

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting Of the Full Council
Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 24th April 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.

- 478. Declarations** of non-declared Pecuniary Interests & requests for grants of dispensation: None.
 Cllr R Warman declared that he is the Treasurer of the Youth Club and the Scouts but has no Pecuniary Interest. Cllr Mrs Warman declared that she has been assisting the Scouts in the preparation of grant applications but had not been involved in the one before the Council tonight.
- 479. Apologies:-** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr G Willetts
- 480. 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 if the Allotment Working Party had obtained Independent legal advice on the legality of siting the allotments on this site and if not why not?
- Cllr Mrs Warman responded that the Working Party were only researching matters raised and were not ready to seek legal advice yet. The Clerk advised that before seeking legal advice the Council should establish exactly what questions should be asked to limit the cost.
- 481. County Councillor Peter Richardson:** A copy of Cllr Richardson's report had been circulated to Members. Cllr Richardson gave a further brief update:
1. Cllr Richardson has reported a number of potholes in this Parish and is pleased to notice that a lot have already been repaired, including Ashley Drive, The Glade and Heath Road.
- Questions were put by the Members:-
Cllr R Warman: Is there any update on the litter clearance on the A338? It is certainly in a bad state.
Cllr Richardson: Advised that it was started. Cllr Dyer informed the meeting that the Echo reported that it has been done at a cost of £10,000 but already someone has dumped an old greenhouse. Cllr Richardson was asked to follow this up.
- 482. Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 27th March 2013** pages 82-85 – were adopted
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th March 2013 pages 82-85 were agreed unanimously, as an accurate record and adopted.
 Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman.
- 483. Matters arising from the Minutes:** Minute 467.7 Cllr Hockley passed the Clerk a note to correct his statement made on 27th March 2013. This appears as Appendix A with these Minutes in the Minute book.
- 484. Approved Minutes of the following Committee Meetings were adopted:-** Meeting of Planning Committee held on 14th March 2013 pages 80 & 81. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr B Goringe.
- 485. The following correspondence was noted:-**
1. EDDC Agendas
 2. Email from Marnhull resident launching a litter clear up campaign of both Dorset and the New Forest. For pledges complete clean ups of villages are proposed. Assistance with litter picking events etc.
 3. Copy of letter from John Hawkins to the Church re burial rates
 4. Notice of Poll for Councillor election for EDDC
 5. Boundary Commission letter announcing consultation on report deadline 8th July – Draft recommendations go to www.lgbce.org.uk and the consultation area.
 6. Copy of email to resident from Cllr Richardson – various parish matters including speed in St Ives, Dog fouling of pavements, lack of pavement sweeping
 7. CPRE Transport Toolkit.

486. Dropped Kerb Request A31 – The Clerk has responded to the MP as requested and included a copy of the letter from Mr Butler of DCC. A response is now awaited.

487. District Councillors' Update:

Cllr M Dyer: All quiet at present the Chairmen of Committees will be decided at the next full Council.

Cllr Mrs A Warman: The Boundary Commission have now decided the boundary and there will be a further consultation around August and then a final decision.

Cllr R Dudman: Nothing further to report.

488. Parish Councillors' Reports:-

1. DAPTC – Cllr Hindmarch reported that the meeting clashed with tonight. He had noted in the papers that Hurn had had planning applications for two roundabouts refused. DCC are currently consulting on traffic schemes in Hurn but until the Blackwater problems are resolved it is pointless. Cllr Richardson responded that the decisions on signs on roundabouts depends on ownership. Christchurch Council have, historically refused a number. DCC are currently looking at assets which includes sponsorship of roundabouts. Cllr Richardson is now on the Committee looking into the matter. The Chairman asked if Cllr Richardson could get a review of our roundabout as we would like the money spent on maintenance in the Parish.
2. Homewatch - AGM was held on Saturday and was well attended. From 1st June the new Chairman will be Brian Frecknall.
3. PACT – no meeting.
4. ETAG –Nothing to report.
5. Car Park Working Party – Cllr R Warman has begun obtaining quotations for the work. Cllr Hockley asked if some of the chippings could be used to improve the walkway from Ivy Close to Braeside Road. The Clerk will contact Matt Raudsepp and ask.

489. Youth Club – Minute 413.5 refers – Cllr Warman reported: The Youth Leader is now back part-time from sick leave and a meeting is arranged for Friday. The Club has a number of outstanding issues including an urgent review of the Constitution and establishing a working plan. Cllr Warman invited other Members to attend the meeting on Friday.

490. Village Hall Management Committee–

- i) Minutes of the VHMC meeting held on 21.03.13 were received and noted.
- ii) Members received a letter from the VHMC informing the Council that the rent will be increased by current RPI to £1722.30pa. The increase was approved. Proposed by Cllr R Warman, seconded by Cllr J Crow.
RESOLVED: The Parish Office rent was increased to £1772.30 pa. for 2013/2014
- iii) Members received notification from the VHMC that due to the increase in energy price the Annual charge for electricity for the Council will be £402.50 instead of £350. This was discussed. The Clerk explained that the cost had been originally calculated by an electrician working for the VHMC, who had since been dismissed. At the time it had not been properly calculated and assumed that the light columns in the park were also attached to the Village Hall. Cllr C House had compiled a calculation using electricity usage figures per item in the office and also based on the office being in occupation for 3 mornings per week instead of the original 4, this showed a much lower usage than the £350 per annum. Cllr Mrs Warman explained that energy bills had risen by 15% over the last few years, if the Council does not agree this should be put in writing to the Village Hall. A copy of the calculation was passed to Cllr R Warman for his perusal. It was agreed to retain the £350 per annum. Proposed by Cllr C House, seconded by Cllr J House. Agreed. Cllr M Hockley, Cllr B Goringe and Cllr Warman abstained.
RESOLVED: To retain the sum of £350 per annum for electrical usage.
The Clerk will write to the Village Hall.

491. Items from the Annual Parish Meeting – The Clerk had circulated draft minutes of the meeting to Members by email. Members confirmed that there were no amendments. The Clerk then reported the following items raised from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17.04.13:-

- Improve communication, better use of website, hold emails of residents – Amenities to look into
- Higher cost of burials for non-residents at Ringwood – Clerk to write to Ringwood and West Moors
- Speed checks wanted on Horton Road – Clerk to write to Police
- Reduction in speed limit to 30 along Horton Road – write to DCC
- Signage on roundabouts to direct visitors – query with DCC
- Council does little for Youth – Council to discuss
- Allotments proposal for Horton Road – May meeting – update from Working Party. Cllr Mrs Warman reported that there were about a dozen items to look into and so far the Working Party had only dealt with two. I have been accused of lobbying. I have had requests for information which have been handed to the Clerk. It was

noted that monitoring of the badger sett would take a year to determine whether occupied. The Chairman was impressed by the way in which many of the objectors put forward their arguments, but concerned about what he felt were implied threats of legal action. He asked the Member of the Public present if they could convey the message that the Council is nowhere near from making a decision and would not want to incur legal costs. Cllr Dyer suggested that Councillors have now received a lot of information and should be ready by the May meeting to make a decision as he felt it unfair on residents to delay.

492. Bournemouth Airport Consultative Committee – Members had received a copy of the response from BACC to Mr Chope. Members expressed their disappointment with the tone and content. The Chairman has arranged a meeting with Mr Chope as a private citizen and will explain the situation. The Chairman invited other Members to attend with him if they wished or to pass comments to him. It was felt that the letter was factually incorrect.

493. Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 29th May – Members discussed whether voting for the Chairman and Vice Chairman should be by secret ballot Min 128 29.08.13 refers. It was agreed that for this meeting the voting for these positions would be by secret ballot. Cllr Mrs A Warman against, Cllr R Warman abstained, rest in favour.

RESOLVED: Voting for the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the full Council on 29th May, 2013 will be by secret ballot.

494. Parish Electricity Supply faults –Minute 377 – The Clerk thanked Cllr C House for his assistance. Cllr House had circulated a report. Southern Electric have agreed to add remedial work to their schedule which should help to resolve some of the issues.

495. Annual Return for 2013/2014

i) Members received and accepted the Annual Governance Statement. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr C House. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED The Chairman and Clerk will sign the Annual Governance Statement for 2013/2014.

ii) Members approved the Annual Return for 2012/13. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: The Chairman and Clerk will sign the Annual Return for 2013/2014

496. Insurance Renewal – due 1st June 2013 –Members received the renewal invitation from Zurich Insurance Company the renewal cost is a reduction on last year's premium. It was agreed, unanimously, to renew with a three year agreement at a cost of £1,997.13 pa. Proposed by Cllr B Goringe, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House.

RESOLVED: To renew the Council insurance policy with Zurich on a three year agreement at a cost of £1997.13.

497. Grant Application Received from the Scouts – Members to considered the request for a grant towards major refurbishment costs of the Scout and Guide hall. This was discussed. It was noted that the Scouts unit was very active and had strong support from parents. The hut was in urgent need of refurbishment to maintain health and safety. The Council agreed that the best way of supporting the unit would be to arrange and pay for the new floor the cost of which was estimated at around £7,000 plus VAT. The Council agreed for Cllr Mrs Warman to obtain 3 quotations for the work on behalf of the Council. The Council would then pay in full and gift the project to the Scouts provided the net cost was no more than £7,000. Proposed by Cllr N Hindmarch, seconded by Cllr J Crow. Cllr R Warman abstained, the rest were in favour.

RESOLVED: The Council will gift aid the cost of the replacement floor for the Scout hut, provided no more than £7,000 + VAT.

498. Exchange of information:

1. Next meeting: Annual meeting of the Full Council on 29th May 2013 - 7.00pm
2. Cllr N Hindmarch - Memorial garden almost complete, planting is in progress. The Council are to be invited to an official opening.
3. Cllr Hockley reported that the BACC were not involved in putting pressure on the Airport to change the noisy Lockhead aircraft type. The issue is now resolved.
4. The Clerk reported further issues with the Tennis Club storing scaffolding on the patio area. It had partly blocked a fire exit which could have had serious health and safety issues in the event of an evacuation and financial implications for the Village hall. Considerable time had been spent tracing who was responsible. The Clerk will be writing to them and remind them of their responsibilities to others.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm