

**ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting of the Full Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7pm**  
**in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards**

**Members Present:** Cllr M Dyer, Chairman

Cllr R Bryans      Cllr J Crow      Cllr N Hindmarch      Cllr C House      Cllr Mrs A Warman  
Cllr M Hockley      Cllr Mrs J House      Cllr G Willetts

**Present:** Mrs A Jacobs Clerk

**289. Members resolved to suspend standing order 3L following the amendment to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, dated 6<sup>th</sup> August 2014.** Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House agreed unanimously.

**290. Apologies** were received and accepted from: Cllr R Adkins; Cllr B Goringe; Cllr R Dudman and Cllr R Warman

**291. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:** None.

**County Councillor:** Cllr Richardson gave a short update on his report a copy of which appears as Appendix A with these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cllr R Bryan asked about the proposed changes in care as from recent experience he knew that there was a huge difference between the amount paid for care by the recipient and the amount received by the Carer, who was often on the minimum wage. Cllr Richardson confirmed that this was being looked at and he would keep the Council informed.

**292. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**

- (i) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014, pages 46-49 including confidential Minute 252- Were agreed as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr C House, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House. There were two abstentions Cllr M Hockley and Cllr J Crow the rest were in favour.
- (ii) Minutes of the EGM of the Full Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014 pages 44 & 45 - Were agreed as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr C House. Cllr J Crow abstained the rest were in favour.
- RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014, pages 46-49 and 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014 pages 44 & 45 were adopted as a true and accurate record.**

**293. Matters arising from the Minutes:-**

- Minute 240.6 cycle barriers – The Clerk reported that DCC had requested the Parish view on the request to remove it which had been to list the concerns that a shared cycle and footpath would lead to conflict between cyclists and pedestrians. DCC had responded that the barrier was no longer compliant with DfT criteria on cycle barriers. The Clerk had measured the barrier and it is too narrow. Members asked the Clerk to respond that the barrier should be replaced with one that is compliant.
- EGM 29.10.14 Hospital – Cllr Mrs Warman informed Members that she was attending an Architects Panel meeting tomorrow in this respect and will report back.

**294. Adoption of Minutes** - Approved Minutes of the following Committee Meetings were adopted:-

- Planning Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014 pages 41-43 including confidential minute 227. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr C House. All in favour with Cllr J Crow and Cllr M Hockley abstaining.
- Amenities Committee meeting 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 pages 37 & 38. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House. All in favour with Cllr J Crow and Cllr M Hockley abstaining.
- Finance Committee meeting 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 pages 39 40. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Warman, seconded by Cllr R Bryan. All in favour with Cllr J Crow and Cllr M Hockley abstaining.

**295. Correspondence to note:**

- EDDC Agendas
- EDDC letter advising vote counting order and times for 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015 (provisional)
- Community speedwatch undertaken on Sandy Lane and Woolsbridge Road
- A request had been received from the school to come and talk about their proposals for change. Members would welcome a brief written summary.

**296. District Councillors' Update:** Nothing to report separately.

**297. Parish Councillors' Reports -**

- DAPTC – Cllr Hindmarch reported: Due to errors in the Office at DAPTC our resolution had not been circulated in time for individual Councils to discuss and direct their representatives. This did result in some difficulty, however

our resolution did go through with 31 in favour, 3 against and 10 abstaining as they had no direction from their Councils. One point of discussion was a request to consider the need to hold annual Parish Assemblies as they were often poorly attended. It was pointed out that it was a statutory requirement.

2. Homewatch – meeting 9<sup>th</sup> December
3. ETAG – Meeting in January as awaiting information on a Care strategy. Cllr G Willetts asked to ensure that our comments on the Hospital had been acknowledged as he had not had any acknowledgement for his.
4. Bournemouth Airport –
  - i) Forum meeting 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014 – Cllr Hindmarch and Cllr Mrs J House circulated their report.
  - ii) Members noted the response to our submission on the Draft Noise Action Plan 2014. Cllr Hockley informed Members that a legal challenge may be made as it is potentially illegal. Cllr Hockley was surprised by the Council decision to suggest another route. Noted.
5. Allotments update - Cllr C House reported: Following a meeting with the Landowner, the working party are now ready to meet with prospective allotment holders with the aim of them formulating an Allotment Holders Group. A meeting is scheduled for early December. A draft letter was circulated to Members with the agenda no amendments were proposed.
6. Car Park Working Party report – Cllr C House reported. Amenities Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> December will look at the draft specification and plans and if satisfied delegate the working party to obtain quotations.

**298. Aerial slide Replacement** – Members received information including quotations from the consultant appointed. This was discussed. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr M Hockley and agreed unanimously to proceed with the recommendation of the Consultant to go with the Komplan slide at a cost of £11,749 + VAT.

**RESOLVED: To proceed with the recommendation of the Consultant to accept the quotation from Komplan slide at a cost of £11,749 + VAT which includes surfacing and installation.**

The Clerk thanked Cllr Mrs J House for her considerable assistance.

**299. Folly Farm** – The Clerk reported an email from the RTC Clerk, suggesting that Members may wish to consider discussing the future ownership of the site. Members had concerns about the potential future maintenance costs and liability issues. It was proposed to maintain the status quo. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House, agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED: To continue with the existing agreement.**

**300. Waste Proposals – Minute 192.2 refers** – Members discussed reports of suggested changes to waste disposal in the County and the recent launch of a consultation (deadline 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015). Whilst mindful that savings had to be made, Members were concerned that there was insufficient publicity to raise public awareness to the consultation as the document was only online and in libraries. Members had concerns that some of the proposals might exacerbate the existing fly tipping issues within the Parish. Members agreed that a special additional newsletter would be compiled and distributed to assist with publicising the proposals and informing the Electorate. Copies of the form would be available within the Village Hall. Proposed by Cllr G Willetts, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House. The Clerk and Chairman will compile a single sided one sheet flyer to publicise the consultation, bigger print was also suggested. Agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED: The Clerk and Chairman will compile a single sided one sheet flyer to publicise the consultation.**

**301. Navitus Bay** – A site visit is arranged on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December which will include a visit to the sub-station. It was noted that an alternative plan is now being submitted which we believe will be consulted on alongside the existing proposal. Cllr Bryan had responded personally as an individual to a recent article in the Echo on comparing the proposal to a wind farm off Margate. He suggested Members read the article. Cllr Hockley asked if a response was to be put forward about the alternative option? The consultation had not been received on the alternative plan.

**302. Village Hall** –

- i) October Minutes awaited.
- ii) Copy of renewed insurance certificate received but this was for Employers Liability. The Clerk has asked for confirmation of buildings cover.

**303. Planning Committee referred the following items for discussion and decision:-**

- i) Min. 169: Community Planning: It was determined that as the Parish Council now has the Power of competence, rather than updating the Parish Plan a Community Plan should be developed to run in parallel with the Parish Plan. There will be a cost involved that cannot be fully quantified at this stage. This was discussed it was noted that whatever is in the plan must be consistent with the Core Strategy, full consultation must be done with the community and there will be a considerable amount of time and expense to compile a feasible plan. It was agreed that this should be postponed to after the May 2015 elections and the new Council.
- ii) Min 170. Improved Liaison with EDDC Planning: Having considered the letter from Mr Giles Moir it was felt that his proposals set out a workable scheme for re-consultation on amended plans. This was discussed. Cllr Mrs J House

suggested that planning responses should refer to relevant policies that are conflicted with. Cllr Bryan has requested liaison with EDDC when amendments are made and better communication. .

- 304. Precept Demand for 2015/2016**– Members received the recommendation of the Finance Committee to submit a precept demand of £82,572, which equates to an increase of 2.9% over last year. Cllr Brayan highlighted an article in the Dorset News on Council tax where only 11% of the public consulted agreed with a 3% increase. This was discussed however, the Parish increase is a very small part of the total bill. It was proposed to accept the recommendation of the finance Committee to submit a precept demand of £82,572, agreed unanimously.  
**RESOLVED to submit a precept demand of £82,572 for 2015/2016.**
- 305. EDDC Consultation on a proposal to change from a Committee style to a cabinet style governance –** Members discussed the proposal. It was agreed that some decisions should be delegated but this could be done through a strengthened Committee system, Members felt that the Cabinet system was undemocratic. It was proposed to respond negatively to the proposal. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House, agreed unanimously.  
**RESOLVED: To respond that the Committee system should be strengthened and retained and the Cabinet style governance should be rejected.**
- 306. Extended Leave of Absence request – Cllr R Dudman –** Members received the request and agreed unanimously to extend a leave of absence for a further 6 months. The Clerk was asked to express the Councils thanks for Cllr Dudmans service and their best wishes. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr R Bryan.  
**RESOLVED:** To extend leave of absence for a six month period for Cllr R Dudman.
- 307. National Pay scales –** Agreement has now been reached awarding a pay increase of 2.2% from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015, in addition two further one off payments of £100 payable 1.12.14 and £33 payable on 01.04.15. This was discussed It was agreed unanimously to apply the increases as agreed by National Joint Council. Proposed by Cllr C House, seconded by Cllr J Crow.  
**RESOLVED: to apply the increases as agreed by National Joint Council**
- 308. Patio and Paths –** Members received the report from the Clerk and further explanation. This was discussed. It was agreed that the final withheld sum of £2050 + VAT should be paid. It was also agreed that the quotation for completing the additional two paths for £1,400+VAT should be accepted. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr G Willetts. Agreed unanimously.  
**RESOLVED: To pay the withheld sum of £2050+VAT and accept the quotation for the two additional paths for an additional £1,400+VAT.**
- 309. Jurassic Coast Trust –** Invitation to appoint a representative to be the Parish Jurassic Coast Champion. This was discussed, the Clerk will obtain further information on the requirements of the role for further discussion.
- 310. Ashley Heath Halt Enhancement Works –** No further information had been received. The Clerk will chase up the Ranger as the grants must be claimed before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 or lost.
- 311. Exchange of information:**
1. Next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015
  2. Cllr Dyer reported that Keith Moreton, ex Councillor of the Parish had recently passed away, his ashes have been scattered at Arne.
  3. Cllr J Crow thanked the Clerk and passed on the sincere thanks of the Oaktree Park Residents Association and Leisure Centre for her work on getting the Hospital to cut back the overhanging vegetation on the bridleway.
  4. The Clerk reported a call from DAPTC about the use of their logo and address by a Member of the Parish Council. It was noted that the correspondence had been written as a private individual but due to the reference to the Clerk DAPTC had raised it with her. The Member agreed to apologise and explained that he had been unaware of the error. The Clerk will respond that the Council is satisfied with the explanation and confirm that the matter has been raised.
  5. Cllr Mrs Warman is looking at using her District Grant for Age Concern.
  6. Cllr R Bryan reported that he and Cllr R Warman had attended a Youth Club meeting. There is some conflict between the DCC Leader and the two volunteer parents who are running an additional night separately. However 6-8 people are now attending and it is open 3 nights a week.
  7. Cllr Hindmarch handed the Clerk contact details of Dorset Fire and Rescue who are willing to visit the Council.
  8. Speedwatch – Cllr Mrs J House reported that a number of drivers (of all ages) had made offensive gestures to the group. One was actually speeding, texting and not wearing his seatbelt.

**The meeting closed at 9.20pm**