

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting Of the Full Council
Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 29th February 2012 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 M Hockley Cllr G Willetts
 Cllr J Crow Cllr B Goringe Cllr Mrs A Warman
 Cllr R Dudman Cllr N Hindmarch Cllr R Warman

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

Open Forum: A resident of Forest Edge Drive spoke on the urgent need for a pedestrian crossing opposite Moors Valley Country Park. A visual count of pedestrians and cyclists on Sunday afternoon had reached 100 people using Forest Edge Drive link from the Castleman Trailway. The resident reported that there was strong support for a crossing, supported by over 32 letters and emails copied to the Clerk. Councillor Richardson had copied accident figures to the Clerk and suggested that if the Parish Council was so minded to support the request they should write to DCC Highways and ask them to give this consideration.

A resident of Peveril Close spoke of his concern in respect of on street parking in the Close. A number of residents had signed a letter requesting yellow lines on both sides of the Close. Yellow lines installed at Forest Edge Close and Webbs Close has resulted in moving the Moors Valley users along to Peveril Close. In addition car sharers also use the Close. The situation is particularly worse at weekends and school holidays, when it was thought that people parked to avoid the car park charge at Moors Valley. The insufficient parking provision for the proposed new development on the corner of Peveril Close will exacerbate the problem. Residents asked that the existing single yellow line on one part of the Close be extended to the whole close on both sides. Cllr Richardson spoke and suggested the way forward was for the Parish Council to write and ask for an urgent assessment of the situation. It was noted that the situation peaks with any event at Moors Valley.

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 Willetts reported speaking to the Ranger concerning the Trailway improvements. With the removal of the central undergrowth bikes, dogs and pedestrians were now mixing which is causing a serious problem. Cllr Willetts asked that at the very least would DCC consider putting up a warning sign asking cyclists to slow down and take care especially when passing pedestrians. The issue is particularly bad on the stretch from the One Stop to Grosvenor Close. Cllr Richardson will remind the Ranger of the request. Cllr Dyer strongly supported the request. Cllr Mrs Warman raised some concern that some entrances onto the Trailway could do with some reinforcement to prevent access for illegal encampments.

479. Declarations of Interest:

Councillor	Declaration	Detail
Cllr Mrs A Warman	Personal and prejudicial item 11.2	Chairman and Trustee of VHMC left the room for the debate
Cllr R Dudman	Personal and prejudicial item 11.2	Trustee of VHMC left the room for the debate
Cllr R Warman	Personal item 11	Husband of Chairman of VHMC

480. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr C House and Cllr Mrs J House.

481. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th January 2012 pages 84 to 87, were agreed as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr J Crow, seconded by Cllr R Dudman

482. Matters arising from the Minutes:-

1. Min. . 455. Gypsy and Traveller site consultation Document –The Clerk confirmed submission of comments which due to time constraints was sent guaranteed next day delivery.

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

- i) Meeting of Planning Committee held on 12th January 2012 (P.82 & 83), proposed Cllr M Hockley, seconded by Cllr B Goringe, and 2nd February 2012 (P.88 & 89) proposed by Cllr R Adkins, seconded by Cllr B Goringe. Agreed unanimously.

484. Correspondence noted:

1. EDDC Agendas
2. Notification of temporary closure of Brook Road Recycling Centre 12-18 March for road entrance repair.
3. DAPTC Newsletter Winter 2011/2012
4. DAPTC Chief Exec Circ 2/12 – emailed to Members
5. Email from a resident reporting dangerous parking at Pineholt Close during school run. Email forwarded to the Police. Police will be asking Head to include article in newsletter home and have previously requested yellow lines. Police responding direct to resident.
6. DCC – Temporary Traffic Regulation Order – B3081 Station Rd, Home /Farm to Ebblake Bridge road to be closed for 10 days from 16.04.12 – 27.04.12 for major maintenance work.
7. DAPTC email 17.02.12 – Call for evidence on Highest Planned Precept increases circulated by email
8. DCC Budget speech of Leader of Council – circulated by email
9. New Forest CAB – fuel Costs report emailed to all on 2.2.12
10. Mobile library timetable
11. DCC Superfast Broadband update letter – copies available on request
12. Surviving Winter information

485. Request for pelican crossing opposite Moors Valley Country Park – Members discussed the request. Improvements to the Trailway and the extensions to the park have increased usage. Users report speeding vehicles close to the entrance. Cllr Goringe asked if speed checks had been carried out.

The Chairman briefly closed the meeting to ask for information from the Police Officer present. He confirmed that he would investigate to see if the Road Safety Team had done any checks and ask PC Tester if more checks could be done at the point of the bend.

The meeting then reopened for further debate. Cllr Mrs A Warman proposed that the Parish Council submits a letter supporting the request and asks DCC to look into installing a crossing at this point. Seconded by Cllr R Dudman, agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council submits a letter supporting the request and asks DCC to look into installing a crossing at this point.

486. Parking Issues in Peveril Close – A letter from residents requesting support for their request to extend the existing single yellow line to the whole close was noted. This was discussed. It was agreed that the Council would support the request to extend the yellow lines and write to DCC Highways to investigate. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: That the Council writes to DCC Highways to pursue the extensions of the yellow lines at Peveril Close.

Members of the public present were asked to keep a log of when the situation was occurring. Cllr Dyer stated that his proposal was purposely left open so that DCC could investigate and provide a best option.

487. Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC):-

- i) Minutes of the VHMC meetings held on 19th January and 16th February 2012, had been emailed to Members and were noted.

7.45pm Cllr Mrs A Warman and Cllr R Dudman left the meeting for the next item.

- ii) Members received a Recommendation from the Finance Committee for the grant for the VHMC for 2012/2013:-
“Finance Committee 11.01.12 Recommend to full Council the following grant for the VHMC for 2012/2013

RESOLVED: To Recommend to full Council to award a grant of £10,000 for the financial year 2012/2013, payable in two instalments £6,000 in the first ½ and £4,000 in the second half of the financial year to the Village Hall Management Committee.

The Council also asked that the VHMC give due consideration to putting as much as possible of the sum into reserves."

Members agreed to accept and adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee as presented. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr R Warman. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept and adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee Minute 411 (ii) dated 11th January, 2012, as presented.

488. Recommendation from the Amenities Committee - Min. 378. Bench for Horton Road –

Min. 444 Members considered the recommendation. Cllr Mrs Warman expressed her concern over the proposal as the ground was always very wet at this site. Cllr Mrs Warman suggested that a more appropriate site was at the bus stop. This was discussed. It was agreed that the decision of the final site would be delegated to Cllr M Dyer and Cllr Mrs A Warman. It was agreed to adopt the recommendation on this basis. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr M Hockley. (Cllr Mrs A Warman against the proposal, rest in favour)

RESOLVED: That the Community grant to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee is used to purchase a bench for Horton Road, with a commemorative plaque. The final location is to be delegated to Cllr M Dyer and Cllr Mrs A Warman.

489. New Code of Conduct Complaints Regime – Members discussed the report. It was agreed that Mr Mallett would be invited to attend a future meeting to speak on the report and answer questions.

490. Car Parking Issues at the Braeside Road Site: Cllr R Warman reported that this was a difficult issue to resolve the purpose of this item tonight was to agree a programme of reporting. All Members were asked for any comments, observations they have to submit them by 15th March in order that the Subcommittee could investigate and put together a report to Council in April with a final report in May. Full Council June would then make a final decision.

491. Parish Councillors' Reports -

1. Homewatch – No meeting
2. ETAG –No meeting
3. Youth Club –no meeting. Cllr R Warman reported that the boilers, fire alarm and air conditioning had all been serviced recently.
4. PACT – Cllr Bryan reported that PACT had recently undertaken a review.
5. DAPTC – Cllr Hindmarch & Cllr Dyer to reported: The last Eastern Area meeting was held on 31st January in the Annexe at the Village Hall. There was some focus on the route for the Olympic torch.
6. Parish Plan – Cllr Bryan reported: It was Cllr Bryan's opinion that clear direction should be given to the group so that more can be achieved. Cllr Bryan will discuss this with Cllr Mrs J House.

492. Grants for 2012/2013 for Citizens Advice Bureaux's – Members received a written request from Cllr Hindmarch to discuss the grants to the CAB's planned for 2012/2013. Cllr Hindmarch is very concerned about the planned reduction in grants as detailed in the precept budget plan circulated at the January full Council meeting and requests that the Finance Committee is asked to review the CAB grants. Members discussed the request. Cllr Willetts supported the request for a review. It was noted that procedures for considering grants were in place with delegated powers.

It was agreed that in future the Clerk will email Committee agendas to all Members of the Council whether a Committee Member or not. Members will also be copied any additional background papers if a specific request is made for them. It was also agreed that the Finance Committee will review the CAB grants once the 6 month rule has applied. The Clerk suggested that the appropriate time for a review of Terms of Reference would be at the start of the new Council year.

493. District Councillors' Update:

Cllr M Dyer reported: Members may have seen a recent newspaper report on a recent planning application being refused by the Government due to the impact on Heathland. A similar situation of close proximity to heathland would seem to apply to land at the Grange.

Cllr Mrs A Warman reported: There is a Policy and Resources meeting to be held at the Village on 5th March, Members will be asked to consider if the Draft Core Strategy document is ready for submission. There has been some comment from other Parishes who appear to be under the impression that housing suggested in the document is agreed. It is not agreed, the document is up for consultation. There has been criticism of the choice of venue but the selection was based on it being a joint meeting with Christchurch Borough Council. Cllr Mrs Warman is also on the Boundary Review Committee. Cllr Mrs Warman reported complaining about the lack of litter picking on the A31 and Matchams Lane action is being taken. Cllr Dyer reported that the litter in Matchams Lane is just before the Ski Centre.

Cllr Willetts raised the issue of the amount of litter following the recent Sunseeker Rallye, clearance has been patchy particularly on the way up to Moors Valley visitor Centre. Cllr Mrs Warman will raise this at EDDC.

Cllr Dudman reported: EDDC have been discussing the detail of the Draft Core Strategy. It was noted that as part of the consultation development may be proposed, anyone can put forward land and it will be investigated, nothing can be ruled out.

494. A31 Mobility Issues –

- i) Homes and Communities Agency have responded and will be taking action to resolve the kerb problem under their authority. They raise another issue which will need further investigation. they are liaising and locating a contact on our behalf. Noted
- ii) Nothing more has been heard in respect of Highways responsibilities. The Clerk was instructed to write and hold them totally responsible if a fatal accident occurs as a result.

495. Meeting date changes – Members discussed the changes which would avoid incurring the additional expense of holiday cover. It was agreed that the dates would be changed as suggested. Proposed by Cllr A Warman, seconded by Cllr M Dyer.

RESOLVED: To accept the changed meeting dates as presented.

496. It was RESOLVED to exclude Press and public. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman. Agreed unanimously.

Reason for exclusion: to discuss the Police Helicopter and the manner in which information was being obtained which could potentially bring the Council into disrepute – Members received information.

See Confidential minute 496.

497. Exchange of information: Next meeting – 28th March 2012

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Chairman