

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 24th November, 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 Dudman

Cllr N Hindmarch
Cllr M Dyer

Cllr Mrs J House
Cllr C Preece

Cllr H Tilly
Cllr G Willetts

Present: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk.

Open Forum: none

Report from County Councillor Peter Richardson – Apologies were sent by Councillor Richardson who was attending another meeting. A short email report was read by the Clerk.

299. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Dyer	Personal Personal	Item 12 – Barclays Item 11 – Member of the LDF Steering Committee
Cllr Hindmarch	Personal	Item 12 – Santander
Cllr Preece	Personal & Prejudicial	Item 12 – Will leave the room, in dispute with one of the institutions listed. Potentially prejudicial.

300. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Bryan; Cllr J Crow; Cllr Mrs A Warman and Cllr R Warman.

301. Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 27th October 2010, pages 50-52, were agreed, unanimously as accurate and adopted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House and seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell.

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 27th October 2010, pages 50-52 were adopted.

302. Matters arising from the Minutes:-

1. Min. 256 Horton Road Parking – The situation is ongoing and the Fire Officer is going to visit the area. In the meantime DCC and Police at the times of their visits, have found cars legally parked.
2. Core Strategy Exhibition in the Annexe 2pm-8pm 25th November – Ringmaster message sent out and it is advertised on the Parish website and on noticeboards. Resident groups have also been emailed.
3. Grant application for outdoor gym declined. The Clerk is seeking alternative funding.

303. Approved Minutes of the following Committee Meetings were adopted:-

- i) Meeting of Amenities Committee held on 6th October 2010 pages 44 & 45. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell.
- ii) Meeting of Finance Committee held on 6th October 2010 pages 46 & 47. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Bell, seconded by Cllr M Dyer.

304. Audit Query – Minute 286 – Length of time of meetings – Members noted that standing order 1(z) Limits meetings to 2 hours. The Clerk reported that DAPTC have confirmed that this does not invalidate decisions made after 2 hours but it should be noted that it is good practice to keep meetings concise and within this time limit.

305. Correspondence - The following was noted:-

1. DAPTC Chief Executives Circular 12/10 – circulated by email
2. EDDC invitation to the Budget consultation meeting on 13th December 6pm – Cllr Mrs Bell and Cllr Mrs House to attend.
3. Amphibian and Reptile Conservation – notification that tree work on Lions Hill is about to commence. Notices have been posted on site.
4. Complaint about car sales on Woolsbridge Road/A31 – reported to Police
5. Notification from DCC Footway works St Ives Wood – Work put on hold this year due to economic situation priority to be reassessed over next few years.
6. EDDC agendas
7. Housing Register – to be managed by Christchurch and East Dorset from 6th December

8. Notification of temporary 3 day closure of Wimborne and Christchurch recycling centres
9. Dorset Waste Forum Meeting 20.01.11 10am at the Dorchester Corn Exchange.
Cllr Hindmarch noted.

306. District Councillors' Update:

Cllr R Dudman reported: The EDDC Policy and Resources Committee have been looking at Financing of the Hub. It was noted that all halls were making a loss.

Cllr M Dyer: reported that Mr S Duckett will be the new Head of Public Health and Planning for the joint working partnership. Cllr Dyer had recently attended an Environment Committee meeting, discussing the Core Strategy. It was noted that all green spaces for development need to come from Developers contributions, but it will need the housing market to improve for this to be feasible.

307. Parish Councillors' Reports –

1. **DAPTC** – No meeting
2. **Homewatch** – No meeting
3. **TAG Meetings** – Transport due to a clash with Parish Planning Cllrs Preece and Mrs House were unable to attend. Minutes are awaited from 18.11.10.
Cllr Willetts reported: on the Environment meeting also held on the 18th November. The meeting reviewed the Core strategy with particular focus on Chapter 12. An Ecological Survey report has been commissioned but is not yet available. This is required to assist the Environment Committee in forming an appropriate conclusion on the draft. There will be a further consultation period leading up to Summer 2011 and the ETAG group hope to be able to come to a more informed conclusion for that deadline. Light pollution at the Hospital site has been reported. The floodlighting has allegedly been incorrectly installed and the site can be seen 12 miles away. Cllr Willetts was very impressed that Cllr Richardson, our DCC Councillor attended the whole meeting which was almost 4 hours in length and made a very worthwhile contribution to the debate.
4. **PACT** – The Report from Cllr Mrs House was noted.
5. **Youth Club** – No meeting
6. **Airport Meeting** – Notes had been circulated to Members and thanks have been sent to the Airport. Concern was raised over the lack of representation of this Council on the Independent Airport Authority Committee, particularly as Hurn and West Parley Council had direct representation. The Clerk will write and enquire about the application/election process.

308. Village Hall Management Committee:-

1. The Minutes of the AGM and Committee meeting held on 28th October 2010 were noted.
2. Minute 211.1 – A response has been received from the Chairman of the VHMC. This has been forwarded to the Parish Council Liaison Committee Members and the Clerk, to ascertain whether this is a competent, viable strategic plan as requested. If it is felt that it is the document will be circulated to the full Council, to enable an EGM to be arranged to receive a presentation from the VHMC and for Members to be fully prepared for a full and frank discussion.

309. **Core Strategy Consultation** – Cllr Hindmarch, Chairman of the Parish Planning Committee reported on the last meeting held on 18th November and drew Members attention to Minute 296. After a lengthy discussion the response to the strategy from the Council was resolved as follows:

RESOLVED: To submit the response to the Core Strategy as

We value development constraints in St Leonards and St Ives due to conservation and a lack of sustainable infrastructure, but we regret that an opportunity may have been lost to consider future use of the St Leonards Hospital site for affordable homes.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs House, Seconded by Cllr Mrs Bell. Agreed unanimously, with Cllr Dyer abstaining due to a declared interest.

Settled Community Workshop Questionnaire – The Clerk circulated a master based on the points raised at the Planning Meeting held on 18.11.10. It was resolved, unanimously (Cllr Dyer abstained) to submit the completed draft as circulated. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr Mrs V Bell. Further blank forms are available from the Clerk, if Members want to submit a form independently.

RESOLVED: To submit the completed draft questionnaire as circulated.

310. Reserves – A report with recommendations had been circulated to Members a copy of which appears as Appendix A with these Minutes in the Minute Book. Cllr Bell reported.

After lengthy debate Council agreed (by 6:2 in favour) that due to concern over access to funds, to hold the money with Barclays in an ordinary account rather than investing in a locked in bond.

RESOLVED: Barclays – £25,000 holding will be held in the ordinary current account to be accessed when required. A 12 month bond will not be purchased.

It was noted that the Santander account stands at £49,000 but terms are that the funds can only be accessed once per year without penalty.

After further debate it was agreed that as the funds held with AIB are with AIB (GB) and within the amount guaranteed by the British Government, the Council will reinvest the funds of £29,945 for a further 2 months. Proposed by Cllr H Tilly, seconded by Cllr G Willetts. Cllr Mrs House asked that her vote against the motion was recorded. The rest of the Members agreed.

RESOLVED: To reinvest £29,945 for two months with AIB (GB).

The Clerk will also make enquiries with DAPTC about possible professional financial advisors.

A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Mrs Bell and the Clerk for their work in researching and compiling the report.

It was resolved to exclude the Press and Public and the Clerk to receive a report and recommendations from the Clerk's Committee.

311. See Confidential Minute file.

312. Exchange of information:

1. Next meeting - 7.30pm on 26th January 2011
2. The Clerk reported that the Lengthsman had been taken seriously ill.
3. Cllr Mrs Bell reported that no newsletters had been received in Wayside Road
4. Cllr Dyer reported that the issue of parking in Boundary Lane continues. Cllr Dyer thought it unlikely that the situation will be resolved.
5. Cllr Tilly reported that the SID had arrived in Hurn Lane, but had been sited immediately adjacent to some temporary traffic lights. It was felt that this was a waste of resources.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Chairman