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ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 25th November 2009 at 7.00pm

Members Present: Cllr Mrs S Smith, Chairman

Cllr Mrs V Bell

Cllr R.C. Dudman

Cllr N Hindmarch

Cllr R. Bryan

Cllr J.F. Crow

Cllr M Dyer

Cllr Mrs J House

Cllr G. Willetts

Cllr I. Maddock

In attendance: Mrs K. Bradbury, Acting Clerk, County Cllr P Richardson and three members of the public.

Open Forum: No questions were raised.

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.

1. Cllr Richardson gave an update on the forthcoming road works on the Bournemouth Spur Road and assured Councillor's that he would keep them informed. Cllr Richardson also drew the Council's attention to an article on "Dogs in the Environment" in the latest edition of Dorset Countryside News and distributed copies of the newsletter to all Councillors.
2. Cllr Richardson's request that members of the public be allowed to use the Parish Office as a "mail box" was discussed. The Council unanimously agreed to allow the Parish Office as a mail drop for the County Councillor provided that it is made absolutely clear that any communication is to be 'A political', posted through the door of the office and that the Clerk is not to be disturbed by members of the public.

7.35pm The meeting opened.

As Cllr Richardson had to leave the meeting by 7.45, **It was resolved to bring Agenda Item 8.3 Avon Heath Liaison Panel forward.**

288. Avon Heath Liaison Panel - Cllr G Willetts reported that the liaison panel has been disbanded and he suggested a three point plan for the future.

1. As acknowledgment of the formal closure of the panel this item should be removed as a regular item on the Parish Council Agenda.
2. It would be helpful to ask Mr B Kliger to attend the Parish Council meeting one month prior to the visit of Mr Steve Davis, Head Warden of the Avon Heath Country Park, which will take place twice a year. Mr Kliger has agreed to take this on. **It was unanimously resolved to invite Mr Kliger to report to the Parish Council a month prior to the visit of the Head Warden of Avon Heath Country Park.**
3. There are likely to be issues relating to the Country Park that cannot be left to the twice yearly visit of the Head Warden. County Councillor P Richardson was invited to act as liaison between the Parish Council and the County Council in matters of concern; as an example fly tipping in the lay-bys and car parks along Boundary Lane is causing problems as the rubbish is not being cleared. Cllr Richardson agreed to liaise on matters relating to the Country Park and suggested that some matters could possibly be channelled through the PACT meetings. **It was unanimously resolved that County Cllr P Richardson be invited to act as liaison between the Parish Council and County Council on matters relating to Avon Heath Country Park.**

Cllr R. Bryan arrived at the meeting at 7.45pm.

289. Declarations of Interest:- Cllr R Dudman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items 10(ii) Village Hall Car Park Lease and Rental Agreement and 10(iii) Insurance of Village Hall Building. Cllr R Dudman left the room while these items were discussed.

290. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs A Warman; and Cllr R Warman.

291. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th October 2009, pages 39 to 41, were agreed and adopted as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr J Crow.

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

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Land at Folly Farm, Ashley – A letter has been sent to Ringwood Town Council reiterating our interest and requirement to be included in any proposals for this land. It was noted that confirmation of receipt has been received.

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

1. Meetings of the Planning Committee held on 8th October, 2009 pages 37 & 38. Proposed by Cllr I Maddock, seconded by Cllr G Willetts
2. Amenities Committee Meeting held on 1st October 2009 page 35. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Bell, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House.
3. Finance Committee Meeting held on 1st October 2009 page 36. Proposed by Cllr R Dudman, seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell.

294. Recommendations to Full Council from Amenities Committee held on 4th November 2009

1. Lengthsman Scheme – After further deliberation a sum of £3250 has been allocated in the budget for buying into this scheme subject to further information being obtained and ratification by full Council.
RESOLVED: Unanimously to write a letter of intent to Ferndown Town Council, indicating our interest in the Lengthsman Scheme if it is extended. Proposed Cllr M Dyer, seconded Cllr Mrs V Bell.
2. Parish Summer Time Funday – It was agreed, unanimously, that the Committee was in favour in principle of such an event. A more structured plan would be needed and a Subcommittee, established by full Council, will be required for planning the event. Cllr Mrs S. Smith requested that an amendment be added that full plans and costings are presented to the Full Council before a final resolution is made.
RESOLVED: That the Council is in favour, in principle, of a Parish Summer Time Funday and that a Subcommittee is set up to prepare full plans and costings to put before Full Council for its final approval.

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

1. DAPTC CIRCULAR 16/09 was received and noted.
2. Letter from the VHMC – due to heating system replacement, it was noted that Council meetings scheduled in January will be held in the annexe.
3. PACT – An update was received on priorities and copies of Minutes of the last meeting were circulated. Great concern was expressed that the issues covered by the PACT meetings are overlapping the work being undertaken by the Parish Council resulting in a duplication of effort. Some Councillors were anxious that the PACT meetings were encroaching on and possibly undermining the duties of elected representatives. However it was pointed out that the PACT meetings facilitate direct contact of the Parish Council representative, Cllr Mrs House, with Police, Fire Service, Dog Wardens and other officials and this enables Cllr Mrs House to flag up any areas where there may be an overlap of effort. It was then recorded that Cllr House had the full support of the Council as the Parish Council representative on PACT.
4. BT invitation to adopt our Red telephone Kiosks was received and noted.
5. Hampshire County Council notice of forthcoming public consultation on Minerals and Waste Strategy. Cllr Hindmarch reported that he would be attending the seminar on the waste strategy on Thursday 26th November 2009 and would report on the meeting.
6. Email from resident – complaint about delay in newsletter receipt (airport consultation); fireworks and cover Doctors out of hours service – was noted.

296. District Councillors' Update:

1. Cllr R Dudman reported: The East Dorset District Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee is considering the effectiveness of the PACT and the various TAG groups. This committee will also be looking at Finance and Licensing policies in detail. The reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are published and distributed along with District Council Minutes and Agendas.
2. Cllr M Dyer - Nothing new to report.

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

1. DAPTC AGM held on 7th November at Dorchester. Cllr Hindmarch reported that both Parish and Town Councils are expressing their concern that Government funded unelected bodies such as PACT and TAG's are usurping the role of elected representatives and causing some problems for Councils trying to fulfil their statutory duties, particularly in the case of large Town Councils. Cllr Hindmarch made it absolutely clear that this was not a problem in this Parish. It was also reported

that there will be a slight reduction in the annual fee charges by the DAPTC in the next financial year.

2. **TAG Groups** – Environment – Cllr G. Willetts reported that he has not been invited to any meetings and wondered if the group was still operational. The Clerk was requested to make enquiries Cllr Mrs Smith referred Members to the TAG Transport Minutes. There were no reports from the other groups.
3. **Avon Heath Liaison Panel** – See Minute No 288, Page No 49
4. **Freedom Youth Club** - A report of the meeting held on 10th November submitted by Cllr Mrs Smith (observer), together with a copy of a letter sent by the Clerk in response to the Youth Club's questions and the Chairman of the Youth Clubs response were circulated to all Councillors. A summary of the report was made by the Clerk and likewise circulated prior to the meeting.
 1. Cllr M Dyer stated that he was appalled by the treatment meted out to Cllr Mrs S Smith at the meeting. She was not allowed to make any clear statements or to ask questions without being shouted down. It ill behoves an organisation that relies heavily on the Parish Council for funding to treat Parish Councillors with such disrespect. **It was unanimously resolved that a letter of complaint be sent to the Chairman of the Youth Club.**
 2. A request was received to sub-let the youth club premises to assist the Village Hall whilst major heating work is in progress. It was reported that a list of hirers had been obtained from the village hall and the Insurance Company confirmed that the premises would remain fully insured at no extra cost. **It was resolved to allow the Youth Club premises to be sublet to the Village Hall for the duration of the heating work due to commence in January 2010. Proposed Cllr M Dyer, seconded Cllr R Dudman, one abstention.**

298. Village Hall Management Committee: – Cllr R Dudman left the room during the discussions on items 10(i), 10(ii) and 10(iii) on the Agenda.

1. AGM held on 22nd October 2009, the Minutes were received and noted.
2. (a) Minute 246 (ii) refers: Car Park alterations to lease (Deed of Variation). Cllr Mrs J House reported that after an extremely protracted negotiation a letter had been received from the VHMC accepting responsibility for the entire car park. However the Sub-Committee indicated that Schedule 1, which is a clause in the original lease, had inadvertently been left out of the Deed of Variation and it was requested that it be included in the final document. **It was resolved to approve the Deed of Variation subject to the inclusion of Schedule 1. Proposed Cllr G Willetts, seconded Cllr J Crow, one abstention.**
2. (b) Rental Agreement for the Parish Office – Cllr Mrs J House made a very clear and detailed statement of the negotiations so far. The Sub-Committee recommended the inclusion of three additional clauses to the final draft of the rental agreement as shown in the report as circulated to all Councillors
 - I. Staff use of the toilet situated in the Committee room.
 - II. First years rent to be paid in advance and the revised rent annually in advance.
 - III. Responsibility for the maintenance of Parish Office door locks to be the sole responsibility of the Parish Council.**It was resolved to approve the rental agreement subject to the inclusion of the three clauses as recommended by the Sub-Committee. Proposed Cllr G Willetts, seconded by Cllr J Crow, one abstention.**
2. (c) Cllr Mrs J House: reported that a further amendment had been received from Cllr Mrs A Warman on Monday 23rd November 2009, which would be presented for discussion at the next Full Council meeting.
2. (d) **Cllr Mrs S Smith, on behalf of all the Councillors, thanked the Sub-Committee members, Cllr Mrs V Bell and Cllr Mrs J House for the tremendous amount of work they have carried out to bring the negotiations so close to a conclusion.**
3. Minute 246 (iii) refers: Insurance of the Village Hall building –An update on progress and recommendations from the Sub committee were received and Cllr J. House gave a detailed clarification of the background to the negotiations and the relevant clauses in the lease. The Sub committee had done its best to reach a fair balance between the quote obtained by the VHMC and the amount quoted by the Parish Council's insurance company.
- 3(a) Village Hall Insurance Premium for the Current Year ending 31st May 2010. **It was resolved that the Insurance Premium for the current year 2009/2010 be charged to the Village Hall at £1,300. Proposed Cllr R Bryan, seconded Cllr J Crow, two abstentions.**

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- 3(b) Village Hall Insurance Premium in future years. **It was resolved unanimously that the VHMC is entitled to take out its own insurance for the Village Hall buildings, but that the Parish Council is entitled to ensure that the proposed insurance is acceptable and that the Youth Club and Tennis Club premises will continue to be covered by the Parish Council insurance policy. Proposed by Cllr M. Dyer, seconded by Cllr J. Crow.**

The Sub committee was again thanked for its efforts in this matter.

- 299. Budget/Precept demand 2010/2011-** Finance Committee – 4th November, 2009 Minute 278 refers. The Committee discussed the budget at length and based on the calculation circulated to all Councillor's, recommended that this Council submits a precept demand of £72,205 for 2010/2011. It was agreed, unanimously, to set the precept at £72,205 for the year 2010/2011. Proposed by Cllr V. Bell, seconded by Cllr G. Willett.

RESOLVED: To demand a precept of £72,205 for the financial year 2010/2011.

- 300. Dispensations from the Monitoring Officer –** A letter from the Monitoring Officer detailing new regulations having been circulated to all Councillors was received and noted. It was suggested that in future, dispensation should be sought in the event of any large scale development planning applications.

- 301. NHS Foundation Trust Consultation –** A consultation document on the proposal for the South Western Ambulance Service to become a Foundation Trust was received and noted. It was unanimously resolved to nominate Cllr R Bryan to review and respond on the Council's behalf. Proposed by Cllr R Dudman, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House

RESOLVED: Cllr Bryan will review the document and respond on behalf of the Council

302. Exchange of information:

1. Next Full Council meeting: 27th January 2010.
2. A proposal for the implementation of a 30mph speed restriction at Folly Farm has been received.
3. Hampshire Waste Core Strategy consultation document was passed to Cllr N Hindmarch.
4. Cllr J Crow reported that the bus shelter at St Leonard's hospital is being used by teenage drug addicts and that taxi drivers are reluctant to drop passengers off at the top of the lane due to their intimidating behaviour. The Chairman requested that Cllr Crow report this to the local police as it is their responsibility to obtain the necessary evidence for future prosecution. Cllr J Crow confirmed he will do so.
5. Cllr R Bryan reported that Matchams Stadium is now under new ownership.
6. Cllr I Maddock reported that a lot of the illegally tipped rubbish at Boundary Lane is painted brickwork that is identifiable to its source.
7. Cllr I Maddock tendered his resignation from the Council due to a job offer abroad. The Chairman of the Council, Cllr Mrs S Smith, expressed the regret of all the Councillors as he would be very sadly missed especially in his role as Chairman of the Planning Committee which he carried out with great attention to detail. All members of the Council and staff wish him well for the future.

9.15pm meeting closed.

Chairman