

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting of the Full Council
Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 26th June 2013 at 7pm
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present: Cllr M Dyer, Chairman

Cllr R Adkins

Cllr R Dudman

Cllr Mrs A Warman

Cllr J R Bryan

Cllr N Hindmarch

Cllr R Warman

Cllr J Crow

Cllr M Hockley

Cllr G Willetts

Present: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk and one member of the Public.

65. Apologies: Were received and accepted from Cllr B Goringe; Cllr C House and Cllr Mrs J House.

66. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest not declared on the register and requests for dispensation: None. Cllr R Warman asked it to be noted that whilst he has an interest in the Bowls Club item 20, it is not Pecuniary.

67. Open Forum: A spokesperson for the Tennis Club explained that a new Maintenance leader had been appointed and as a result the Club will ensure that there will be no repeat of the recent events which lead to the invoice for the Clerk's time. The Club offered an exgratia payment of £50 in lieu of the invoice for £105 in good faith. This was accepted by the Council. The Club raised the issue of poor lighting on the driveway area of the car park in the Winter and asked the Council to consider erecting a solar light. The Club recognises the parking issues and welcomes the opportunity to discuss this together with the leases further. The Clerk was asked to put parking on the next agenda by which time a meeting will have been held with Cllr R Warman.

68. 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 Mrs Warman reported that there was an issue with weeds which she will be reporting to Mr Cox at DCC.

69. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29th May 2013 pages 1-5. Cllr Hockley asked for a point of order and began a heated tirade, the Chairman interrupted, called the meeting to order and asked that Cllr Hockley raise such issues in accordance with standing Orders. The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted with the exception of Cllr M Hockley who voted against, the rest in favour. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman.

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29th May 2013 pages 1-5 were adopted as an accurate record.

70. Matters arising from the Minutes:-

1. Min. 24 - Memorial Garden opening – Cllr Hindmarch asked that a letter of thanks be sent to the Ex-Services Club for their hospitality. The Clerk will also ask if some photos could be made available for a display at the Village Hall.
2. Min. 7 Cllr Hindmarch asked Cllr Hockley to name the two Councillors referred to at the previous meeting. Cllr Hockley declined as he informed the meeting that he was still preparing his dossier but the two Councillors will know in due course. Cllr Hindmarch then asked Cllr Hockley if he was referring to him? Cllr Hockley began to make further accusations and became irate during which the Chairman asked him to keep to the point and respond to the question. Cllr Hindmarch asked that as Cllr Hockley was refusing to name the councillors that this was put as an agenda item for the matter to be discussed in detail at the next Full Council meeting. In a heated manner, Cllr Hockley repeated his accusations of bullying, poor treatment, corruption by two Councillors including taking legal action against him. He then pointed to Cllr Hindmarch and made the allegation that at a previous Full Council meeting 'this Councillor' had accused him of being in the pay of the police, which he had not been able to refute. The Chairman interrupted and warned him that he must desist the behaviour or he would ask him to leave the meeting. After further discussion it was agreed that the item will be open to the public. The Clerk asked that a short report/statement was prepared to go out with the agenda so that members would be properly informed.

3. Min. 17 – Dropped kerbs – Due to annual leave the Clerk had not yet written to the Transport Minister. After further discussion, the Clerk was asked to ensure that the letter was also copied to the Minister for the Disabled and the new Leader of DCC Cllr Spencer Flower.

71. Appointment of Committees and Parish Council Representatives to Outside

Organisations/Specific Posts 2013/2014 – Members concluded the appointments as per the attached list. A copy of which appears as Appendix B with these Minutes in the Minute Book.

BACC representative – Cllr Hockley proposed that he be nominated as the only aviation expert on the Council and as in his opinion the current representatives had let the Council down. The nomination was seconded by Cllr Hindmarch. The motion fell 1:6 against and 2 abstaining. Cllr R Bryan proposed that as there is currently no vacancy to fill, the nomination should be left, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman. This was carried 8:1 with one abstention.

RESOLVED: That the post is left vacant until a formal vacancy arises on the Committee.

Clerk's Committee – Due to the selection of Chairmen and Vice Chairman there were seven automatic members of the Committee. This was discussed. It was agreed that Cllr G Willetts be appointed in an advisory capacity. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr M Hockley. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: Cllr G Willetts is appointed to the Clerk's Committee.

Folly Farm – It was agreed unanimously, that Cllr R Warman and the Clerk will continue as representatives. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman. (Cllr R Warman abstained.)

RESOLVED: Folly Farm representatives are Cllr R Warman and the Clerk.

72. Adoption of Minutes of Committee Meetings – Approved minutes of the following Committees were duly adopted by the Parish Council:-

- i) Meeting of Planning Committee held on 16.05.13 pages 93 & 94 proposed by Cllr J Crow, seconded by Cllr M Hockley. Agreed unanimously.
- ii) Meeting of Amenities Committee 06.03.13 pages 77 & 78 – proposed by Cllr R Dudman, seconded by Cllr M Hockley. Agreed unanimously.
- iii) Meeting of Finance Committee 06.03.13 page 79 proposed by Cllr R Warman, seconded by Cllr R Dudman. Agreed unanimously.

73. The following correspondence was noted:-

1. EDDC Agendas
2. DAPTC Chief Exec circular 04/13 emailed to Members on 17.06.13
3. Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan - Inspector's Final Report

74. District Councillors' Update -

75. Parish Councillors' Reports -

1. DAPTC – notification of AGM on 2.11.13 – Members to consider whether to put forward any representations. If minded, Members to put forward suggestions for representations to be discussed at July's full Council meeting. Noted.
2. Homewatch – no meeting. Last week was Homewatch week a number of special events were held. The new Chairman is Mr B Frecknall.
3. ETAG Meeting – meeting next month Cllr G Willetts hopes to attend, Cllr R Bryan will be the reserve.
4. Youth Club – no meeting. The Clerk had received an email from the Youth Leader asking if Members of the Committee would be available to interview. It was noted that there was only one candidate who was already employed by DCC. Cllr R Warman reported that he appeared to be the only Member of the Committee left. The Clerk will forward the email to Cllr R Warman who will liaise with Mr Ball.
5. PACT- no meeting
6. Car Park Working Party - No further meeting. A large tree has been removed, with the Tree Officers permission, it was noted that on grinding the stump a substantial amount of contamination was found. A number of other trees will also come down. The two large Oak trees are protected and will remain as recommended by the Tree Officer. Once the other trees are removed and further tidying up has taken place, further costings will be obtained. A vote of thanks was given to the Car Park Committee for all their work in keeping costs down. The Committee was currently looking at just using the front part of the land and improving the turning circle this would dramatically reduce costs. A benefactor has donated substantial resources to

the Scouts and this has helped to reduce potential costs further. A rough estimate for the project is £15,000- £20,000. Once ready a decision in principle will be required and planning permission will be needed. It is hoped to get an additional 10 spaces.

76. Recommendations from Amenities Committee 05.06.13

i) Min. 34 refers: Braeside Road and Play Park Area – to receive a report and list of prioritised work. – This was discussed. It was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Committee. The Clerk will instruct the work. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation, as adjusted, and instruct the work.

ii) Min. 37 refers – Lengthsman tasks:

- a) RECOMMENDED: that Terrafirma Maintenance be offered the contract on a four month trial basis.
- b) RECOMMENDED: that out-of-hours emergency work be authorised by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the committee. This was discussed it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Committee. Proposed by Cllr R Dudman, seconded by Cllr R Bryan. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To offer the contract on a four month trial basis to Terrafirma Maintenance.

RESOLVED: That out-of-hours emergency work be authorised by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the committee.

77. Sheiling Trust – An invitation to the Chair of the Parish Council and Committee members to attend the site and hear of the Trusts proposals prior to submission of a formal planning application. In addition to have a tour of the site was discussed. It was agreed that Members of the Planning Committee; Cllr R Warman; Cllr G Willetts and the Clerk would accept the invitation. The Clerk will respond and ask for some dates and times.

78. Village Hall

i) Minutes of the VHMCF for 23rd May 2013 were noted.

ii) **Drainage Issue** – The Chairman reported emergency action had been instructed following a recent blockage in the drainage system. It was agreed to retrospectively approve payment. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr R Adkins.

RESOLVED: To retrospectively approve the cost of £105 to Canford Drains.

The blockage was caused by tree roots growing into the drain. After further discussion the Clerk was asked to write to Wessex Water and ask about recent legislation making Water Companies responsible for multiple use drains. In addition the clerk will write to Canford Drains and ask for details of where the blockage and damage was and the costs of remedial action.

iii) **Refuse Bin Collection costs for the Village Hall** – Charging notification has been received of £13 per bin per week. Cllr Mrs Warman has made further investigations and sought alternative solution. 50 bags can be purchased for £85.00 which includes the cost of collection. Once the bags are sealed they are put out on a scheduled collection day. The existing bins will be removed on 1st August. Other users will be able to purchase the bags from the Village Hall. Cllr J Crow asked for details to be supplied to him.

79. Village Hall parking issues – It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

80. Investigations for an allotment site - Cllr Mrs A Warman reported: A Landowner is offering some of his land which is bordering/within the Parish the Working Party were investigating. Initial concerns were over access which is via an unmade road and ownership will need resolving but overall the site showed promise. A proper site visit is to be arranged.

81. Recording of meetings: Members were asked to consider authorising the Clerk to make a recording of meetings to facilitate the accuracy of the Minutes and to save the Clerk's time following a number of recent occasions when Members have questioned the Minutes. The Clerk asked Cllr Adkins to report as he had attended a recent training event which discussed this. New legislation requires some Councils to record all meetings but at present this does not apply to Parishes and Towns. The current advice from DAPTC is to stay clear of this. The role of minutes is to record the decisions of a meeting not to make a verbatim record, bullet points are all that are required. This was discussed. It was agreed to seek the legal opinion of the Monitoring Officer. The purpose would be for the compilation of the Minutes only.

82. Windfarm Proposal – Invitation for a "Specific Issues Meeting with Navitus Bay" during June-August. Members agreed to accept the invitation for a meeting with the Navitus Bay Company. Cllr

G Willetts; Cllr R Bryan; Cllr R Warman; Cllr R Adkins and Cllr M Hockley would like to attend. The Clerk will contact the Company for dates.

83. Bowling Club Notification of Intended work – The Bowling Club have reported that they intend to refurbish the Toilets and changing room from 1st October. The work is scheduled to take 6 weeks. As part of this they request the allocation of 4 car parking spaces for the duration of the work for the contractor. The Club will be completing the required form and have been asked to ensure that other site users are aware. They have confirmed that all storage of materials will be within their compound. Members noted that whilst four spaces would be taken up as the Club would not be meeting the rest of the area would be free for other users. The Clerk will write and agree to the request.

84. Boundary Review:-

- i) Response to Boundary review proposals – a draft response had been compiled by the working party. This was circulated to Members and agreed. Proposed by Cllr M Hockley, seconded by Cllr J Crow. The motion was carried by 7 in favour, Cllr R Warman, Cllr Mrs A Warman and Cllr R Dudman abstained.

RESOLVED: To submit the response put forward by the Working Party to the Boundary Commission.

A copy of the agreed response appears as Appendix C with these Minutes in the Minute Book.

- ii) EDDC's have proposed that the multi-ward name should be Ashley Heath Three Cross. This was discussed. It was agreed that whilst not in favour of the multiward system proposed the Parish would support the Boundary Commissions recommendation of "St Leonards" if they decide to proceed on this basis. Proposed by Cllr R Warman, seconded by Cllr R Dudman. Cllr Mrs Warman abstained from the vote, the rest were in favour.

RESOLVED: To support the Boundary Commissions recommendation of "St Leonards".

85. Exchange of information:

1. Next meeting Full Council on 31st July 2013 - 7.00pm
2. Cllr Hockley reported that the Police Helicopter would commence operations on 1st July from Bournemouth Airport as phase 1. Phase 2 and phase 3 will follow in due course. Phases 2 and 3, could have a greater environmental effect on our parish than phase 1.
3. Cllr Dudman asked the Clerk to circulate his new email address.
4. The Clerk reported dog fouling in the play area. Reported to the Dog Warden and Members were asked to notify the Clerk if anyone seen with a dog in the area.
5. Next Newsletter due for distribution in September. Articles please by first week of August.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman