

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting Of the Full Council
Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 8th August 2012 at 7.00pm
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present: Cllr R Bryan, Chairman
 Cllr R Adkins Cllr M Dyer Cllr M Hockley Cllr Mrs A Warman
 Cllr J Crow Cllr B Goringe Cllr C House Cllr R Warman
 Cllr R Dudman Cllr N Hindmarch Cllr Mrs J House Cllr G Willetts

Present: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk, two one Members of the Public and County Councillor P Richardson.

Open Forum: The meeting closed to hear from a Member of the Public, resident of Braeside Mews. The resident had handed in a letter with photographs to complain about the excessive amount of parking in Braeside Road caused by the users of the Village Hall site. The Council was asked what was going to be done to resolve the problem. The Chairman responded that the Council was currently looking into the problem but that it was not easy to solve.

Cllr Mrs Warman read out an email from one of the regular hirers also complaining about parking problems

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 Hindmarch asked if Cllr Richardson had any dealings with the County project concerning the sponsoring of roundabouts? Cllr Richardson was not but had heard that it was affecting a lot of people.

Cllr Dudman asked if any further information was available concerning the request for a crossing outside Moors Valley? Cllr Richardson informed the Members that no more work on this request can be done until a traffic count is done. There is currently a waiting list for this but Cllr Richardson is pressing Officers to carry this out as soon as possible.

Cllr Mrs Warman reported that she had heard that there is no money for the bus stop lineage at the Ringwood Service Road/Woolsbridge Road junction. She has heard from other Officers that this is untrue, Cllr Richardson was asked to try and speed up the request.

Cllr R Bryan highlighted the recent work on the Boundary Lane/A31 roundabout. There were still ruts on the Boundary Lane entry point. Cllr Richardson will ask for remedial action.

The meeting was then opened by the Chairman.

95. Declarations of non-declared pecuniary Interest: None

96. Apologies – None all present

97. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th June 2012 pages 11-13 including confidential minute 73 were agreed unanimously, and adopted. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr R Dudman.

98. Matters arising from the Minutes –

1. Min. 65 (i) Cllr C House queried why the meeting for 22nd August had been cancelled as the Council had agreed to meet bimonthly and an email sent today indicated that other meetings may be cancelled. The Clerk reported that there had been very little to warrant a separate meeting, mainly due to her holiday. All the regular grant recipients had been contacted and asked to have their requests in for 25th September.
2. Cllr Dyer pointed out that at the last planning meeting old style declarations were still being made. It is only now necessary to declare pecuniary interests.

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

- i) Meeting of Planning Committee held on 28th June pages 14 & 15. Proposed by Cllr B Goringe, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman Agreed unanimously.

100. The following correspondence was noted:-

1. EDDC Agendas
2. Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset Minerals Development framework – Pre-submission Draft Minerals Core Strategy Consultation ends 28th September – Members to appoint a Member to review the document and report back.
3. Email from resident complaining about hedging outside the school
4. Email from resident complaining about new waste collection service – acknowledged
5. Dorset Opportunities Programme launch 16.08.12
6. Email from L Cass – notification of launch of online ordering of garden waste collection service
7. DAPTC CE Circular 6/12
8. St Leonards & ST Ives Ex-Services Club – letter of thanks and photocopy of letter from EDDC Planning Dept confirming that Planning Permission is not required for Memorial Garden project. Weather has delayed work.
9. New Forest DC letter Local Plan Pt 2 submitted to Secretary of State
10. The Clerk reported receiving a letter from Ringwood Town Council requesting our support in their request for a full safety review of this section of the A31. The letter had been received too late for this meeting. This will go on the next full Council agenda. The Clerk will request the document electronically so that it can be despatched to all Members in colour. A working party to discuss the document and formulate a response for approval at the next meeting was established. The working party will consist of Cllr Willetts, Cllr C House and Cllr M Dyer.
11. A letter signed by residents of Braeside Mews complaining about excessive parking in Braeside Road was received.

101. Using the General Power of Competence Localism Act 2011, sections 1-8 – The Clerk's report was noted. This was discussed it was agreed to defer the issue indefinitely as the power is new and further changes in Local Government are still taking place. Members agreed to wait and see how the Power of Competence was used in other Parishes before proceeding. The Clerk will keep this as a revolving item on each Full Council agenda so that it can continue to be reviewed and reconsidered in need.

102. Review of CAB Grant Provision set in the budget for 2012/2013 – Cllr N Hindmarch asked that the provision was reconsidered. The matter had been deferred due to the 6 month rule. The report was discussed at length. Taking into account the current economic climate it was agreed that the budgetary provision for each branch would be increased to £440 for the 12/13 financial year. Members were reminded that if not on the Finance Committee they are still able to come along to the meetings as a Member of the Public and speak. Proposed by Cllr R Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House. Agreed with 3 abstentions. Cllr Hindmarch thanked the Council for giving this further consideration.

RESOLVED: that the budgetary provision for both CAB branches would be increased to £440 for the 12/13 financial year.

103. Electoral Review – Update from Boundary Commission – This was copied to Members and discussed. Members were concerned about the lack of consultation time and that no evidence appears to have been presented. Cllr Mrs Warman reported that the task force is now going to call in the District Councillors from each Parish to get their views on the proposals. When further details are known a further consultation will take place.

104. Making Byelaws - An email from Sean Whitney had been copied to Members and was discussed. The Clerk will respond to Mr Whitney and ask what action he can take on offenders, and what the time delay will be before taking action. The Clerk cautioned Members on the potential legal costs should a byelaw be made and challenged. Declarations of managing the enforcement have to be made and the detail must be very specific. This was noted. The Clerk will continue to explore the possibility of a Parish Byelaw. A newsletter article will be done relating to safety, antisocial behaviour and requesting co-operation in not lighting fires in daylight hours.

105. Village Hall Management Committee:- The minutes of 21st June and 26th July 2012 were noted.

106. Council Reserves – Members noted that under the delegated authority of Cllr R Warman, and Cllr R Bryan the AIB funds had been reinvested for a further 3 months this was done to ensure a better rate.

107. District Councillors' Update -

Cllr Mrs Warman reported: A seminar at Christchurch has been held to review the changes in calculating Council tax. Boundary Commission is ongoing as already reported.

Cllr R Dudman – Audit and Scrutiny have had a number of meetings with Christchurch and North Dorset.

Cllr Dyer reported: The new recycling scheme through DWP has been an issue I have finally had verbal confirmation that Wayside Road, Boundary Road and Foxbury will get the new service, a letter of confirmation is awaited.

108. Parish Councillors' Reports –

1. DAPTC – Cllr Hindmarch reported on the meeting held on the 24th July. An interesting talk by a DCC Officer in respect of the new roundabout sponsoring was given. The income should cover most of the maintenance of roundabouts in the County. There had been a good take up so far. The meeting also highlighted that the elections for the new Police Commissioner would take place on 15th November. The Public will be asked to vote.
2. Homewatch – No meeting.
3. ETAG – No meeting
4. Youth Club – A meeting has been held. Alison Smith has just joined the Youth Club.
5. PACT – No meeting
6. Car Park Working Party – Cllr R Warman reported: A detailed report was circulated to Members. Rough costs have been sought. More detailed figures will be needed but to do so will require a detailed specification. This was discussed. The Council thanked Cllr Warman for his considerable time and efforts in this respect. Members were concerned about the estimate of cost compared to number of spaces provided. Members were concerned about the possible reaction to such expenditure by the Parish. Cllr Mrs Warman highlighted that all the Clubs on the site have grown and the hall gets 20,000 visits a year minimum. The Council has permitted the growth of buildings and use without providing additional parking provision. The Clerk highlighted that before proceeding with high cost projects public support should be gauged and in addition the formal tendering process should be followed in line with adopted financial regulations.

The Subcommittee were requested to discuss the project further and to formulate the lowest specification giving consideration to items which have to be done whether the project proceeds or not. The Subcommittee will also discuss how to present this project to the public.

8.50pm Cllr Crow left the meeting.

- 109. Roundabout naming and sponsorship –** Members discussed whether the Parish name is to be added on sponsorship signs when new signs next erected. There was concern that this would lead to complaints concerning poor maintenance into the Parish Office. The only roundabout this applies to is the Ashley Heath roundabout which has no central area it was therefore not relevant to this Parish.

- 110. Parish Newsletter –** Next newsletter will be due out in September. Members delegated Cllr Mrs J House and Cllr Mrs A Warman approve final copy. The cost of £400 was approved Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr M Hockley. Items so far include Overhanging Vegetation; Reporting Road defects on line; Recycling changes and future bag sales, Boundary Review; Bonfires; new recycling system; VH open day car parking project.

RESOLVED: To approve the cost of £400 for printing and distributing the next Parish Newsletter.

- 111. Clerks Committee –** Members reviewed the Terms of Reference of the Committee. It was agreed that due to Cllr G Willetts skills and knowledge in relation to employment he should be appointed to the Committee and the maximum number altered to 7. The minimum quorum will be 4. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr C House.

RESOLVED: To increase the maximum number of the Committee to 7 Members to include Cllr G Willetts and that the quorum will be 4 Members.

The Committee was directed to meet and report back to the next meeting.

112. Exchange of information:

1. Next meeting – Full Council 7.00pm 29th August 2012
2. Cllr Hindmarch reported that the Planning Committee had had an open and frank discussion about how the meetings were managed and the time taken. It had been agreed to continue with the current style and format.
3. Cllr Mrs Warman asked if the Lengthman could cut back the nettles overhanging the pavement at Lions Hill access.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm