

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 28th November 2012 at 7.00pm
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present: Cllr R Bryan, Chairman

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

In attendance: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk, County Councillor P Richardson and one Member of the Public.

272. Declarations of non-declared Pecuniary Interests: None

273. Apologies – Cllr R Adkins and Cllr B Goringe

274. Public Speaking: None

275. County Councillor Peter Richardson: A copy of Cllr Richardson's report had been circulated to Members. Questions were put by the Members:-

1. Moors Valley Crossing survey – Cllr R Warman asked what time the survey was carried out as he was surprised by the volume of traffic not meeting the criteria. Cllr Richardson will monitor.

7.07pm Cllr G Willetts arrived.

2. Cllr Bryan thanked Cllr Richardson for his help during the recent flooding which resulted in Matchams being cut off. The DCC Strategic Team will be investigating to see if any additional measures which assist.
3. The Clerk reported that the grit bins ordered for Matchams had gone missing more were on order and some temporary bins will arrive by Saturday as a short term measure.

Cllr Richardson was thanked for his report.

276. Grants of Dispensation:

The Clerk reported receiving requests for dispensation from Section 31 (4) of the Localism Act 2011 for the following Councillors: Cllr A Adkins; Cllr J Crow; Cllr R Dudman; Cllr M Dyer; Cllr N Hindmarch; Cllr M Hockley; Cllr C House; Cllr Mrs J House; Cllr Mrs A Warman Cllr R Warman and Cllr G Willetts.

In order for the Members to participate in the Precept discussions and decisions relating to the budget and precept for this and subsequent meetings involving those matters until May 2015. The Clerk recommended these for approval to the Members. Without the Dispensation the number of persons prohibited by section 31(4) of the Act from participating in any particular business would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr R Warman. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: that the Dispensations be granted to all Members present to participate in the budget and Precept discussion until May 2015.

Cllr Goringe will be submitting a request on his return.

277. Approving Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 31st October 2012:-

Members noted the guidance within Charles Arnold Baker (page 67 item 7.34)

"Minutes of proceedings of a council and of its committees must be kept. They are intended to be formal record of official acts and decisions, not reports, still less verbatim reports, of the speeches made by councillors. Minutes should, therefore, be as short as is consistent with clarity and accuracy, and the arguments used in the discussion need be recorded only if the decision cannot be clearly expressed in any other way. Short simple minutes are less likely to be defamatory than long reports."

After being passed a note, Cllr Bryan asked whether anybody was recording the meeting. Cllr Hockley responded that his item was a stop watch.

The Chairman then asked the meeting to confirm the accuracy and adopt the Minutes of the 31st October 2012. Cllr Hockley passed the Clerk a note for inclusion in the Minutes and challenged the minutes as not reflecting the full events of the previous meeting. Cllr Hockley proposed that the note was included and the minutes amended. This was discussed. Cllr R Warman stated that every Member has the right to challenge the accuracy of the minutes and ask that their view to be registered but that these views must be expressed in a timely, polite and courteous manner. Cllr R Warman suggested that Cllr Hockley's notes could be attached to the minutes as a record of his version of the meeting. Cllr Hockley had emailed some of the Members prior to the meeting with his amendment he had excluded Cllrs Dyer, Bryan, Hindmarch and the Clerk. The motion was not seconded and therefore failed. Cllr M Dyer proposed that the Minutes as circulated were an accurate record, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman. The Minutes were approved by 9:1, Cllr J Crow abstained as he was not present at the previous meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 31st October 2012 pages 42-44 including Confidential Minute 229 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.

The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Hockley's statement made on 31st October 2012 had been attached to the Minutes as he had requested at the time. Noted.

7.17pm Cllr M Hockley left the meeting.

278. Matters arising from the Minutes:

1. Min. 219 - Scouts – Cllr Mrs House and Cllr Mrs A Warman will arrange to meet with the Scouts.

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

- i) Meeting of Planning Committee held on 11th October 2012 proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr C House, agreed unanimously. Minutes of 1st November (p45 & p46) proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman, agreed unanimously.
- ii) Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 3rd October 2012 (p35 & 36) proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr R Dudman, agreed unanimously.
- iii) Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 3rd October 2012 (p37 & 38) proposed by Cllr R Dudman, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman, agreed unanimously.

280. The following correspondence was noted:-

1. EDDC Agendas
2. Copy of letter from resident to Mr Chope MP raising concerns about relocation of Police helicopter to Hurn.
3. Hampshire Minerals and Waste – 'Guidance on the Managed Aggregate Supply System' 30 October to 17 December – emailed to Members.
4. Meeting of Folly Farm Friends – emailed to Members.
5. Ringwood Civic Service 16th December, 2012 in the Chairman's absence Cllr R Warman will attend.

281. Boundary Review of East Dorset District Council Area– Closing date 3rd December – Members discussed the review and recognised that to correct the imbalance and conform to the required electoral numbers this may result in including Three Legged Cross with St Leonards & St Ives.

Members agreed that three separate Wards would provide greater accountability; responsibility and more efficient working practice. The Electorate will be able to identify with a specific Councillor and know who to go to. The Parish is currently separately warded and this works well. The boundaries suggested by EDDC appeared to be numbers based and Members felt that there should be clearer, cleaner natural boundaries. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Mrs J House and compile a response based on these points. The draft will be sent out to all Members tomorrow morning, any amendments need to be with the Clerk by first thing Friday morning to ensure that the response can be submitted by the deadline. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr J Crow. Agreed by 9 votes and Cllr Mrs A Warman abstaining.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Mrs J House and compile a response based on these points and requesting three separate Wards.

282. Village Hall Management Committee:- Minutes of the 15th November meeting were noted.

283. Precept Setting and Budgetary Provision for 13/14 –

- i) VHMC Grant for Core Funding for 2013/2014 Finance Committee Minute 261 refers:
RESOLVED: To recommend to full Council that a grant of £10,000 is given to VHMC for 13/14.

This was discussed. Cllr C House informed the meeting that he voted against the recommendation as he feels that the VHMC should strive to reduce their costs. Cllr C House suggested that the grant should be £8,000 and not an ongoing £10,000 per annum. Cllr M Dyer stated that as the Finance Committee had looked at this in detail and it had been this figure for only 2 years it would be unfair to reduce it at this short notice. Cllr Dyer proposed that the recommendation of the Finance Committee for a grant of £10,000 for the VHMC is awarded for 2013/2014. This was seconded by Cllr J Crow. Cllr C House asked for an amendment to the proposal so that the grant was for this year only, the amendment was not accepted by the proposer and so failed. The vote was taken to accept the recommendation Minute 261 as put and was carried by 6 votes in favour, Cllr Mrs J House and Cllr C House abstained.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £10,000 is given to VHMC for 2013/14.

A discussion on a date for a review for future grants will be put to a subsequent meeting.

- ii) Members received the recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the revised budget in principle, following guidance from NALC, with a final review at the end of January. The Committee's decisions on the budget will result in an increase of 3.42% over last year and a precept of £77,984. This was discussed. It was agreed to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr J Crow, agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To approve the revised budget in principle as presented for a precept of £77,984. A final ratification will be at January full Council which will be dependant on further guidance and information.

284. District Councillors' Update:

Cllr Dudman: Several meetings held with Christchurch and North Dorset on budgets.

Cllr M Dyer: The Gypsy and Travellers consultant has reported on the public comments returned. They will now engage a new Consultant to report on amendments and suggestions.

Cllr Mrs A Warman: Now that the Transit site at Piddlehinton has opened the Police can move on illegal camps immediately. Licensing Committee has had a couple of difficult applications to consider.

Cllr J Crow apologised and left the meeting.

285. Parish Councillors' Reports:-

1. DAPTC – AGM 3rd November 2012 – Cllr Hindmarch reported: The new CE of DCC was introduced. All three motions put forwarded were approved. Milborne St Andrew were concerned that the £200 allowance towards snow clearance was insufficient. Close to Athelhampton House a windmill is not erected which is generating electricity for a number of farms. An interesting talk was given by Mr P West the Renewable Energy Development Officer for DCC. A number of Parish and Town halls are being encouraged to install solar panels and there may be grants for this. John Parker the CE of DAPTC is retiring next year. Cllr Hindmarch had also attended the Eastern Area meeting at Alderholt where information on the success of the new recycling scheme was reported. Whilst only in operation for 4 weeks the Council had been overwhelmed by the volume of food and garden waste recycled.
2. Homewatch – no meeting
3. TAG Meetings – Cllr Willetts reported on the Environment TAG attended. The group is currently reviewing the Core Strategy, a member of the EDDC Planning team attended. The Group has some concern on a number of items in the document. Alternative sites which are to be developed to divert people away from SSSI cannot be developed next to sports fields but can be next to SSSI. Under the existing system there is a requirement for an independent Ecological survey for new developments, under the proposal the developer will provide this. ETAG feel it should be an independent survey. There appears to be a lack of any proposed sanction against tree felling. ETAG propose a robust strategy of sanctions. On the Flood Plain section more clarity is needed, there should be no question about sanctioning development in the flood plain.
4. Youth Club – A meeting is proposed for 3rd December. Cllr Mrs Warman reported that it was difficult to make contact with Mr Ball.
5. PACT – no meeting
6. Car Park Working Party - Meeting to be arranged.
7. Flood Warden Seminar 3rd November – Cllr R Dudman to reported. Lots of information was available on flood prevention. The Heath Road culverts keep being filled in which is causing problems especially in the recent heavy rain.

286. Bournemouth Airport

- i) Consultative Committee – Cllr Wilson had emailed a report from the meeting which had been emailed to Members. The Clerk confirmed forwarding a copy of Minute 220 (ii) to Cllr Wilson. The full minutes of the meeting held on 15th November were awaited.
- ii) Parish Forum meeting update – A report had been circulated from Cllr Mrs House and Cllr N Hindmarch. electronically due to time constraints. Cllr Mrs House circulated a map showing the planned helicopter routes. The majority of evening use is for the Towns with the A338 to Bournemouth as the route as Bournemouth has a lot of problems. The forum was told that this is the quietest machine available and state of art. Planning and Development may be a concern but is still being looked at as some of the Green Belt may have to be removed. It was reported that the number of flights from Bournemouth have dropped off.

287. Hampshire Minerals and Waste – Proposed changes to the Plan - Comments are requested on soundness, consultation 22nd October to 17 December 2012. The process of review was discussed. Cllr Willetts proposed that the Council endorses the statement from the Friends of Ringwood Forest as they have gone into the finite detail of the document and sought specialist advice. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Willetts to compile a response

288. Annual Review of documents:

1. Standing Orders and Financial Regulations: No amendments recommended fit for purpose as a complete reissue is scheduled by NALC, due by Spring 2013. Members accepted the recommendation. Proposed by Cllr C House, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House. Agreed unanimously.
RESOLVED: to retain the documents as they are without amendment until the revised documents are circulated by NALC.
2. Other policies will be reported on at next meeting. Noted.

289. Assets of Community Value – The assets of community value measures in Part 5 Chapter 3 of the *Localism Act 2011* provide for a local council to maintain a list of ‘community assets’, which can be either land or buildings. Local community groups will be able to nominate the asset, and, if the nomination is accepted by the local authority, it will be listed; then, when it is put up for sale, the group will have to be informed and will be given time to prepare with a bid. This was discussed. The Clerk will write to Mr N Farmer at EDDC to obtain more information on the process and also the impact it may have.

290. Office decorating - Because of issues which arose in using the Lengthman and trying to keep the office open whilst decorating, it was necessary to call in a professional decorator to complete the project. Retrospectively Members agreed to approve the cost of £150. Proposed by Cllr R Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House. Agreed unanimously.
RESOLVED: To retrospectively approve the cost of £150 to decorate the Parish Office.

291. Yellow Lines – DCC consultation on proposed waiting restrictions for the Parish – Ringwood Service Road, Horton Road, Brocks Pine. This was discussed. The measures were welcomed but there was some concern about whether those in the Ringwood Service Road were sufficient. A review after 12 months was requested. The Clerk will respond.

292. Community Day –The event was a great success, congratulations to the VHMC. The Parish Council table was well received and viewed. A number of queries concerning the new waste scheme were raised and answered. On the garden sharing no one signed up to either garden or allow use, concerns over security, getting rid of someone if they did not get on and allowing a stranger access whilst on holiday. Packham’s Gym – only a couple of negative responses and 61 signed up in support of the idea. This was discussed. Cllr Willetts and Cllr Mrs House will assist the Clerk in grant applications. It was also suggested that the Clerk contact the Verwood fitness group.

293. Exchange of information:

1. Next meeting – 30th January 2013 Full Council 7.00pm
2. Cllr C House reported that he had recently submitted his name to be on the Cornerways Patient Group and asked if it would be useful for the Parish Council to receive information from time to time.
3. Cllr Mrs J House was concerned about the fencing and signage on land backing on to the A31 close to Oaks Drive entrance. Cllr Mrs A Warman reported that this has been notified to enforcement.
4. Cllr G Willetts reported issues over the Doctors surgery not being paid for routine blood testing. The surgery is taking this further.

5. Cllr R Warman reported several complaints about regular bonfires and ash debris. Cllr Warman asked what the process was and what evidence was required. The issue is being dealt with by the EDDC Officer.
6. Cllr Mrs A Warman reported that the Doctors surgery was planning on spending the recent windfall on disabled access improvements, total refurbishments and an extension.
7. Cllr R Dudman reported receiving complaints about a bonfire over the South side of the A31 the Police were called as smoke was over the carriageway.

The meeting closed at 9.16pm

Chairman