changed hands, there are rumours that plans for change will be forthcoming. Pathfinder is in progress, EDDC will form part of a cluster. Enforcement issues are ongoing and under investigation.

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

1. DAPTC AGM is to be held on 7th November at Dorchester. Cllr Hindmarch and Cllr Dyer had recently attended the Eastern Area AGM. The Clerk was asked to circulate a protocol document concerning the production and consideration of parish plans by Community Partnerships. Allotments were discussed, it was stressed that Councils should show that they have used their best endeavours to meet demand. The Clerk was asked to circulate the report on Allotments to all Members. DAPTC had also been successful in requiring more information on enforcement the Parish will be provided with a list of finished enforcement action.
2. Avon Heath Liaison Panel – There is an opinion that the panel may have come to an end of it's natural life. It has worked very well, although there are some continual issues, Dog fouling, fly tipping and parking in gateways. The Terms of reference are not clear. It was agreed that more time was needed to consider the future of the panel. The Clerk was asked to put it on the next agenda.
3. TAG Groups – The minutes of the last Transport TAG will be circulated by the Clerk. There has been a review of the TAG groups and the only groups to continue will be Transport, Environment and Housing.
4. Flood Warden, Cllr Dudman reported attending a recent seminar. He will be compiling an article for the next newsletter concerning advice given.

246. Village Hall Management Committee: –

- i) The AGM was held on 22nd October 2009 – The Chairman and liaison Members attended. It was noted that a thank you was given for the boiler grant at the end of the Chairman's speech.
- ii) Car Park alterations to lease and rental agreement for the Parish Office– a draft has been received. It was agreed, unanimously, that this will be discussed by the liaison Committee Members and a recommendation put to a future meeting of the full Council.

RESOLVED: That the draft lease and rental agreement document is considered by the Liaison Committee Members for a recommendation to be put to full Council.

- iii) Insurance of the Village Hall building – A request from the VHMC to arrange their own the buildings cover for the Village Hall direct has been received. The Clerks report was noted. It was agreed, unanimously, that this will be discussed by the liaison Committee Members and a recommendation put to a future meeting of the full Council.

RESOLVED: That the request concerning the insurance of the building is considered by the Liaison Committee Members for a recommendation to be put to full Council.

- 247. Land at Folly Farm, Ashley –** The Clerk read the letter from Ringwood Town Council. This was discussed. It was agreed, unanimously, that the Clerk will write to RTC, acknowledge the letter and reiterate the Council's interest in the land and requirement to be included in any future proposals for it. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Bell, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will write to Ringwood Town Council will write to acknowledge the letter and reiterate the Council's interest in the land and requirement to be included in any future proposals for it.

- 248. Exchange of information:**

1. Next Full Council meeting: 25th November, 2009
2. Cllr Willetts reports the forming of Reminiscence groups in local Care Home, funded by POPPS. A request to assist with publicity for volunteers has been received.

8.25pm meeting closed.

Chairman