

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting Of the Full Council
Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 30th November 2011 at 7pm
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present: Cllr Ray Bryan, Chairman

Cllr R Adkins	Cllr M Dyer	Cllr C House	Cllr R Warman
Cllr J Crow	Cllr N Hindmarch	Cllr Mrs J House	Cllr G Willetts
Cllr R Dudman	Cllr M Hockley	Cllr Mrs A Warman	

Present: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk, County Councillor Peter Richardson and four Members of the Public.

Open Forum: Mrs Frecknall, Treasurer of the VHMC gave a short speech and requested that the Council consider deferring approval of the VHMC grant to allow for Members of the Council and the VHMC to discuss in detail the expenditure plans of the VHMC and the accounts. This was noted.

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 gave a short précis of the report circulated.

Cllr R Warman asked if the predicted savings as a result of the new Waste proposal, of £200,000 would be reflected in County or EDDC figures? Cllr Richardson informed the meeting that these were the savings predicted for EDDC and would therefore be reflected in EDDC figures.

Cllr Mrs House asked if the new 240L recycling bins would mean more types of plastic and waste being collected as the public has no control over a lot of surplus packaging. Cllr Richardson: Each District will decide what will happen and what will be collected.

Cllr Bryan: It is important that Manufacturers are educated, as it is costly to produce and dispose of waste.

7.15pm Cllr Richardson was thanked for his report and left the meeting.

350. Declarations of Interest: P&P= Personal and prejudicial Interest

Cllr R Dudman	Item 8	P&P VHMC matters as Trustee. Cllr Dudman will withdraw from the room if the meeting is to proceed to discuss the grant application or Finance of VHMC.
Cllr Mrs A Warman	Item 8	P & P VHMC Chairman and Trustee. Cllr Mrs Warman will withdraw from the room if the meeting is to proceed to discuss the grant application or Finance of VHMC.
Cllr R Warman	Item 8	Personal – Husband of Chairman of VHMC

351. Apologies were received and accepted from: Cllr B Goringe.

352. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th October 2011 pages 57 to 59, including confidential Minutes 303 & 304 dated 26th October 2011, were agreed as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr C House.

353. Matters arising from the Minutes:-

1. Min.300 - Sunseeker Rallye – Points of concern acknowledged and will be taken to MAPM. Noted.

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

- i) Meetings of Planning Committee held on:
 - 13th October 2011 Proposed for adoption by Cllr Mrs J House seconded by Cllr M Hockley. Agreed.
 - 3rd November 2011 Proposed for adoption by Cllr M Hockley, seconded by Cllr J Crow. Agreed.
- ii) Meeting of Amenities Committee held on 5th October 2011. Proposed for adoption by Cllr R Dudman, seconded by Cllr M Dyer. Agreed.
- iii) Meeting of Finance Committee held on 5th October 2011 Proposed for adoption by Cllr R Dudman, seconded by Cllr C House. Agreed.

355. Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC):-

- i) The minutes of the VHMC dated 17th November 2011, Emailed to members were noted
- ii) Grant funding for 2012/2013 – The volume of paperwork supplied by the VHMC and the report from

Cllr C House was discussed. It was agreed that a fact finding meeting excluding the Public, would be held between VHMC representatives and Council Members. No decisions would be made at that meeting, but a clear final report would then be put to the Finance Committee. Cllr C House proposed, seconded by Cllr R Dudman, that the matter is put to the Finance Committee for a recommendation to be made to Full Council in January. This was agreed with the exception of two abstentions (Cllr N Hindmarch and Cllr Mrs A Warman abstained) the remainder in favour.

RESOLVED: That the grant funding request for the VHMC for 2012/2013 is put to a meeting of the Finance Committee to be arranged in January.

The request will be supported by a revised financial report, in a clearer easy to read format compiled at a joint meeting between Members of the Council and the VHMC arranged in December. It was emphasised that no decision would be made at this fact finding meeting.

7.30pm Cllr Willetts arrived.

356. Correspondence:

1. EDDC Agendas
2. Victim Support letter for funding
3. Eneco Windfarm exhibition – details circulated to all Members.
4. Daly International Letter – proposed base station site share at Avon Heath Country Park to share existing site with Vodaphone. & Decommissioning from existing site at Avon Heath near Ashley Heath roundabout.
5. EDDC Notification of Council tax base for 2012/2013 - 3868
6. Letter from Sting in the Tale, asking for contributions to the programme for 2012

357. Gypsy/Traveller site Consultation - posters advertising exhibitions are on all boards, website and additional 7 other locations. Also notified resident groups where known. A supply of response forms is held in the Parish Office. EDDC have advertised in press and EDDC News to all households in area. Noted. It was also noted that this is a consultation document, not an adopted plan.

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

1. Homewatch – no meeting
2. ETAG – Meeting held 29.11.11 Discussed the Gypsy Consultation exercise, this included an excellent presentation from Lynda King. The meeting looked in detail at all the sites nominated and gave an environmental viewpoint. Cllr Richardson was present and it was suggested that Cllr Richardson give his views on the consultation at a future meeting. Special guidance from the Police has been given to the Consultation Planners due to the sensitive nature of the topic. The consultation is very important to enable suitable sites to be found. The meeting also discussed the Green Infrastructure and Interim Heathland Framework, an updated version is due to be put forward. A talk was also given by the Dorset Wildlife Trust about the work currently being undertaken on the River Allen.
3. Youth Club – Cllr Dyer attended the meeting held on 8th November on behalf of both the Parish and EDDC. Cllr Dyer gave a short report. A copy of which appears as appendix B with these Minutes in the Minute Book. Cllr R Warman asked if there would be any problem extending the existing sublet to the Church Youth Group from fortnightly to weekly meetings. No objections were received from the Members.
4. PACT –Meeting 23rd January 2012
5. DAPTC – Cllr Hindmarch reported on the AGM held on 5th November. A briefing paper had been circulated to Members a copy of which appears as Appendix C with these Minutes in the Minute Book. Cllr Hindmarch also spoke on the Parishes resolution proposal which was accepted with one minor change, the removal of the word “smaller”. Cllr Hindmarch reported on a presentation given by David Evans from West Dorset District Council, on the Localism Bill. A key point of this was to emphasise the role of the Parish Council in raising public awareness to promote attendance at any referendum in respect of a Neighbourhood Development Plan. The onus will be on the Parish proving the Green Belt. The Clerk will put this on the next Planning Agenda. The Clerk is trying to arrange for Mr Evans to come and speak at a public meeting.

359. Highspeed Broadband Meeting – Cllr C House reported. A copy of which appears as Appendix D with these Minutes in the Minute Book. Locally some improvements have already been made. The larger authorities were confident that funding would be obtained. If commercial companies can see a decent take up of the service this will result in a profit and then they will pay to lay the optics. Some Parishes will still have problems due to topography, and those Councils seemed satisfied to contribute to assist this.

Cllr Hindmarch referred back to the Government's mandate to improve broadband for the Olympics, yet this is no longer mentioned. Cllr House responded that BT's licence placed no obligations to broadband. Cllr Adkins reported that he had been in contact with BT and there had been 20 taking up the improved service since the new boxes have been installed in the Parish. Basic cost is about £28 per month.

Cllr Mrs Warman reported that the VHMC had just signed up with a different company, this was going to cost £16.49 per month.

360. Parish Website – Cllr Bryan informed Members that this was not being optimised. Members were asked to put forward ideas for improvements which would encourage residents to log in more regularly. This was discussed. Cllr Adkins had been in contact with Bournemouth University to find a student to assist with some of his work. If sourced they could be asked to look into this. Something more interactive would be of more interest. Managing an improved website would also require budgetary provision. It was suggested that an article in the newsletter might assist. The Clerk will also contact Mr Walker who currently administers the site for ideas and suggestions.

361. Consultations:- Cllr Bryan asked for volunteers to report and make recommendations to be scrutinised by two other Members. The deadline dates were noted.

i) Neighbourhood planning regulations: Consultation: Closing date 5th January 2012

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/planningregulationsconsultation>

Cllr Mrs House will review. Cllr Hindmarch and Cllr Willetts to scrutinise.

ii) Community Infrastructure Levy: Detailed proposals and draft regulations for reform – Consultation closing date: 30th December 2011

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/cilreformconsultation> Cllr C

House will review. Cllr Hindmarch and Cllr Willetts to scrutinise

iii) Technical reforms of council tax: Consultation Closing date 29th December 2011

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/technicalreformcounciltax>

Cllr R Bryan will review. Cllr R Warman will review provided allowed sufficient notice time.

362. District Councillors' Update:

Cllr Dyer reported: The other two hot topics are the LDF which is going out to Public Consultation very soon. Very little brown land is available it is inevitable that there will be a small loss of Green Belt. It is a big step forward on previous proposals. You will see once the document is released that it is well planned. On the Gypsy site consultation there is now one site proposed within the Parish and one at Three Legged Cross, I am getting 2-3 calls a day about this. Up to 10th of February anyone can withdraw a site or put in another so could be overrun by events. It is important that the Planning Committee make a representation on the document. Cllr Bryan reported that the Planning Officer Lynda King had offered to come and talk to the Members. This was discussed the Clerk will ask Lynda King for a private Members briefing in January.

Cllr Mrs Warman: The 240L bin referred to in the DCC Waste report will have a small black box inside to prevent mixing waste. Glass needs to be separate. Despite the Nationwide strike waste collections took place today. Cllr Warman attended the Eneco exhibition. There is a cable corridor which could potentially go through the Parish and onto West Moors, if it does it will possibly affect the area between Boundary Lane and the Azalea roundabouts. The latest application for 124 Woolsbridge Road was refused at EDDC. For the last 3 years EDDC have been working on a plan to use the Old Flight Refuelling Depot site at Wimborne, approval was given yesterday which will include 189 affordable homes. Waste – if any elderly people have an issue they need to ring EDDC who have special arrangements which can be made to assist.

Cllr Bryan asked the District Councillors if they had heard whether the Hospital site had been sold? No certain information was known but they will advise if they hear of anything positive.

363. Folly Farm – The Chairman expressed his extreme disappointment that information had been passed to Ringwood before the Parish was able to put forward a response.

i) Letter received from Ringwood Town Council this was circulated to Members and discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk will acknowledge the response from RTC. Cllr R Warman will still contact EDDC to clarify a couple of points on behalf of the Parish.

ii) Cllr R Warman and Cllr G Willetts were nominated to represent the Parish at Monitoring meetings. The Clerk will attend if no one else is available. The Clerk will inform RTC.

364. A31 Mobility Issues – Highways Agency have now informed the Council that they do not have the funding to be able to complete the work to lower the kerbs as previously agreed. The Hospital have come back and provided information and a map, showing ownership of the entrance to the car park which is under the control of the Minister for Health. Members agreed that the Clerk will contact the MP for further help and write to the Minister of Health

365. Bournemouth Airport – Cllr Mrs House and Cllr N Hindmarch reported. A new Parish Forum Group meeting was held on 24.11.11. A very open discussion was had and it was most worthwhile attending. The Airport was very honest in their answers and encouraged the Parishes to contact the Airport if they needed any further information.

Cllr Hockley reported that the meeting was only once a year and asked what was said about the Police Helicopter. Cllr Mrs House asked that this was dealt with as a separate issue at the next meeting.

366. Bournemouth Airport consultative Committee – Letters together with a copy of the Constitution have been received and copied to Members. Members also noted that the Clerk has received a call from the Chairman of the Committee explaining that as per the Constitution the 12 places permitted for Local Authorities are currently filled. The Clerk has explained the concerns to the Chairman who is conducting a review of membership and attendance. If a vacancy arises through the review we will be informed. It was agreed that the Parish will continue to pursue a place. The Clerk will ask if the Committee will report vacancies to enable us to make a formal application. The Clerk will put this on a subsequent agenda.

367. Allotments – A potential site has been offered. Cllr Mrs Warman reported: The land is ideal and located in the Parish. The offer of 2 acres for allotments would be dependant on a further 2 acres being used for development. The location is within the Green Belt. There are some special circumstances so enquiries were made of EDDC, but a special case could not be made. I have since reported this to the resident and await his decision before progressing this further.

368. Exchange of information:

1. Next meeting – 7pm 25th January 2012
2. Cllr Mrs Warman reported that the hedge at Heather Close had been trimmed.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman