

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 25th June 2014 at 7pm
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present: Cllr R Adkins Vice Chairman in the Chair

Cllr J R Bryan

Cllr N Hindmarch

Cllr Mrs A Warman

Cllr J Crow

Cllr M Hockley

Cllr R Warman

Present: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk and 15 Members of the Public.

Public Speaking: Members of the public were present to hear about the concerns of the Parish Council in relation to the SCA's and offered to provide aerial photographs. Concern was raised about the volume of tree loss with what appeared to be no challenge. A resident asked that the Parish Council asks EDDC for a review of tree TPO's, survey of the SCA's and immediate areas. It was suggested that a wildlife survey of the Parish could inform future planning decisions.

59. Apologies were received and accepted from: Cllr B Goringe; Cllr C House; Cllr Mrs J House; Cllr M Dyer; Cllr R Dudman and Cllr G Willetts.

60. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest: None.

61. County Councillor Peter Richardson – A report was circulated to Members for the May meeting and this covered June as well.

62. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th May, 2014 pages 1-4

The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman. All in favour with Cllr M Hockley voting against. Cllr R Warman asked Cllr Hockley why he was voting against, did he not agree that they were a correct record? Cllr Hockley informed the meeting that he did not want to add any comment at this stage as matters would become clear.

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th May, 2014 pages 1-4 were adopted.

63. Matters arising from the Minutes:-

1. Min. 12.3 – The Clerk has contacted DAPTC to check the authority to pay and they have confirmed s137. Cheque despatched.

64. The approved minutes of the following Committee Meetings were adopted by the Council :-

1. Planning Committee held on 15.05.14 Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman. Agreed none against.
2. Amenities Meeting held on 02.04.14 Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr R Bryan. Agreed none against.
3. Finance Meeting held on 02.04.14 Proposed by Cllr R Warman, seconded by Cllr R Bryan. Agreed none against.

65. Correspondence to note:

1. EDDC Agendas
2. Copy of response from a resident to the Navitus Bay consultation
3. Adoption of Christchurch and East Dorset Core strategy
4. Notification from the Monitoring Officer that the two complaints against a Member are to be heard by Members of the Ethical Governance Committee.
5. Notification of minor corrections to the Definitive Map.

66. Special Character Areas in the Parish – Min. 54.2 Refers - The Planning Committee asked that the Council considers the severe threat to the SCA's due to tree loss and the potential for future tree loss. This was discussed. Utilising new powers under the Localism Act might be of assistance although it was noted that this would mean a public referendum. Mr Chope is also prepared to assist if we have a specific concern. A new neighbourhood plan would also be needed. Members noted that crucial to the SCA is the backdrop of trees on the immediate boundary there appeared to be a gradual erosion of the backdrop of trees around the SCA's from the outside in. After further discussion and hearing from the public it was agreed that the Planning Committee would be asked to look into and put forward steps to protect the SCA's. Proposed by

Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr J Crow. Motion carried by 5 in favour Cllr M Hockley and Cllr Mrs A Warman abstained.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee look into and put forward steps to protect the SCA's as a recommendation to full Council.

This will include looking into Mr Chopes letter and how the Localism Act may be utilised.

The Planning meeting on the 17th July 2014 will be open for all Members of the Council to attend as Mr Truick Senior Officer of EDDC will be attending to discuss the SCA's. Members of the public were asked to support the Council in this issue.

67. District Councillors' Update: Brief verbal reports from the District Councillors:-

Cllr Mrs A Warman reported that each District Councillor has been allocated £2,000 to spend on the community, this will mean £6,000 for the Parish. A recent application for a gypsy site at the Lane at Longham was taken to appeal and the Inspector upheld the application. This decision was subsequently overturned by the Secretary of State as it was in the Green Belt.

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

1. DAPTC – No meeting. Members proposed that the following resolution is put to the AGM
“ That this Council asks that more consideration is given to the impact of alternative/re/renewable energy sources on the natural environment. “
Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr M Hockley agreed unanimously.
2. Homewatch – no meeting
3. ETAG – An excellent report has been put forward on Navitus Bay. It was noted that the National Trust is reported as submitting an objection.

69. Youth Club – Cllr R Warman updated Members. Mondays currently had no Members attending and Wednesdays had 6-8 children attending. The wiring remedial work had been completed, it was noted that most of the faults were from the original construction of the building. Cllr Adkins will be taking over the accounts.

70. Calendar of meetings for 2015 – Planning Committee – Min. 14 refers. Members approved the schedule for the planning Committee meeting dates as submitted retaining the 3 week cycle of meetings. Proposed by Cllr R Warman, seconded by Cllr R Bryan. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: The schedule for the planning Committee meeting dates as submitted retaining the 3 week cycle of meetings was approved.

71. Village Hall Grant 2014/2015 – Members authorised release of the grant payment for the village hall of £10,000 for 2014/2015 in accordance with the duly adopted Financial Regulations item 5.9, Members noted Minute 244 (2013/2014) which identified this sum specifically for the Village Hall in the precept. Proposed by Cllr J Crow, seconded by Cllr R Bryan. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To release the grant payment for the village hall of £10,000 for 2014/2015.

72. PAT Testing of the Parish Office – This was carried out on 31.05.14 by Cllr C House and some minor remedial action has been instructed with a qualified electrician. Noted thanks were given to Cllr House.

73. Parish Website – Letter from a resident asking for his personal telephone number to go on in respect of history items. This was discussed and agreed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr R Warman. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: The telephone number of the resident will go on the website as requested.

74. DAPTC Subscription Renewal for 2014/2015 – Members authorised payment of the subscription for 2014/2015 cost £1003.21 for the year. Proposed by Cllr N Hindmarch, seconded by Cllr J Crow. Motion carried 6:1 Cllr Mrs A Warman against.

RESOLVED: The payment of the subscription for 2014/2015 of £1003.21 was authorised.

75. Village Hall – Minutes of the VHMC for April and May were received and noted. Cllr Mrs Warman reported that the minimum repair work was undertaken this year seven bookings have been lost and the roof has leaked due to the weight of moss, work starts to remove this on 1st July. Cllr Adkins reported that a neighbourhood plan allows for 25% of the Community Infrastructure levy to be allocated for community projects.

76. Exchange of information:

1. Next meeting: 30th July 2014
2. Concern about the property at the beginning of Braeside Road splitting off land was raised Cllr Mrs Warman will make enquiries.
3. Cllr Hndmarch informed Members that due to his current personal circumstances his attendance at Council meetings would be sporadic.
4. Cllr Hockley Heath Road has been partly resurfaced by the junction with Craigside. He was very disappointed with the quality of work done. A number of potholes were left.
5. Cllr Hockley has had a complaint about a number of beer cans being littered in the Parish around the Heather Close Braeside Road area. It was suggested that more information in relation to times and dates was needed.
6. Cllr Mrs Warman – reported numerous complaints concerning grass cutting. It has been raised with the leader of the Council and Judith Plumley has emailed and advised that a complete cut will be carried out by 26th June. A further cut and flail will be done by 21st July and again on 28th July.
7. Cllr Crow reported problems with overhanging vegetation along the pavement of the A31 from the Hospital towards St Leonards Farm. The Clerk was asked to report to Steve Davies.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chairman