

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting of the Full Council
Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 31st July 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 C House
Cllr J R Bryan	Cllr B Goringe	Cllr Mrs J House
Cllr J Crow	Cllr N Hindmarch	Cllr G Willetts

Present: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk and Four Members of the Public

103. Apologies: Were received and accepted from Cllr M Hockley; Cllr Mrs A Warman and Cllr R Warman

104. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest: None.

105. County Councillor Peter Richardson – A report was circulated to Members. A copy of which appears as Appendix B with these Minutes in the Minute Book. In addition Cllr Richardson reported meeting with the Highways Officer for DCC and members of the Highways Agency to look at and discuss problems at Oaks Drive following recent resurfacing work. They are looking at how the issue will be resolved. Cllr Richardson took the opportunity to raise the issue of the dropped kerbs and the delay in resolving the problem. The Highways Agency Engineer agreed to take this back to the relevant section and agreed that in his opinion the kerbs had been badly placed. An assurance to do all he could to move the issue forward was given. The Chief Executive of DCC is also trying to assist and it is hoped to achieve a date for the work.

Questions:

Cllr R Bryan thanked Cllr Richardson for his efforts and asked about a schedule for resurfacing the A338? Mr Chope has written informing him that as this road has always been the responsibility of DCC they should have made budgetary provision for the work. Mr Chope had not been involved in the latest bid. The recent heat wave has further damaged the surface and the road has a poor accident record. Cllr Richardson was asked to keep pursuing the matter.

Cllr Hindmarch asked Cllr Richardson where he stands concerning the name change in respect of the Boundary Review. Cllr Richardson replied that he is awaiting the conclusion of the Boundary Commission.

7.30pm Cllr R Adkins arrived.

106. Open Forum: The Chairman of the Tennis Club gave a two minute speech raising concerns about the car parking. A copy of which is attached to these Minutes and appears as Appendix B.

The Chairman moved the Car parking item forward.

107. Lease issues with the Tennis Club – Cllr R Warman and the Clerk had met with Members of the Club on 25.07.13 – A report had been circulated to Members. The Clerk reported that issues concerning maintenance work had now been resolved. Requests to improve the lighting on the driveway and painting on the sleeping policemen had been received and were currently being investigated.

108. Village Hall parking issues and the Car Park Working Party –

- i) Cllr Mrs J House reported on behalf of the Working Party. Members had received a comprehensive report together with a draft estimate of cost. A great deal of time and work had now been spent by the working party and Members were asked if the working party were to continue? This was discussed at length. Concern was raised about demands on the available reserve as the Council was also considering provision of allotments which would also be a major investment and also that the provision of 10-12 additional spaces would only alleviate the problem for a short time. It was also noted that if the hall does not remain financially viable then they would be seeking further funding from the Parish Council. It was pointed out that the additional parking spaces were not for the Village hall use only but were for extra general parking to try and stop other site users taking up the Village hall spaces. It was agreed that the Council will suspend consideration of providing additional parking until the allotments provision is resolved. Proposed

by Cllr C House, seconded by Cllr G Willetts. Motion carried by 5 in favour: 1 against and three abstentions.

RESOLVED: That the Council will suspend consideration of providing additional parking until the allotments provision is resolved.

- ii) After further discussion it was agreed that as a temporary measure zoning the car park will be tried out as the cost is minimal and some additional painting is needed on the sleeping policemen. The driveway bays will be painted a different colour and some signage will be erected to clarify who is permitted to park there. The disabled spaces will remain as general spaces for all. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr R Bryan. Motion carried by 7 in favour: 1 against and 1 abstention.

RESOLVED: That the Council will use different coloured paint on the driveway parking bays to zone the car park as a trial measure and erect appropriate signage.

The Council will also ask all the Clubs and the Village Hall to work together to improve communication and help each other regarding the parking situation.

Members of the public left the meeting.

109. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th June 2013 pages 12-15. . The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted. Proposed by Cllr G Willetts, seconded by Cllr R Adkins.

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th June 2013 pages 12-15 were adopted as an accurate record.

110. Matters arising from the Minutes:-

1. Min. 83. Bowls Club written to as directed.
2. Min. 84. Boundary review responses submitted
3. Min. 78 (ii) Drains – Cllr R Warman and the Clerk met with Wessex Water who have provided a plan of the drains they are responsible for on this site. Cllr Dudman requested a copy.
4. Min. 85.5 Next newsletter underway – no articles yet received. Editor needed.
5. The flooring in the Scouts hut will commence week beginning 5th August.

111. Adoption of Minutes of Committee Meetings –

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 27th June 2013, were duly adopted. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr R Adkins.

112. The following correspondence was noted:-

1. EDDC Agendas
2. Dorset Highways Councillors Satisfaction Survey 2013 emailed to Members
3. Bournemouth Airport Forum invitation for two to attend the next meeting on 28th November
4. Bournemouth Dorset and Poole Minerals Development Plan Final modifications Consultation deadline 16.09.13. Emailed to members
5. Dorset Local Access Forum
6. Notification of new Trustees for the Tennis Club – copy held with lease
7. Information on a new bus route commencing September
8. DCC Bus survey consultation – emailed to Members
9. Folly Farm - Ringwood Town Council notification of change of title of lease holder – Consulted with Cllr R Warman. The Clerk asked that due to the urgency of this matter the Clerk will respond immediately to RTC and remind them of our interest in the land and the importance of ensuring any new lease includes clauses on “EDDC approval on all licensing matters and that the site falls within the South East Dorset Green Belt. The Clerk will liaise with the Chairman in respect of the final response.

113. Resolutions for DAPTC AGM November - This was discussed it was agreed that a resolution will be put to ask “What has happened to the Localism Bill” . Due to time constraints the final wording was delegated to Cllr N Hindmarch, Cllr R Bryan and Cllr G Willetts. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr J Crow. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: Cllr N Hindmarch, Cllr R Bryan and Cllr G Willetts are delegated to compile the final wording of a resolution and submit it to DAPTC AGM on the theme of “What has happened to the Localism Bill”.

114. District Councillors' Update -

Cllr Dudman reported: Recent meetings held by Overview and Scrutiny, Committee is very busy as there are now three councils joining up.

115. Parish Councillors' Reports -

1. DAPTC – Major issues are that Superfast Broadband has just been launched, and the Clinical Commissioning groups is a concern. The theme of the AGM is community safety and a number of speakers will attend.
2. Homewatch – no meeting.
3. ETAG Meeting – meeting 7th August
4. Youth Club – no meeting. The Clerk had chased for further news, interviews still not conducted and DSB checks still needed
5. PACT- no meeting

116. Village Hall – Minutes of the June meeting are awaited.**117. Allotment Sub -committee Report -** the Parish Council has been offered a potential site off the Horton Road close to Three Legged Cross. The Committee have investigated and recommend that letters are written to nearby residents to gauge opinion. This was discussed. The working party was asked to go into the same amount of detail with costings. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Warman would approach the residents and this will be followed up with a letter from the Clerk. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Mrs Warman.**118. Annual Return and Audit 2012/2013 –** Members received the notice of Conclusion of Audit for 2012/2013 and noted that there were no issues were raised. Members resolved to accept the report from the External Auditor and congratulated the Clerk. Proposed by Cllr J House, seconded by Cllr C House.

RESOLVED: To accept the report from the External Auditor that there were no issues raised.

119. Dropped Kerb Request A31 – The Clerk has written to the Transport Minister (cc to Minister for the Disabled). The MP is also following through with a further Parliamentary question directly asking when the Transport Department will address this problem. The County Councillor is also pursuing the issue as considerable work has been undertaken on the A31 recently in this area. The Clerk reports that the County Council advertise the cost of a dropped kerb to be installed at approximately £1,000, seven are required. Noted.**120. Recording of meetings:** Having received the guidance from the Monitoring Officer this was discussed. It was agreed that a draft policy will be put to the next meeting. The policy will state that the recording is for the Clerk to use only. It will not be copied or released to others. The recording will be deleted at the time the summons is despatched for the next meeting. The Clerk will endeavour to make the Minutes as concise as possible.**121. RALLYE SUNSEEKER –** Notification of the event to be held on 18th and 19th October 2013, has been received. Noted.**122. Bowling Club Advertising banner –** A request from the Bowling to erect a temporary banner advertising their season sponsor whilst the Council formulates a policy for the site has been received. The banner would be up until 1st October. This was discussed. Provided that the banner is not visible from the road permission would be given. Proposed by Cllr C House, seconded by Cllr R Bryan.

RESOLVED: To allow the temporary banner until the 1st October.

123. Allegation of bullying Arising at the Parish Council Meeting held on 29th May 2013 – Allegations have been made by Cllr Hockley against Cllr Hindmarch and two other unnamed Councillors at the last meeting alleging bullying at the meeting held on the 29th May, 2013. The allegations were made in front of a Member of the public. An email had been sent to all Members and the Clerk by Cllr Hockley explaining his absence, this was noted. The issue was discussed. All Members have agreed to abide by the duly adopted Code of Conduct. Cllr Hockley has been asked to desist certain aspects of his behaviour and he continues to make derogatory accusations in public against other Members of the Council without substantiating his allegations. The consensus of the

meeting was that having failed to apologise, the allegations made in public by Cllr Hockley brought the Council into disrepute and failed to comply with the Nolan principles.

A recorded vote was agreed, unanimously, to be taken. Proposed by Cllr N Hindmarch seconded by Cllr C House.

RESOLVED: A recorded vote will be taken.

After further discussion it was agreed that as Cllr Hockley had previously been requested and failed to apologise to refer the matter to the Monitoring Officer. Proposed by Cllr B Goringe, seconded by Cllr C House. Agreed.

RESOLVED: To refer the matter to the Monitoring Officer. On the grounds that Cllr Hockley has brought the Council into disrepute by failing to comply with the Nolan principles.

Motion carried: The following Members were in favour: Cllr R Adkins; Cllr J R Bryan; Cllr J Crow; Cllr M Dyer; Cllr B Goringe; Cllr N Hindmarch; Cllr C House; Cllr Mrs J House and Cllr G Willetts. Cllr R Dudman abstained.

The Clerk will liaise with Cllr M Dyer and Cllr R Adkins to compile the letter.

124. Exchange of Information:-

1. Next meetings: Full Council on 28th August 2013 - 7.00pm
2. Cllr Goringe asked that as there was no Amenities meeting scheduled until October if a short meeting could be held at the end of next full Council meeting on the 28th August as there were matters to discuss. The Clerk will arrange.
3. Cllr Mrs J House is now ready to begin researching the gym project and will liaise with the Clerk.
4. Newsletter items were requested by 10th August.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Chairman