

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting of the Full Council
Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 28th January 2015 at 7pm
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present: Cllr M Dyer, Chairman

Cllr R Adkins Cllr B Goringe Cllr N Hindmarch Cllr C House Cllr Mrs A Warman
 Cllr R Bryan Cllr M Hockley Cllr Mrs J House Cllr R Warman

Present: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk

The Chairman explained that during the Clerk's leave the Locum Clerk had sent the agenda out for the meeting electronically and had hand delivered it to the two Members not on the email list, normally the Clerk sends it electronically and by post to all Members. The Chairman asked if Members were satisfied that they had been properly informed about the meeting and were willing to proceed. The Clerk confirmed that it had been correctly advertised on the noticeboards and DAPTC had advised that provided Members agreed that sufficient information and notice had been given the meeting could legally proceed.

RESOLVED: Those present agreed unanimously to proceed.

353. Members resolved to suspend standing order 3L following the amendment to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, dated 6th August 2014. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman agreed unanimously.

354. Apologies were received and accepted from: Cllr J Crow; Cllr R Dudman and Cllr G Willetts who was attending an ETAG meeting at EDDC. Whilst unable to vote Cllr Willetts had given a view on the time for the Ashley Halt and the car park extension which were read out by the Clerk and noted.

355. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest: None.

356. County Councillor: Cllr Richardson had circulated a report prior to the meeting as he was unable to attend, a copy of which appears as Appendix A with these Minutes in the Minute Book.

357. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th November 2014 pages 55-57 were adopted as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr C House, seconded by Cllr R Adkins, agreed with all in favour with Cllr M Hockley abstaining.

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the full Council Meeting held on 26th November 2014 were adopted.

358. Matters arising from the Minutes:-

1. Min. 305 refers: EDDC Consultation on a proposal to change from a Committee style to a cabinet style governance – The Parish response was submitted, EDDC have agreed to change to a cabinet style of governance with effect from the elections May 2015.
2. Min. 299. Folly Farm – response sent as directed
3. Min. 309 – Jurassic Ambassador request for more information about amount of commitment sent
4. Fly tipping and littering response despatched – Cllr M Dyer will report on Task and Finish meeting held in January 2015
5. Min. 300 Flyer re Waste despatched and questionnaires made available. To date thirty-five completed forms had been received in the Parish Office. Cllr M Dyer reported on the previous evenings EDDC meeting which discussed and agreed a response to a DCLG consultation (dated 22.01.15) on charges at Household Recycling Centres. EDDC had agreed:

- to support the proposed changes in legislation which would prevent local authorities charging an entry or exit fee for using an HRC and any fee relating to the quantity of household waste and recycling that is deposited
- to suggest that the changes in legislation be extended to also prevent local authorities charging residents from outside their area for using an HRC
- support charges still being permitted for non-household wastes (such as soil, rubble tyres) taken to HRCs by residents
- In light of the DWP not being a statutory consultee as set out with the consultation document the committee would not support any submission made by the DWP on this matter

The consultation closes on 18th February, 2015. This was discussed due to the time constraint the Members agreed that the Clerk and Chairman would respond on behalf of the Parish Council. A draft response will be circulated to all Members before final despatch. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: The Chairman and Clerk were delegated to compile a response to be circulated to all Members prior to despatch.

Cllr Bryan reported that certain areas appeared to have been missed once more by our newsletter Distributor. The Chairman had taken this up with the Distributor who has been told that if this does happen again alternatives will be researched.

6. Min 297.3 Hospital comments received and appear on the web.

359. Adoption of Minutes of Committees - Approved Minutes of the following Committee Meetings were adopted:-

1. Planning Committee held on 6th November 2014 pages 53 & 54 and 27th November 2014 pages 58-60. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr R Adkins. Agreed unanimously with Cllrs M Hockley and Cllr R Warman abstaining.
2. Amenities Committee meeting held on 5th November 2014 page 50 . Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr B Goringe. Agreed unanimously with Cllrs M Hockley and Cllr R Warman abstaining.
3. Finance Committee meeting held on 5th November 2014 pages 51 & 52. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr B Goringe. Agreed unanimously with Cllr M Hockley and Cllr R Warman abstaining.

360. Correspondence to note:

1. EDDC Agendas
2. DCC Highways Query regarding maintenance of the A 31 has been forwarded to Area 3 EM Highways Services
3. Knoll Gardens Foundation are looking for volunteers to promote wildlife friendly gardening
4. Dorset Community Action request support for a campaign to call on the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs not to withdraw funding for the ACRE Network of Rural Community Councils of which
5. DAPTC Extraordinary Chief Executive's Circular – Nominations for the Royal Garden Party Tuesday 12th May 2015. The Chairman had already attended, no other nomination was made.
6. DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular 01/15
7. EDDC – New updated Emergency Response Plan – The Clerk will contact Jonathon Ross as our amendments made last February to include Oaktree Park and correct telephone numbers had not been made.
8. DAPTC Annual Conference 25th February 2015 – Having noted the agenda and cost of £50 per delegated no nominations were made.
9. Open event for prospective Councillors on 4th March at Wimborne – noted. Members were asked to inform the Clerk of anyone who might be interested in the event.

361. District Councillors' Update:

Cllr Mrs A Warman reported: 7 St Leonards Way was up before the Planning Committee on 3rd February 2015. A complaint about a structure in a rear garden behind Azalea Close has gone to Enforcement for investigation. Cllr Mrs Warman asked that purchase of a defibrillator was put to the next full Council meeting. Cllr Mrs Warman passed information to the Clerk. The idea would be for the unit to be sited outside of the building so that it could be accessed by all the Clubs on site as well as hall users and the cost shared. The Clerk will check out costs and write to the Clubs and Homewatch to see if they would be willing to contribute.

362. Parish Councillors' Reports -

1. DAPTC – Cllr Hindmarch reported: Cllr Hindmarch had been unavailable to attend the last meeting, But the general feeling of Members is that a number of them are unwilling to stand for re-election due to the changes in responsibilities and expectations of the Government on Councillors.
2. ETAG – Cllr Willetts will report at the next meeting as he is attending the ETAG meeting tonight.
3. Homewatch – Cllr Goringe reported that there had been a further Community Speedwatch in Horton Road, over 300 cars had been logged but only 2 had been exceeding the acceptable boundary.
4. Youth Club – Cllr R Warman reported. A Committee meeting was held recently. There were two small groups running on different days with different ages around 6-8 in each group. It is hoped that now the schools are back that these figures will increase. The difficulty is that the two groups are working independently of each other. The Committee encouraged the DCC representative to the last meeting and they have been given a couple of tasks. The Leader has asked for a credit card for expenditure items.

363. Allotment Update - Cllr C House reported: Members received an update following the meeting held on the 15th December 2014. Those present formed a group of 15 volunteers to form an Allotment Society. The Allotment Society held their inaugural meeting on 15th January 2015 and appointed a Chairperson. The next meeting is on the 03.02.15. Letters had been sent to the immediate residents of the access road and invited them to contact the Council with any concerns, at the time of the meeting no response had been received. A letter had also been sent to the Landowner asking for a draft lease. Cllr Bryan asked if the Clerk could provide a copy of the lease between EDDC and Verwood Town Council for their site before the 15th February. The Landowner had met with a number of the immediate neighbours of the site who appeared very positive their main concern is the access road, it is currently in a very poor state.

The Clerk asked the meeting to confirm what level of support should be provided to the Allotment Society. It was agreed that the Council should be "hands off" but willing to assist with rooms and copying requirements.

364. Navitus Bay – The Planning Inspectorate have agreed that they will look at the two applications together. Cllr R Bryan will report on the MP's response as soon as available. Cllr Hindmarch reported that following the AGM he did not think that there would be any support for our objections from DAPTC Members, unless directly affected there appeared little interest.

365. Village Hall –

- i) October and November Minutes noted.
- ii) Confirmation of buildings cover received – noted
- iii) Members received a letter from the VHMC to consider a request for an extension to accommodate chair storage and a modest office space for the hall Manager. Copies of the plans were circulated at the meeting and returned to Cllr Mrs A Warman. This was discussed at length. Concern was raised that the extension would not provide sufficient space to meet the requirements. Suggestions to use the bar area and alcove in the main entrance currently storing Bowls mats were made. Cllr Mrs A Warman reminded Members that the lease states that permission for extensions and alterations will not be unreasonably withheld, the space had been measured out and the plans drawn by EDDC but measurements will be checked. The VHMC were trying to improve the look of the building but there were other issues with the alternative areas suggested. The extension might be allowed under permitted development but this would be confirmed if permission was given. Members asked what the cost of the project would be and how it would be funded? Cllr Mrs Warman informed Members that this was estimated at between £15,000 and £25,000 and funding would be from an outside source and not requested from the Council. After further discussion Cllr Mrs Warman was asked to recheck that the project would provide sufficient accommodation to meet their requirements. It was then proposed that the Council would agree in principle to the request subject to their being no funding requirement from the VHMC reserves or Parish Council. It would also be subject to checking the details of the accommodation with the architect. Cllr Mrs Warman confirmed that none of the cost would be met from the VHMC reserves. Agreed by 9:1 (Cllr C House abstained from the vote the rest were in favour).

RESOLVED: The Council agreed in principle to the request subject to there being no funding requirement from the VHMC reserves or Parish Council. It would also be subject to checking the details of the accommodation with the architect to ensure that the proposal would meet their requirements.

366. Ashley Heath Halt Enhancement Works and One Stop Litter Pick Offer – Cllr Dyer reported that work had commenced on clearance of scrub. A tight timescale is applicable as the grant contribute requires the work to be complete by 31.03.15. The Manager of the Onestop had generously offered to support a litter pick of the area, this was discussed but it was felt that this was best done once the restoration had been completed. The Chairman suggested a letter of thanks and acknowledgment, this would be discussed further at a subsequent meeting.

367. Resolution to exclude the press and public to discuss:

Additional car parking and JHQ compound work – To receive and consider the quotations for work and if minded to accept a quotation.

Proposed by Cllr C House and seconded by Cllr R Bryan, Cllr Hockley Abstained, the rest were in favour of the motion.

RESOLVED: The Council agreed to exclude the press and public to discuss the quotations for the work.
See confidential Minute 367 dated 29.01.15.

368. Exchange of information:

1. Next meeting 25th February 2015:
2. Cllr Bryan reported that the Boundary Lane layby close to Avon Autos had about 6 large green bin bags flytipped.
3. Cllr Mrs A Warman asked who owned the blue sign at the front of the building as the VHMC wanted to indicate the location of the Committee Rooms. The Clerk confirmed that the Council had erected it at the request of the VHMC. The VHMC could add to the sign at their cost.
4. Cllr M Hockley reported on new aircraft now using Bournemouth Airport. The Police Helicopter at Bournemouth will shortly also start covering Wiltshire so there will be an increase in flights.
5. Cllr R Bryan reported on press coverage of a court case relating to travellers being given certain rights over Green Belt usage. More applications are anticipated and concern for an increase in development in the green belt. The Clerk was asked to contact Planning to ask for clarification about the Green Belt being used for the travelling Community would this mean special allowances being made? The judge is reported as say that it was a Human Rights issue.
6. Cllr N Hindmarch had recently attended the funeral of Ian Reynolds a resident who had been in a serious motorcycle accident 30 years ago and had remained in a vegetative state since.
7. The case against Cllr Spencer Flower has been brought forward to March so that the result will be known before the election deadlines.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm