

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting Of the Full Council
Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 27th July 2011 at 7.30pm
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present: Cllr R Bryan, Chairman

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| Cllr R Adkins | Cllr B Goringe | Cllr C House |
| Cllr R Dudman | Cllr N Hindmarch | Cllr Mrs J House |
| Cllr M Dyer | Cllr M Hockley | |

Present: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk.

Open Forum: None.

County Councillor Peter Richardson – A report was circulated to Members. A copy of which appears as Appendix A with these Minutes in the Minute Book. Cllr Richardson reported further:-
Highway Review – Direct line numbers given are not for public circulation. They are only for Members and Officers if not getting anywhere with the Dorset Direct numbers. It was stressed that the Dorset Direct number should be used first for referencing of the enquiry.

Waste – Individual Districts will be able to tailor agreements to particular needs so lobby your District Councillors if you want something changed or retained. The Partnership will put forward 2 weekly collections but we need to tell our District what we want.

Purple Haze – Strong Opposition to the proposals have been made. Copies are available on the web. The Clerk will circulate the links.

Avon Heath – Has received the top nomination for the Queen Elizabeth II challenge.

Questions from Members to Cllr Richardson:-

1. Waste - Cllr Dyer – Waste collections – Fortnightly option is being considered for recycleables, normal rubbish weekly. Cllr Richardson advised that more work on modelling is being done.
2. Purple Haze - Cllr Dudman asked how much of the Purple Haze site is in EDDC. Cllr Richardson advised none but it is still within 400m of SSSI and Verwood. Cllr Bryan reported that his concern was the affect on Dorset Roads. A response to Parish concerns from Mr Chope will be circulated. Cllr Richardson advised Members to concentrate on the Environmental Impact of the proposal. Cllr Hockley asked if any work had been done on flooding as gravel extraction will result in a lot of pumping out and the water has to go somewhere. Cllr Richardson was unaware. Cllr Richardson was thanked for his thorough report and left.

142. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Bryan - personal interest in item 12 (ii) as he assists with training of assistance dogs. Cllr Dudman – VHMC but minutes to note only so will stay.

143. Apologies were received and accepted from: Cllr J Crow; Cllr Mrs A Warman; Cllr R Warman and Cllr G Willetts.

144. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29th June 2011 pages 16-19, were agreed as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr M Dyer.

145. Matters arising from the Minutes:-

1. Min. 92 - Improving Service provision from other bodies – The Clerk reported that the East Ward was arranged. The West and South Wards need more allocation. This will be put to a future meeting to finalise.
2. Min. 93 Security lock information awaited.

146. Approved minutes of the following Committee Meetings were adopted:-

- i) Meeting of Planning Committee held on 9th June, 2011 pages 13-15 and 30th June, 2011 pages 20 & 21. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr C House. Agreed unanimously.
- ii) Amenities meeting 1st June 2011 pages 9 & 10. Proposed by Cllr R Dudman, seconded by Cllr M Dyer. Agreed unanimously.
- iii) Finance meeting 1st June 2011 pages 11 & 12. Proposed by Cllr R Dudman, seconded by Cllr M Dyer. Agreed unanimously.

147. Correspondence was noted:

1. Copy of a letter from a resident complaining of noise from the Tennis Courts on Sunday mornings. The Clerk will acknowledge the letter. It was noted that a representative from the Club had reported to the Clerk that the matter should now be resolved.
2. EDDC agendas – available on Dorset for You. The Clerk will email Members with the link.
3. VHMC complaint concerning lack of parking for VH facilities users.
4. DCC Review of Highways and Transportation Service - copied to Members
5. BP Garage Woolsbridge Roundabout – licensing application. Cllr Dudman will have to withdraw from the Licensing meeting as it is in his Ward.
6. DAPTC Circular 10/11 – emailed to Members

148. District Councillors' Update:

Cllr Dyer reported:- the Site with illegal tipping opposite MOD is now secured and tipping appears to have stopped. Matchams Stadium rubbish issue has been chased this appears to be a multiagency issue which causes problems in getting an acceptance of responsibility. Cllr Dyer will continue to pursue. Cllr Dudman reported– Recently attended Overview and Scrutiny meeting. Cllr Dudman called out to a flooding problem in Woolsbridge Road. Cllr Dyer asked if the flooding prevention work requested on 110 Lions Lane was done. Cllr Dudman has visited the site and seen no sign of flooding so believes that it has.

District Council Members were asked if they could submit a short report before the meetings in future so that the rest of the Council could be better informed beforehand. This was requested to be sent in a short email to the Clerk for circulation.

149. Parish Councillors' Reports -To receive reports from Parish Councillors including:-

1. Homewatch – no meeting
2. TAG Meetings – The Clerk reported that the Housing TAG had now finished but the Transport TAG should be starting up again. ETAG continues.
3. Youth Club – no meeting
4. PACT – no meeting
5. DAPTC Cllr Hindmarch reported – It appears that the Airport Authority are not prepared to give way on Parish representation. Cllr Hockley was asked to assist the Clerk in compiling a factual request.

Cllr Hindmarch suggested a resolution for the DAPTC AGM on 15th November, 2011.

- Fund for illegal encampment costs. Background:- The Government expects Towns, Parishes and Districts to provide sites for the travelling community. It also expects Parishes and Towns to bear the costs of removal when illegal encampments occur. In 2008 the illegal encampment at Horton Road cost this Parish £6,891.11, in legal, clean up and additional security costs. This was discussed. It was agreed to put the following resolution:-

RESOLVED: That this Council asks that DAPTC put forwards a request to Central Government to provide a central fund for smaller Councils to access to assist in the costs incurred to remove an illegal camp and return it to its post encampment condition.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr M Dyer, agreed unanimously. It was noted that the Council must send a representative the AGM is on 15th November 2011.

150. **Research into potential uses for Village Greens** – Members noted the information leaflet from DEFRA on the restrictions applicable to Village Greens. It was noted that both Horton Road Village Green and Braeside Recreation Ground are registered Village Greens and therefore subject to the restrictions and protections within the Inclosure Act of 1857 and the Commons Act of 2006. Deregistration and an exchange of suitable land would be needed to change the use for part or all of these sites. A copy of these leaflets will be placed with the deeds in the secure files. The Clerk will compile an addition to Standing Orders for approval by Council in this respect.

151. **Allotments** – A report from the Subcommittee had been circulated to Members and appears as Appendix B with these Minutes in the Minute Book. The Subcommittee were thanked for their extensive work in this respect. It was regretted that the offer of land had been withdrawn. The Clerk was asked to write to both Mr Mallett at EDDC and DAPTC for clarification on the requirements of the Allotments Act in respect of the duties imposed on the Council, as conflicting information has been received. The Clerk has written to Lord Normington to ask if he has, or knows of, any land in or close to the Parish which may be suitable.

Cllr Mrs House referred Members to Minute 112 and asked Members to take care when making statements as if asbestos had been found after a lease had been agreed it could have been very costly for this Council.

152. Minerals and Waste Consultation

- i) Hampshire – A letter from a resident alleging a lack of action by this Council will be responded to. The Clerk will liaise with the Chairman. A number of Councillors had attended the meeting at Verwood and a representative attended the Winchester consultation meeting.
- ii) Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole revised draft core strategy – Cllr C House was duly appointed to review and report back to Council on the document.

153. Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC):-

- i) Minutes of the meeting held on 16th June 2011 were noted.
- ii) Matter arising from the minutes of 16th June item 4 T&C amendment to exclude dogs from the premises. Members noted that in the lease for the Parish office there is no mention of T&C. The rental document is a separate document and therefore this is not applicable to the Office. Members noted that under the Disability Discrimination Act assistance dogs are required to be allowed access. This was discussed. The Clerk was instructed to seek clarification as to exactly where on the premises dogs are allowed as the minutes mention premises which would include the car park.

154. Request for a seat at Horton Road – A letter requesting that the Council purchase and install a bench at Horton Road Village Green. Letter signed by 14 residents was received and discussed. The Clerk will acknowledge the letter and investigate costs.

155. Parish Newsletter –

- i) Cllr Mrs J House was appointed to assist the Clerk with content; editing; proof reading and final copy.
- ii) Cost of next copy Distribution £195 + VAT. Printing the usual company has disbanded. Quotes have been obtained. A further company was suggested. The Clerk will obtain one more quote. It was agreed to delegate the authorisation of costs to Cllr Mrs House and the Clerk. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr B Goringe. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: Costs and final copy delegated to Clerk and Cllr Mrs J House.

- iii) Articles and ideas for the next edition were requested and should be with the Clerk by the 14th August.

156. Improving access for the Public to the Council – Members discussed trialling a quarterly “meet the public session. This would be for the Chairman or Vice Chairman and or one other Councillor being available to meet with the public privately for the half hour before a full Council meeting. It was agreed to trial a session prior to the September Full Council meeting, advertising on the newsletter and boards.

157. Public involvement in meetings – Cllr Bryan reported. The Clerk has been asked to obtain the notes from the New Chairmans course for circulation to Members. It was noted that it is no longer necessary to keep opening and closing meeting to hear from the Public. After attending the course the Chairman asked that it was noted that the money spent on DAPTC Membership appeared to be well spent but to get maximum benefit full utilisation is needed.

158. Grit Bins

- i) Chairman reported on a meeting with residents of Hurn Road/Avon Park. The section of road is of at least 1:4 gradient onto a blind corner and bend. Approximately 30+ houses are effectively cut off in ice and snow. The residents report that Hurn road is on the gritting route although confirmation is still awaited from DCC.
- ii) A revised grit bin policy was circulated to Members. After further discussion the Clerk was asked to put this back to Amenities for further discussion.

159. Return of Overcharge of Ground Rent – Members agreed to approve the refund of ground rent to Tennis and Bowls Club of £80 per club. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr Mrs J house. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To refund the Bowls and Tennis Club £80 as a result of an overcharge of ground rent over several years.

160. Exchange of information:

1. Next meeting - 7.30pm on 31st August 2011
2. Mr Kliger has regrettably had to withdraw from his volunteer roles for the foreseeable future. Keys to the Community boards will be handed to the Clerk.

3. The Clerk reported thanks to Cllr Hindmarch and the Planning Committee for their professionalism in the handling of the Planning meeting on the 21st July 2011.
4. The Clerk was asked to include West Parley and Three Legged Cross in the invitation to liaise with this Council.
5. Cllr Goringe asked for confirmation of insurance cover following his recent accident whilst litter picking
6. The Clerk informed Members that the Veolia grant application for an outside gym had been declined.
7. Note Clerk will not be in the office on Fridays during August

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman