

**ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Of the Full Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 7.05pm**  
**in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards**

**Members Present:** Cllr R Bryan, Chairman  
 Cllr R Adkins                      Cllr B Goringe                      Cllr M Hockley                      Cllr G Willetts  
 Cllr M Dyer                      Cllr N Hindmarch                      Cllr Mrs A Warman

**Present:** Mrs A Jacobs Clerk and one Member of the Public, County Councillor P Richardson and Mr Alan Ball Youth Leader for the Area.

**Open Forum:** The meeting closed to hear from a Member of the Public. The resident refused to give his name and exact address. The Council was asked who is responsible for verges in the area, if not the Parish Council can the Parish take it over? How is the Lengthman employed?

Cllr Mrs Warman responded that the verges were the responsibility of Dorset County Council but the cutting is contracted out to EDDC. The Chairman explained that the Lengthman is employed for one morning a week only. Cutbacks had also been made in staffing.

Cllr P Richardson responded that there had been a reduction in frequency of cuts, which combined with the exceptional weather has caused a growth spurt which has not helped. In addition the mowers were not designed to cut in such wet weather.

**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 that Mark Adams will be coming out to look at some of the issues with the new bus service.

Cllr Mrs Warman reported that she had met with Wilts and Dorset last week, there has been a much greater usage of the service than anticipated which has resulted in the timetable being thrown out. The Company is looking at the issues raised but things do need to settle.

7.20pm Cllr Hockley arrived.

Cllr R Bryan asked for an update on the A338 as over £1m had been spent to date, and if nothing more was to happen then could some of the preparation materials be removed. Cllr Richardson is waiting to hear the result of a meeting with the Minister in London and will report back. Cllr Richardson then left the meeting.

7.22pm Cllr G Willetts arrived.

The meeting was then opened by the Chairman.

**58. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Mrs Warman reported an interest in VHMC but the minutes are only to be noted. Cllr Hindmarch declared that he was a Member of the Ex-Services Club.

**59. Apologies** were received and accepted from - Cllr J Crow; Cllr R Dudman; Cllr C House; Cllr Mrs J House and Cllr R Warman

**60. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2012** pages 1-3 including confidential minutes 21 (i) & (ii) were agreed as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman.

**RESOLVED: The Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2012, pages 1-3 including confidential minutes 21 (i) & (ii) were adopted.**

**61. Matters arising from the Minutes – None**

Min.587 - Request for footway on Hurn Road – Acknowledged by DCC Assessment of requests for new schemes will commence in Autumn results to be advised early in 2013. Noted. Cllr Dyer asked the Clerk to ensure that the resident who had originated the request was informed.

Min. 589 - Response from Police for support in request for yellow lines corner of Woolsbridge Road and Ringwood Service Road. Police are unable to support such requests.

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

- i) Meeting of Amenities Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012 were adopted. Proposed by Cllr M Hockley, seconded by Cllr M Dyer.
- ii) Meeting of Finance Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012 proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr B Goringe.
- iii) Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012 proposed by Cllr R Adkins and seconded by Cllr M Hockley.

**63. The following correspondence was noted:-**

1. EDDC Agendas
2. Letter from the School concerned about safety as the bus times clash with dropping and picking up times.
3. Solicitors letter re: Hogweed Incident – After receiving no response to a number of telephone messages the Clerk has written to the Solicitor requesting further information and querying whether they have the correct geographical location of the incident. This has been acknowledged.

**64. Adoption of new Code of Conduct following Localism Act 2011** – Members received further training from Keith Mallett, Monitoring Officer, immediately prior to this meeting, Members considered the new Code of Conduct pursuant to section 27 of the Localism Act 2011. Members took into account the recommendations from the Monitoring Officer and DAPTC to adopt the Code with Appendix A only. This would be reviewed after 12 months. It was agreed, unanimously, to adopt the Code and Appendix A. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr M Hockley.

**RESOLVED: The new Code of Conduct pursuant to section 27 of the Localism Act 2011 including appendix A was duly adopted.**

Members were reminded that new Register of Interest forms will be required within 28 days. These have been circulated by the Clerk. The Clerk will amend and circulate the revised Code document excluding reference to appendix B.

**65. Review of Meeting frequency of the Council and Committees:-**

- i) Members to considered the recommendations from the working party. See appendix # with these Minutes in the Minute Book. It was noted that the report did not mention any drawbacks to the new proposals. Concern was raised about the resultant length of meetings with the proposal. Good preparation with detailed reports are needed to facilitate meetings. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed, unanimously, that Amenities and Finance meetings would for a 6 month trial period, meet bi monthly. Proposed by Cllr B Goringe, seconded by Cllr G Willetts.

**RESOLVED: Amenities and Finance meetings would for a 6 month trial period, meet bi monthly.**

- ii) Working Parties and Sub Committee groups are requested to keep the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Full Council informed by email as to when and where meetings are taking place. Noted.

**66. Grant to the Ex-Services Club towards costs for a Memorial Garden** - Members received a recommendation from the Finance Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> June to award a grant to the Ex-Services Club towards costs for a Memorial Garden for the Parish. This was discussed. The recommendation was accepted and agreed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr R Adkins. Carried 5:1 with 2 abstentions.

**RESOLVED To award a grant of £250 to the Ex Services Club towards the Memorial Garden project, subject to the following conditions:-**

- Written confirmation is received from the Planning Authority that planning permission is not required
- A copy of the quotation for the Memorial stone is provided
- Payment will be made on completion of the work

**67. Making Byelaws** - The Clerk has emailed Keith Mallett for advice and has been referred to Sean Whitney. A response is awaited.

**68. Village Hall Management Committee:-** The minutes of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012 were noted.

**69. Council Reserves** – Members agreed to open a savings account with HSBC. The authorised signatories will be the same as the other Reserve accounts. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr M Hockley. Carried 4:1 rest abstaining.

Cllr Willetts asked that the Finance Committee review the level of the reserves at their next meeting.

**RESOLVED: To open an account with HSBC Bank, authorised signatories will be Cllr R Bryan, Cllr M Dyer, Cllr R Warman and Cllr Mrs J House.**

**70. District Councillors' Update -**

Cllr Mrs Warman reported: New Licensing laws are now in operation. The Boundary Review Committee have accepted the EDDC Task Forces suggestion as regards the number of Councillors needed. It will now go out to consultation. A new Gypsy Transit camp will open at Hinton Martell on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

Cllr Dyer reported: There are 22 applications referred to the EDDC Planning Committee next week and it will be difficult to deal with them all on one day. Part of the problem is the number referred by Ward Members. Cllr Dyer was disappointed that Avon Heath still have a stick and flick policy on the Heathland areas.

**71. Parish Councillors' Reports –**

1. DAPTC – next meeting 24<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Dyer will not be able to make the meeting or the subsequent meeting due to other Council business. It was agreed that Cllr Hindmarch could co-opt another Member in need.
2. Homewatch –Nothing to report. Cllr Dudman was absent, attending an EDDC meeting tonight.
3. ETAG – No meeting but they have just submitted a formal response to the Core Strategy. Several issues have not been supported by ETAG.
4. Youth Club – Mr Alan Ball read a statement from Mr S Moody, Chairman.  
The meeting closed to hear from Mr Alan Ball the new Youth Leader for the area.
5. PACT – Cllr Bryan attended meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012. It appears that the dogging issue has moved from Wattons Lane to the Golf driving range.
6. Car Park Working Party
  - i) Progress report - deferred to next meeting as Cllr R Warman was held on other business and needed to report.
  - ii) Letter from Bowling Club complaining about the inequity in parking restrictions at the hall copied to working party. An email to hall users has also been sent asking them to note the correct parking area. Cllr Mrs Warman has also spoken to Mr Brooks the Bowls Secretary to explain the issues arising.

**72. General Power of Competence Localism Act 2011, sections 1-8 –** See Clerks report and notes. Due to a number of Members being absent it was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

**73. Members excluded the Press and Public** (under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960) – To discuss the following items:-  
Allotments – update from Cllr Mrs A Warman see report. See confidential Minute 73 in the Confidential Minute File

**74. Exchange of information:**

1. Next meeting - 7.00pm on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2012
2. Cllr Willetts that he had just become a member of the Cancer Advocacy Project. He will bring in information for Members.
3. Cllr Mrs Warman had taken the complaint concerning Antisocial Behaviour at Wattons Lane to the Chief Constable
4. Cllr Hockley reported that on the 13<sup>th</sup> June a ditch at the rear of his property had been deliberately blocked. He had reported this to various bodies and was monitoring it daily.

**The meeting closed at 9pm**

**Chairman**