

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Of the Full Council
Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 24th February 2010 at 7.30pm
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present: Cllr Mrs S Smith, Chairman
Cllr Mrs V Bell Cllr R.C. Dudman Cllr N Hindmarch Cllr Mrs A Warman
Cllr R. Bryan Cllr M Dyer Cllr C Preece Cllr R Warman
Cllr G Willetts

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs Clerk, DCC Cllr P Richardson and 2 members of the public.

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. The content of the report was noted. Cllr Richardson will continue to keep the Parish Council informed in respect of the work on the A338. Thanks were given to Cllr Richardson for providing his written report prior to the meeting which was most useful. Cllr Bryan reported that he understood that the project funding to complete the work on the A338 was still to be approved. It was a concern that so much work had already taken place before the funding was secured.

Open Forum: A resident gave a statement on flyposting and requested the Council's support in bringing the matter and possible risks to the attention of EDDC; DCC and the Police.

402. Declarations of Interest - Cllr Mrs Warman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 4 if any discussion was to take place.

403. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Crow; Cllr Mrs House and Cllr M Packham.

404. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th January 2010, pages 60 to 62, were agreed and adopted as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr R Dudman, seconded by Cllr R Bryan.

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

1. Min. 298 2 (b) Rental agreement for the Parish Office - A copy of the revised rental agreement has been received but further amendment is still required. Noted
2. Minute 346.1 Apology from Chairman of the Youth Club – The Clerk confirmed that a further request for a formal apology has been made but has not been responded to.

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

1. Planning Committee 7th January, 2010 and 28th January 2010 (proposed by Cllr G Willetts, seconded by Cllr R Bryan)
2. Amenities Committee Meeting held on 2nd December, 2009 Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Bell, seconded by Cllr M Dyer.
3. Finance Committee Meeting held on 2nd December 2009. It was noted that the Chairman was shown incorrectly as Cllr Mrs House, this should read Cllr Mrs Bell, a correction will be noted by the Committee and a note put with the Minutes in the Minute Book. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr R Dudman.

The Chairman closed the meeting to hear a statement from a resident concerning Flyposting. The item was then brought forward for the meeting to resume and debate the matter.

407. Flyposting – Members discussed the matter. It was noted that there were various bodies including developers as well as venue organisers carrying out this activity which was diverting the attention of drivers and riders and a safety issue. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to relevant bodies, EDDC, DCC that in light of the recently launched “No Excuse” road safety campaign a concerted and joint effort should be made to enforce the law and remove flyposting and pursue offenders in the interests of road safety. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman. Agreed unanimously. A copy of the letter will be sent to the resident raising the issue. Thanks were given to the Clerk and the resident for their efforts in this respect.

RESOLVED: To write to relevant bodies, EDDC, DCC that in light of the recently launched “No Excuse” road safety campaign a concerted and joint effort should be made to enforce the law and remove flyposting and pursue offenders in the interests of road safety.

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

1. Verwood Local Action Group – next meeting 12th April 2010
2. VHMC Letter to all users re radiator thermostats
3. EDDC Standards Committee Agenda 16.02.10
4. DCC press release on No excuse, road safety campaign
5. Conservation volunteer report, circulated to Members
6. Hurn Parish Council – confirmation that a Hurn Councillor will attend on the 10th March and an invitation to send a representative to their public meeting on 12th April 2010 at 7.30pm
7. DAPTC Chief Executives circular 03/10 circulated to Members
8. DAPTC Newsletter Autumn/Winter 2009/2010 copies circulated to Members
9. Code of Conduct – Monitoring Officer advises that the new Code of Conduct will be delayed until after the General Election.
10. DCC – Budget speech of the Leader of DCC
11. DCC Temporary Closure notices of paths for Sunseeker Ralleye
12. EDDC/DCC list of planned Highway Works
13. Transport TAG – Bus routes review.

409. District Councillors' Update:

Cllr R Dudman reported: New Licensing changes were currently under discussion. Work is continuing in respect of Audit and Overview and Scrutiny.

Cllr Dyer: Stringent efforts were being made to keep the Council tax down. Members have been briefed but this is still currently a work in progress.

Cllr Mrs A Warman: EDDC Planning were looking at the new Golf Club House application for Moors Valley. The new lease agreement required improvements to be made to the club house, but it is subject to Green Belt Policy. Audit is to be combined with Overview and Scrutiny.

EDDC have been criticised by the Auditors for their Affordable Housing Policy but the Hospital site sits with permission for a number of affordable houses with no further action to develop. Cllr Dyer responded, that whilst permission is granted the current economic climate does not encourage development of the site.

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

1. DAPTC – Electronic plans previously mentioned, are now being considered by EDDC who have sent out information and asked for “guinea pigs and critical friends” to help in this. The Clerk has written to EDDC find out more. Agenda item for next month.
2. Homewatch – No meeting.
3. TAG Meetings:

Transport: Next meeting 25th February, Cllr Mrs Smith will attend.

Environment: Cllr Willetts reported on the last meeting attend on 11th February at Furzehill. An informative presentation was given on Dorset Explorer which could prove most useful to the Council. The next meetin is on 11th March and the group have been asked by EDDC to assist them with work on the Natural and Built Environment which will be part of the LDP. The group will be compiling a vision statement for EDDC.

4. PACT: Cllr Mrs Smith attended on 23.02.10. A written report was circulated to Members. Cllr Hindmarch asked if Flyposting could be an issue for PACT. Cllr Mrs Warman explained that another consultation exercise was to commence soon to determine further priorities.
5. Youth Club – Cllr Mrs Bell reported: The AGM was held on 23.02.10. Membership is down, and the separating of the two age groups has not been successful. There are only 8 regular older Members. Some ideas have been put forward including a plan for a family fun day, which will be held on 24th April between 11am and 3pm. This will use the Club and it is hoped to have some sports activities on the field. The Scouts will be doing a free barbeque and it is hoped to rope off part of the car park. £450 is to be allocated from the Youth Club funds for this. Elections for the Management Committee should have taken place as the current Committee has been in post for two years. With the exception of the Treasurer Mr R Warman all the Members resigned, although some of the Committee Members agreed to stay on as Trustees temporarily. The Charity Commission is to be informed that they are currently not quorate. It was noted that the Chairman had resigned and as there was no mention of correspondence on the agenda an apology was unlikely to be forthcoming. Cllr R Warman reported that there was doubt as to the future of the Club due to the problems.

Members discussed the information provided. The outcome of the Family Fun day will be awaited before discussing further.

411. Village Hall Management Committee: Next meeting 25.02.10.

412. Feasibility of purchasing a Parish SID – The recommendation of the Amenities Committee is not to purchase a Parish SID due to concerns over effectiveness and costs. Minute 280 was noted. Cllr Mrs V Bell spoke on the recommendation and explained that the main reasons were, reliance on volunteers, lack of autonomy and effectiveness in relation to outlay. This was discussed. It was agreed with one abstention (Cllr R Bryan), to accept the recommendation of the Amenities Committee. Proposed by Cllr G Willetts, seconded by Cllr R Warman.

RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation of the Amenities Committee not to proceed with the purchase of a SID.

Cllr Mrs Smith will compile an article for circulation in the Homewatch Newsletter and to the Parish Plan Group.

413. Lengthsman Scheme – Cllr R Bryan spoke on the recommendation

i) The recommendation of the Amenities Committee is to proceed with buying in to the Lengthsman Scheme of Ferndown Town Council subject to contract. There will be a review after 1 year.

ii) A draft contract has been circulated to Members, and two minor further amendments suggested by Cllr Bryan in relation to clarifying responsibility of training and materials costs have been made. It was agreed that the recommendation of the Amenities Committee to proceed with buying in to the Lengthsman Scheme of Ferndown Town Council and the amended draft contract be accepted. Proposed by Cllr Willetts, seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell. Agreed unanimously. Thanks were given to Cllr R Bryan and the Clerk for their work in this respect.

RESOLVED: To proceed with buying in to the Lengthsman Scheme of Ferndown Town Council and to accept the amended draft contract.

414. Calendar of meeting dates 2011 – The meeting schedule for 2011 was circulated to Members and agreed. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr C Preece.

RESOLVED: To agree the meeting dates for 2011 as circulated.

415. Standing Orders – New NALC model standing orders are now available. The Clerk will review with Cllr G Willetts, the content and complete in relation to this Council. To be put to a future meeting.

416. Waste and Recycling meeting – It was noted that a meeting is arranged for 14th April 2010, from 3pm for Members to receive information from EDDC Officers. The Parish Plan group will be invited to send a representative. It was noted that this meeting is to receive information on this subject only and for no other issue.

417. Millennium Plaque – Cllr R Bryan will take the plaque for quotations on possible repairs and report. Refer to future meeting once information received.

418. Exchange of information:

1. Next Full Council meeting: 31st March, 2010.
2. Cllr Mrs Smith reported attending the Ferndown Town Council Civic Afternoon, and Dorset Police Choir Concert. Both were excellent.
3. Conservation Volunteer, Mr Kliger will be invited to the next meeting. The meeting will start at 7pm.
4. A338 Public meeting except for Cllr Preece all of the Councillors present indicated that they would be present. Hurn Parish Council are sending a representative and also have a meeting on the 12th April. It was agreed that Cllr R Bryan would attend the Hurn meeting. Press releases have been despatched together with a statement for local radio. Posters are up on sites and on boards. A high attendance is anticipated.
5. Cllr R Bryan reported that Matchams Stadium are in breach of their Enforcement notice, but he has been informed that there is a problem with EDDC being able to enforce the notice.
6. Cllr Mrs Warman has been approached by residents of Paddock Close requesting streetlighting. Could this not be added on to the current scheme underway? The Clerk reported that the current work was already set and could not be increased. A separate request would need to be put to Council.
7. Dog fouling – The Clerk reported posting the official press release on the successful prosecution of the offender at all the Parish sites.

8.55pm meeting closed.

Chairman