

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting of the Full Council
Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 25th September 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 J House Cllr G Willetts
 Cllr J R Bryan Cllr B Goringe Cllr Mrs A Warman
 Cllr J Crow Cllr N Hindmarch Cllr R Warman

Present: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk and County Councillor P Richardson

181. Apologies: Were received and accepted from Cllr M Hockley and Cllr C House.

182. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest: None.

183. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th August 2013 pages 26-28. The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th August 2013 pages 26-28 were adopted as an accurate record.

184. 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. Councillor Richardson was asked to report on the dropped kerbs issue.

Cllr Richardson reported that the County Council have costed the work for the dropped kerbs at £23,552.98. Most of this cost was for traffic management to comply with the Highways Authority requirements. £5052.40 was the cost of relaying the nine dropped kerbs. The County Council was prepared to meet the cost of the traffic management but asked the Parish Council to meet the cost of the kerbs.

The Chairman brought item 16 forward.

185. Dropped Kerb Request A31 – Members noted a letter from the Highways Agency informing the Parish that they have given DCC permission to carry out the work. This was discussed at length. The work was the responsibility of the Highways Authority who had confirmed that the work was needed however they did not have the funding and could not predict when funding would be available. Following the report from the County Council Highway Engineers and parliamentary questions from Mr Chope, Highways Agency were prepared to allow Dorset County Council to do the work. The work has waited over 2 years already the Parish Council were mindful of the safety risk. It was noted that work had been carried out in this area by a variety of services and had not needed the extent of traffic management now required. The kerbs were also a distance from the carriageway. The Parish Council does not have the legal power to carry out repairs to the highway. There was concern that the Parish should not work in partnership as this could mean accepting other costs and responsibility for the work. The sum was around 7% of the annual parish precept. Any money would have to be by means of a section 137 grant as no acceptance of liability could be taken. Members were mindful of the affect this issue was having on mobility impaired residents. The Parish had contributed to the speed restrictions in Boundary Lane previously. It was agreed that a one off grant should be made to Dorset County Council under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 of £5050 to carry out this work on the understanding that there will be no future responsibility and that this is a one off donation. This was carried by 10:1.

RESOLVED: that a one off grant should be made to Dorset County Council under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 of £5050 to carry out this work, on the understanding that there will be no future responsibility and that this is a one off donation.

A press release will be compiled and the Clerk will put invoicing the Highways Authority on a subsequent agenda for discussion.

Cllr J Crow thanked the Council on behalf of the residents.

186. Open Forum: None present.

187. Matters arising from the Minutes:-

1. Min. 153 - Work at Bowling Club – Impact assessment form received. Work is scheduled to take two months from 01.10.13. Village hall and Tennis Club advised.
2. Min. 151 - repainting of the drive area is complete. Signage is still required wording to be finalised. A draft wording has been sent to the VHMC, Bowls and Tennis Clubs for their comment. The Village hall and the Tennis Club have responded, Bowls awaited.
3. Min. 180.3 - The Clerk has written to EDDC and DCC under Freedom of Information in respect of S106 monies.

188. Adoption of the approved Minutes of Committee Meetings –

- i) Meetings of Planning Committee held on 8th July, 2013 pages 18 & 19 & 8th August 2013 pages 24 and 25 were duly adopted. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr R Adkins.
- ii) Meeting of Amenities held on 5th June 2013 pages 6&7 were duly adopted. Proposed by Cllr R Dudman seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman.

RESOLVED: That the approved Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 8th July, 2013 and 8th August 2013, and Amenities Committee held on 5th June 2013 were duly adopted. Agreed unanimously.

189. The following correspondence was noted:-

1. EDDC Agendas
2. Invitation from Blandford Town Council to attend the Neighbourhood Planning and Community Rights meeting on 4th November 2013.
3. Copy of letter to Cllr Mrs Warman concerning a Dorset Direct Enquiry re: overhanging vegetation on Hurn Road. Cllr Mrs Warman has spoken to the resident and been assured action will be taken.
4. CPRE- letter re objecting to a Solar Farm application at Mapperton and asking for support deadline 24.09.13. Emailed information to Members

190. District Councillors' Update -

Cllr Dudman reported: Recent meetings have been reviewing Audit, it appears that there may be some reserves.

Cllr Mrs A Warman:- A large Solar Farm application is brewing which should be interesting. At a recent meeting I challenged the time taken on searches at EDDC they are currently seven and a half weeks behind. When questioned I was informed that EDDC are still on manual searches whereas most parts of the country do this electronically. This affects the chains of sales and purchases.

Cllr M Dyer: At a recent meeting at EDDC it was suggested that the Council should have a policy on solar panel schemes. This is being looked into as there is a controversial application coming up. Waste: The public normally get a calendar showing their collection days but DWP are suggesting this is ended and people will be asked to download it from the web. A number of us questioned this without a consultation as a number of people will not be able to do this.

191. Parish Councillors' Reports –

1. DAPTC – no meeting AGM is in November
2. Homewatch no meeting
3. ETAG Meeting – Cllr G Willetts reported: We will shortly be having a presentation on the Navitus Bay proposal this will be in time to comment to the consultation. The Nature Project Board have now made ETAG a consultee on any housing development coming out of the Core Strategy which we are pleased with.
4. Youth Club – Cllr R Warman reported attending an interview with Cllr R Bryan for an assistance Youth Officer. The only candidate was already working for County and has been appointed. After the interview the meeting debated how to get the Club up and running again. I have emailed Alan Ball with what is required and they hope to reopen on 2nd October. Mr Ball has been given the information of 6-7 people who will assist, CRB's will be needed. Mr Ball has been asked to confirm the age group, the opening and that he has contacted any children already listed as interested. Cllr Mrs House proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr R Warman and Cllr R Bryan for their work so far. This was discussed. If the Club does not open the Council will need to decide the next steps. The Clerk confirmed that she had written to Cllr Rebecca Knox

as instructed.

192. Village Hall - To receive the Minutes of the VHMC for August & accounts for 31.07.13. Noted.

193. Car Parking lighting – Further to the request from the Tennis Club for additional lighting on the driveway, the Village Hall have been approached and asked to give this consideration. Cllr Mrs Warman and Cllr M Dyer met with an electrician who has provided advice and a quotation. The ideal solution would be for bollards or bulkhead lights to be installed parallel to the wall down the driveway. Unfortunately the wall is owned by the properties adjacent and there is no power supply. Installing a supply would be extremely costly. An LED floodlight on the BT pole was another option but there is concern over light pollution and it would need power from the Bowls club. A solar light option had already been investigated and ruled out due to light pollution and the switching on and off constantly due to the PIR> Historically the VHMC had a number of complaints from nearby residents about a previous light when situated at the front of the building. After further consideration the Clerk will ask the Tennis Club why it is not possible for their floodlights to be time switched delayed to turn off a few minutes later.

194. Allotment Sub -committee Report – Cllr Mrs A Warman to give an update on progress to date. A letter agreeing in principle to lease the land for allotment use from the Landowner has been requested. Members agreed to authorise the cost of £800 for cutting and clearing hay as this was needed to be able to assess the site properly for suitability. This was to meet the Council's duty in respect of residents requesting allotments and was necessary prior to signing any agreement. Soil testing will be carried out after by EDDC at no further cost. The work needs to be carried out whilst the weather is good, to delay could delay the project by a year. Proposed by Cllr J Crow, seconded by Cllr R Warman. Carried by 9 in favour and two abstaining (Cllr R Bryan and Cllr Mrs J House abstained).

RESOLVED: To proceed with the cutting and removal of the hay at a cost of £800.

195. Assisting the Police In serving our Parish– The Council has been asked by the new Police Constable to consider assisting the Police in serving this Parish by:-

- i) Members received a request from the Police to use of the Parish Office for Parishioners to meet with the Police – Anticipated to be around once every couple of months. A key would be needed and it would be when the Office was normally closed. This was discussed it was agreed provided the Clerk ensures papers are locked away. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr R Adkins.

RESOLVED: To allow the use of the Parish Office by the Police provided all paperwork locked away.

- ii) Members received a request from the Police to contribute to the purchase of two dedicated bicycles for the use of our Constable and CSO – the cost of the bikes was estimated at £700. Other agencies would also contribute including any other Parish assisted. Our constable also covers West Moors Area. This was discussed. It was agreed to match fund up to a maximum of £175 under the Local Government and Rating Act of 1997, s31. Proposed by Cllr B Goringe, seconded by Cllr J Crow. Carried by 9:2 (Cllr R Bryan and Cllr G Willetts against).

RESOLVED: To match fund up to a maximum of £175 towards the purchase of two mountain bikes for the dedicated use of the Police allocated to our Parish and West Moors.

196. Gym Project – Members received the report from Cllr Mrs J House and the Clerk. This was discussed it was agreed to accept the quotation from Fresh-Air Fitness at a cost of £2986.50 plus additional costs of £100. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman. Agreed Unanimously. The wording of the sign had been circulated and was agreed the Clerk will forward this to the Cllr Packham's Widow for final approval.

RESOLVED: To proceed with the Gym project at a cost of £2986.50 + VAT and additional costs of £100 under the LGMPA76 s19.

197. Exchange of information:

1. Next meetings: Full Council on 30th October 2013 - 7.00pm
2. Cllr Mrs Warman reported a lot of interest in the 51 St Ives Park application which the Officer is refusing because of the impact on trees and part of the proposal site being in the 400m SSSI limit.

3. Cllr R Bryan asked the three District Councillors why the EDDC Officer Mr Sean Whitney had given permission for Matchams to run motorcycle track events which is clearly against the injunction? Cllr Bryan has written to EDDC. Cllr Dyer asked for the information so that he can take this up at EDDC.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Chairman