

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting Held On Wednesday 30th April 2014 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 Mrs A Warman
 Cllr R Bryan Cllr B Goringe Cllr Mrs J House Cllr R Warman
 Cllr J Crow Cllr M Hockley Cllr G Willetts

In attendance: Mrs A Jacobs, Clerk and County Councillor P Richardson

494. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr N Hindmarch.

495. Pecuniary Interests: none

496. Public speaking – none

497. County Councillor Peter Richardson: Cllr Richardson had circulated his report prior to the meeting a copy of which appears as appendix A with these Minutes in the Minute Book.

1. Ask Dorset - The nearest event is being held at the Barrington Centre Ferndown in June/July
2. New Director – Mike Harries has started, previously this role dealt with five services now only three. There will be some redundancies as the County has to deal with several million pounds less in the budget.
3. Grass cutting service – some issues have arisen with the contract over responsibility for some areas

Questions to Cllr Peter Richardson:-

1. Cllr Goringe raised the poor surface condition on the Woolsbridge Roundabout. The Clerk has already reported this some time ago. Cllr Richardson pointed out that this was a Highways Agency responsibility not Dorset County Council but will look into it.
2. Cllr M Dyer reported that the Matchams View car park was being locked by padlock and chain between 4.30 and 4.45pm each evening, due he thought to the automatic closing system being broken again. This was too early particularly in lighter evenings. Cllr Richardson will take up with Avon Heath.

Cllr Richardson left the meeting.

498. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 26th March 2014 - The Minutes of the meeting held 26th March 2014 pages 82-84, were agreed unanimously, as an accurate record and signed. Proposed by Cllr C House, seconded by Cllr R Warman. Motion carried 11:1 (Cllr Hockley against).

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th March 2014 were agreed as an accurate record.

499. Matters arising from the Minutes noted:-

1. Cllr Hockley voted against the minutes as in his opinion he learnt nothing from the meeting with Wessex Water. Noted.
2. Min. 451- Directional sign for the Post Office – DCC acknowledged request now awaiting further information.

500. Approved Minutes of the following Committee Meetings were adopted by RESOLUTION of the Council:-

1. Planning Committee held on 13.03.14 pages 80-81 and 03.04.14 pages 88-90, Agreed, Cllr Mrs J House proposed, Cllr Mrs A Warman seconded.
2. Amenities Meeting held on 05.03.14 pages 76-77 Agreed, Cllr R Bryan, proposed, seconded by Cllr B Goringe (Cllr M Hockley abstained)
3. Finance Meeting held on 05.03.14 pages 78-79 Agreed, Cllr Mrs J House proposed, Cllr Mrs A Warman seconded. (Cllr M Hockley abstained)

501. Correspondence to note:

1. EDDC Agendas
2. DCC The Great Dorset Beach Clean Sunday 27th April 2014
3. DCC highways works list – emailed to all.
4. New Forest District sites and development management Local Plan part 2 adopted 14.04.14

5. EDDC Forms for business and domestic properties flooded – Request to inform any flooded properties
6. ICO registration certificate
7. Navitus Bay Windfarm newsletter
8. Email from a resident forwarding information from DCC on proposed works scheduled shortly on Ashley Heath Roundabout. The information will be forwarded to all Members.
9. Saturday Service 38 – Cllr Richardson confirmed that the service was still running. Cuts had been made to lightly used services in the early morning and early evening to fund the Saturday service.

502. District Councillors' Update:

Cllr M Dyer reported: The new Core Strategy has been adopted this will cover the area until 2028. There is no requirement for an early review but normally one is done at around 5 years.

Cllr Mrs A Warman: A few contentious planning applications this week. There is less money available for grants. Relatively quiet at present due to the build up to the Annual Meeting. Colehill seems to be accepted for more development and West Parley now has less development than planned originally. The seven Councillors who objected to the Core Strategy all have new Neighbourhood plans and were reflecting those. Infill is going to take place over all of the District.

Cllr C House asked what the District Councillors plan to spend their District allocated grants on? Cllr Mrs Warman reported that they will still have to justify what the money is for so it is still controlled.

Cllr Dyer advised that it must be for the whole community not just part of it. It was noted that County Councillors will get £5,000 for the areas they represent.

503. Parish Councillors' Reports -To receive reports from Parish Councillors including:-

1. DAPTC – Cllr Mrs J House reported that it had been a long meeting and a further report had been given on the boundary reviews. Other areas reported on their issues including flooding.
2. Homewatch – Cllr Dudman had not attended a meeting. Cllr Mrs J House was appointed as the deputy representative. To be reviewed at the annual appointment of representatives in May. Cllr Mrs Warman reported that a Member of Homewatch had begun a community coffee morning which was proving most successful. Cllr Mrs J House reported on the recent AGM at which they asked for volunteers for speed check training which would be good for the Council to be involved in.
3. ETAG – no meeting

504. Youth Club update on Membership and management of the Club - Cllr R Warman reported: An EGM was held 6 weeks ago and several ladies have now formed a Committee. They want to arrange for a night for younger children but DCC Insurance will not cover the age group, currently Cllr R Warman is investigating other options. An open event is being planned for 24th May. The next Committee meeting is on the 20th May at 7.30pm. Cllr Mrs House suggested a flyer advertising the event could be put into the school. Another signatory was needed on the account as currently only Cllr R Warman was managing the funds. The Clerk reported that on behalf of the Club she had carried out a Fire Risk Assessment which had highlighted a lack of 5 year wiring check, negotiations to share the costs with the Tennis Club had been made. One quotation has been received today and Cllr R Warman was awaiting confirmation on a second. The Clerk stressed the importance of this item and asked for delegated authority, in conjunction with Cllr R Warman to proceed with the wiring check as soon as possible and then invoice each Club subsequently. This was agreed.

RESOLVED: The Council delegates authority to the Clerk and Cllr R Warman to proceed with the 5 year wiring check on the Youth and Tennis Club units.

505. Traffic and Parking issues following events - at Moors Valley & Matchams Stadium cycle event – Cllr Willetts reported his concerns about the parking issues particularly along Horton Road and Lions Lane following recent early closing of Moors Valley. This had resulted in both roads being reduced to single lane and traffic holdups. He was particularly concerned about the parking so close to the junction of Lions Lane and Bushmead Drive and also the four cars which were parked butting into Horton Road for the whole day. It was noted that this was partly due to the overflow car park being flooded and un-useable. Cllr Hockley suggested that a new car park along the Verwood Road for cyclists would be a safer option and pull further cars away from the car parks. Cllr Mrs Warman responded that the land he was suggesting was owned by Lord Normanton and was not under Moors Valley, there was no funding available for such work. Cllr R Bryan reported on the recent cycle event at Matchams and the issues arising from it. A suggestion was made that the Fire Brigade could be called if there was a safety concern over access due to obstructions as they would take action.

The Clerk will contact the Police and the County Councillor to ask them why the vehicles obstructing

Horton Road were not moved on and to consider further extensions to the yellow lines and other measures.

7.55pm Cllr Willetts apologised but left the meeting for an important engagement.

506. Scouts Compound Issues –

- i) Members received a letter from an adjacent neighbour to the site raising concern over the change in land levels since the clearance work. Cllr R Bryan reported. There is a 2" scratch on the wood caused by the digger. An extra run of gravel boards at the base of the fence would resolve the gap problem. Cllr Bryan agreed that he would get these installed at his own cost. The Clerk will confirm this in writing to the resident.
- ii) Members received an email from the Chairman of the Scouts JHQ asking what the Council intentions are as to the fence and car park plans as following a recent visit from DCA further funding is available to them but they need to act swiftly as the grant must be with them by June. This was discussed. At some point in the future it was still intended to pursue plans for further parking. It was agreed unanimously, that the Car Park working party is delegated to negotiate an agreement with the Scouts to move the gate position in line with the original car park plan and put in the new fencing with responsibility for the rest of the area being handed back to the full Council who will then maintain it. Proposed by Cllr M Hockley, seconded by Cllr R Adkins.

RESOLVED: That the Car Park working party is delegated to negotiate an agreement with the Scouts to move the gate position in line with the original car park plan and put in the new fencing with responsibility for the rest of the area being handed back to the full Council who will then maintain it.

507. Annual Insurance Renewal – Members received the renewal notice for the annual Insurance with Zurich Municipal. The renewal premium is £2083.16 compared to £1997.13 for 13/14. This was discussed it was agreed unanimously, to renew the insurance with Zurich Municipal. Proposed by Cllr C House, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House.

RESOLVED: To renew the insurance with Zurich Municipal on 31st May 2014 at a cost of £2083.16

508. Village Hall:-

- i) The Council received and noted the minutes of the VHMC for January, February and March
- ii) Members received a request for additional directional signs for the Village Hall. This was discussed it was agreed that there was no objection to the proposal, the Clerk will respond.

RESOLVED: To support the request for additional signage to the Village Hall.

509. Dorset County Council and Dorset Wildlife Trust – working with the Community Day May 17th 10am to 1pm – Invitation to send a representative. This was discussed. Cllr Hockley asked to attend but this was rejected as contrary to Minute: 252 which is still applicable at the current time. The Clerk was instructed to contact Cllr G Willetts as our ETAG representative to see if he could attend.

510. Community Governance Review – Members discussed the Parish Warding and Boundary arrangements. It was noted that if un-warded and a contested bye election is required the whole Parish would be able to vote which could result in a cost of £8,500, if warded only the Ward is canvassed at an approximate cost of around a third of that figure. Three years ago the Parish put arrangements in place to allocate roads to individual Councillors. It was agreed that the Council preferred the warding as it currently is in case of a bye election; residents know who to approach and the work load is split. Having considered all the factors the Council agreed that there was no good reason to change the current boundary or warding arrangements. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House. Cllr R Dudman abstained, the rest of the Council were in favour.

RESOLVED: To recommend that there was no good reason to change the current boundary or warding arrangements.

511. Annual Return 2013/2014 –

- i) Members received and accepted the Annual Governance Statement. Proposed by Cllr R Warman, seconded by Cllr R Bryan. Agreed unanimously.

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

- ii) Members approved the Annual Return for 2013/14. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman. Agreed unanimously.

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

512. Exchange of information:

1. Next meeting: Annual Meeting of the full Council 28th May 2014
2. The Clerk reported that the newly planted bluebells are flowering at Jubilee Copse.
3. Cllr Dudman asked what was happening about a crossing outside Moors Valley. It was reported that DCC had refused this as statistical information had shown insufficient need.
4. Cllr Hockley:-
 - Navitus Bay information was appreciated
 - Grass cutting had taken place in his area today
 - High pressure cleaning of drains had been undertaken in his area
 - The Police helicopter site has now been moved to the East side of the airport and should be finished by July. There is accommodation for two machines.
5. Cllr Mrs House asked if it was true that our dedicated Police Officer would be leaving and we would be sharing with Ferndown in future.
6. Cllr Mrs A Warman: A new Scout Leader has started and recently the Scouts took part in a bag pack which raised over £400, the new Leader's wife is offering to be Scout Treasurer
7. The Chairman reported that a remark at the Annual Parish Assembly had been made about non-attendance, particularly reference to Planning was made he asked that whilst emergencies were understood he asked Members to remember that they had taken on a job and asked them to make every effort to attend.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman