

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting Of the Full Council
Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 27th March 2013 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

In attendance: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk, County Councillor P Richardson and two Members of the Public who came to speak about the potential allotment site at Horton Road.

450. Declarations of non-declared Pecuniary Interests & requests for grants of dispensation: None

451. Apologies :- Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr G Willetts

452. Public Speaking: Members heard from a Member of the public in respect of the proposal to site some allotments at Horton Road Village Green. The resident asked that all Councillors have a copy of the following documents before the Annual Parish Meeting on 17th April 2013:-

1. A copy of the speech of the spokesperson for some of the residents of St Ives Park
2. The badger report
3. Wessex Water plan and notes
4. A copy of the DCC confirmation of the Village Green status
5. A copy of the letter from another resident detailing his calculations of the cost of the proposal and site plan

This will enable all Members to be fully informed before the meeting.

The Chairman reiterated that this proposal is still in consideration and in discussion, it has not been resolved.

453. County Councillor Peter Richardson: A copy of Cllr Richardson's report had been circulated to Members. Cllr Richardson gave a further brief update:

1. Hampshire Minerals and Waste – representations have been made to the Inspector and there is a need to look at buffer zones and other issues.
2. Dropped kerbs by the Hospital – A copy of a letter to Mr Andrews of the Highways Agency from Miles Butler the Chief Executive of DCC has been received. Mr Butler has emphasised the lack of consistency and how dangerous the issue is. The Clerk asked for a copy of the letter which could be copied to Mr Chope.
3. Cleaning of the A338 started on the 25th March and will continue for another day until completed. The cleaning of the A31 is proving a bigger problem as it is under Highways Agency.

Questions were put by the Members:-

Cllr R Bryan: Has heard a number of rumours that work will start on the A338 this year, is there an update?

Cllr Richardson: An application has been submitted but I know no more at present.

454. Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 27th February 2013, pages 73-76:-
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th February 2013 pages 73-76 were agreed unanimously, as an accurate record and adopted.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr J Crow.

455. Matters arising from the Minutes:

1. Min 347.7 – Letter re the BACC has been sent and a reply received informing the Council that Mr Chope will take the issues raised up with the Managing Director of the Airport.
2. Minute 418 – The Clerk has copied details of insurance cover to Members with this agenda.
3. Computer issues: The Chairman thanked Cllr Adkins and Cllr C House for the help and efforts in resolving the computer issues. The Clerk was also asked to write and thank Mr Ian House on behalf of the Council.

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

- i) Meeting of Planning Committee held on 21st February 2013 pages 71 & 72

Proposed by Cllr B Goringe, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House, were agreed..

ii) Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 6th February 2013 pages 67 & 68

Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr R Warman, were agreed.

iii) Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 6th February 2013 pages 69 & 70

Proposed by Cllr B Goringe, seconded by Cllr M Dyer, agreed Cllr R Dudman were agreed.

457. The following correspondence was noted:-

1. EDDC Agendas
2. Letters and emails in connection with the proposal to site allotments at Horton Road Village Green. The Clerk reported that 14 emails and letters had been received and a number of telephone calls.
3. Email from resident reporting restrictions in respect of digging due to sewers crossing the Horton Rd Village Green. Email copied to Allotment working party as requested
4. DCC Highways Vegetation Management Programme 13/14 emailed to Members
5. Navitus Bay Drop in surgeries next one 3rd April 9-12 Portfield Community Hall, Christchurch. The Chairman asked Members to look at the website as a large lightning conductor is planned for Gundy's Farm.
6. Litter A338 and A31 – email from DWP advising that litter clearance will start before Easter and continue until completed.
7. DAPTC Letter re All Party Parliamentary meeting on the 24th April, 2013 – copied to members
8. DAPTC circular 3/13 copied to Members
9. CPRE letter asking for support in the campaign against the West Dorset Windfarm proposal
10. EDDC Core Strategy – notice of submission copied to Members
11. DCC letter – Traffic Regulation Orders are to be available online, there will be a delay in new orders whilst system set up.
12. CAB announce extra help with energy and fuel issues
13. Letter from a resident unhappy with the confusion over Dorset/Hampshire boundary issues
14. Gypsy and Traveller consultation – emailed to Members

458. Dropped Kerb Request A31 – A Letter was sent to the MP as requested. Mr Chope has put down Parliamentary questions and the answers to these were read out to Members. The answers given were incorrect. The kerbs at the Hospital had been done some time ago and the Hospital was certainly not disused. The distance from the planned work to the Hospital is only about ½ a mile so claiming the distance as too far apart was ridiculous. This was discussed. Cllr Crow reported that the matter was serious as residents were confined to their homes because of this. Cllr Hockley pointed out that the A31 was recorded as being "out of repair". The Clerk will draft a response to Mr Chope pointing out the errors and attach a copy of the letter (once permission is obtained) from Mr Butler of DCC) mentioned by Cllr Richardson, liaising with the Chairman prior to sending.

The Clerk reported that whilst the Parish Council could not actually undertake the work itself if could, if minded contribute to the cost under the Local Government Act 1972, section 137 provided it was satisfied that the work was within the Parish and the amount was commensurate with the benefit obtained. To consider this further the Finance Committee would need an accurate cost. It was agreed that Highways Agency should be given the opportunity to respond to Mr Butler's letter.

459. District Councillors' Update:

Cllr Mrs A Warman: The Boundary Commission's report is due the 3rd week in April and will be followed by a further consultation period. They have visited the District. There has been a review of the Planning Department and some redundancies and promotions will be taking place. Overall there will be less staff.

Cllr M Dyer: Youth Club – there has been a Task and Finish Group which has decided that District Councillors no longer need to be appointed to Youth Club Committees. Members are encouraged to take an interest if there is a Youth Club in their Ward. Planning, a couple of appeals recently lost.

Cllr R Dudman: Recently had a talk on Equalities.

460. Parish Councillors' Reports:-

1. DAPTC – next meeting week commencing 15th April
2. Homewatch - Computer crime is a concern and the Police Shed trailer has been out on a number of visits. Webcams at a cost of £65 are now available and being installed at a number of homes in the Parish.
3. PACT – no meeting. Survey forms despatched but only a few returned. Main issue is the parking on the Woolsbridge Road roundabout.
4. ETAG – Communication is very good and updates are being received regularly.
5. Youth Club - Cllr R Warman reported that the Scouts had carried out substantial clearance of the site

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thanks to a local businessman and resident donating staff time and resources. The arisings will be shredded over the weekend. Of the three immediate neighbours one had some concerns.

6. Car Park Working Party - Quotations for work can be obtained.
7. Youth and Democracy Event – The Chairman gave a brief report. It was a very informative event and it was surprising and encouraging that there are so many youngsters interested in politics. The Chairman asked that the Council considers encouraging youth participation in Council business in the future. The next newsletter could invite a contribution of views from the younger members of the Parish.

- 461. Youth Club – Minute 413.5 refers** - The Youth Leader is due to be on sick leave until 22nd April. DCC will be unable to give further information on recruitment of Leaders until he has returned. It has been reported that Verwood Youth Club is also currently closed. Cllr R Warman reported that there is currently no Committee and as Treasurer he is instructing essential maintenance only. The Church group rent is covering the twice monthly cleaning cost. This was discussed. The Club has only met on a couple of occasions since last September. Members suggested that an alternative would be to provide transport to another Club? The Chairman reported raising his concerns with Cllr Mrs Toni Coombs. It was agreed that the matter will be deferred to the next meeting to allow Cllr Mrs Coombs to respond.

Cllr Crow suggested that at the APM parents could be asked for input.

462. Village Hall

- i) Minutes of the VHMC were awaited.
- ii) Minute 419.3 refers To clarify ownership of the Village Hall to Members. Members noted the copy of the lease emailed to Members.

- 463. Annual Parish Meeting** – Members present confirmed that they would attend. The PA system has been requested. The Clerk will be on site from 6.15pm and those able were asked to assist with seating. Cllr Hockley will not be able to arrive prior to the start due to other commitments.

464. Recommendations from Committees:-

1. Finance: Minute 439 refers The Committee recommend that any underspend, if arising, for this financial year is rolled over into the general fund for Full Council to give further consideration to appropriate allocation and priority of expenditure. Proposed by Cllr R Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House, agreed unanimously.
RESOLVED: Any underspend, if arising, for this financial year is rolled over into the general fund for Full Council to give further consideration to appropriate allocation and priority of expenditure.
2. Finance: Minute 389 - The Finance Committee recommend to Full Council that payment of the Clerk's Pension Contributions direct to Aviva be authorised. This was discussed. Cllr R Warman explained that this was dependant on the Pensions company agreeing to rebadge the policy. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr J Crow, agreed unanimously.
RESOLVED: That payment of the Clerk's Pension Contributions direct to Aviva be authorised.

- 465. Grant for Ex Services Club Memorial Garden Project – Min 66 refers** – The Clerk reported that the construction work was complete and the memorial stone insitu. Planting is to take place as soon as the weather improves. This was discussed. It was agreed unanimously to release the grant of £250. Proposed by Cllr R Warman, seconded by Cllr B Goringe.
RESOLVED: To release the grant of £250 to the Ex services Club for the Memorial Garden project as already agreed in principle (minute 66 refers).

- 466. Members RESOLVED unanimously: to exclude the Press and Public under the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960, to discuss matters relating to the Lengthman contract which is due to expire on 31.03.13.**

The two Members of the public left the meeting.

After discussion of the confidential report Members agreed that Lengthman contract would not be renewed at expiry on 31st March 2013. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House.

RESOLVED: Not to renew the Lengthman contract with Ferndown Town Council effective 31st March 2013.

Alternative methods would be sourced and reviewed by Amenities Committee. Cllr C House and Cllr B Goringe will compile a specification and liaise with the Clerk over the final report.

The Chairman reminded Members to monitor the streets they have been allocated and report issues and concerns to the Clerk.

467. Exchange of information:

1. Next meetings:
 - Annual Parish Meeting 17th April in the main hall doors open at 6.45pm meeting starts 7pm
 - Full Council on 24th April 7.00pm
2. Cllr Mrs Warman reported that the Allotment Association had confirmed that toilets were not a regulatory requirement.
3. Cllr Hindmarch reported that the gas pipe repairs on the A31 were proceeding.
4. Cllr Mrs House asked if anyone had asked about part of the Hospital Site being allocated for allotments under the new CIL as this was very close to several mobile home parks. The Clerk will put on the next agenda for discussion.
5. Cllr Mrs Warman has spoken to the Resident Agent of Lord Normanton who has no problem with the idea of allotments on the site.
6. Cllr Mrs Warman has met with Matt Reeks of EDDC and put the concerns raised so far to him. The sewer is not an issue provided it is at the right depth. The Badger sett location has been noted and would mean relocating the car park. The working party will be investigating thoroughly and researching the issues raised. The need for Planning Permission was queried, Cllr Mrs Warman responded that as there will be no sheds it is not. The working party are dealing with all the issues.
7. Cllr Hockley reported that the noisy Electra Lockheed aircraft recently visiting Bournemouth were soon to cease. Two had been sold and the third should be gone by next week.
8. Parish newsletter some Members reported receiving two copies, Gainsborough and Heath Road delivered. Matchams Close and Oaktree still to arrive. The Clerk will get an update but confirmed that they were scheduled for complete delivery by the 8th April.
9. Cllr Dyer – the Allotments are obviously an issue for the APM but it needs noting that there are other issues as well. Working Parties will give brief reports but the meeting is the opportunity for the electorate to speak and give their views.
10. Cllr Dyer reported hearing of an incident at Braeside Road and a Rottweiler. Cllr Mrs Warman reported that the Police had been called and she had been informed that the incident was not the Rottweiler's fault.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman