

**ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL**

Meeting of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.15pm  
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present: Cllr R Adkins, Chairman

Cllr R Bryan (from 8.30pm)

Cllr Mrs J Carter

Cllr J Crow

Cllr M Dyer

Cllr B Goringe

Cllr N Hindmarch

Cllr M Hockley

Cllr Mrs A Warman

Cllr R Warman

Cllr Mrs B Waugh

Present: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk and three Members of the Public**74. County Councillor Peter Richardson** – Was unable to attend as he was attending a meeting at EDDC. His report was circulated and noted.**75. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests:** None**76. Apologies** were received and accepted from Cllr R Bryan (will be late, attending the Verwood TC meeting in his capacity as District Councillor); Cllr C House and Cllr Mrs J House.**77. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015** pages 1-5 including confidential minute 19- The minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 pages 1-5 were agreed as a true and accurate record and duly adopted. Proposed by Cllr B Goringe, seconded by Cllr J Crow. Agreed by 10 :1 Cllr M Hockley was against.**RESOLVED: Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 pages 1-5 including confidential minute 19 were agreed and adopted.****Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015** page 8\_were agreed and adopted as a true and accurate record and duly adopted. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr R Warman. Agreed by 10:1 Cllr M Hockley abstained.**RESOLVED: Minutes of the Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015 page 8 were agreed and adopted.****78. Matters arising from the Minutes**

1. Min. 11.6 Invitation to Community and Recreation Officer sent
2. Min. 14.4 – The Clerk has carried out the fire alarm check with a Tennis Club representative. The Clerk has also sent the annual safety check letter to the Tennis Club and is arranging the servicing of the fire system with them.
3. Min. 14.6 (ii) Letter despatched. The JHQ do not meet until July
4. Min. 16 – Parking on the A31/Woolsbridge Road corner – Highways Agency have responded that this is a policy issue and should be raised with the National Highways Agency Authority. A letter has been despatched.
5. Min. 19 - Ethical Governance Report - The Monitoring Officer has referred the Council letter to the Chairman of the Ethical Governance Committee and a response is awaited.

**Public Forum** – Members of the Tennis Club invited Members to view a short demonstration of the layout of the proposed mini-courts. Members then returned to the room at 7.27pm to hear a brief overview of the proposal from the Chairman of the Tennis Club. The Tennis Club Insurers would not cover other groups or individuals using the courts. The area could be used for other types of soft ball play and would provide a safe area for other organised groups to use. The Club suggested other groups such as the Scouts and Youth Club would be able to use the area as their insurance would cover them. The courts would be made available to other groups on this basis. For individuals to use the area would require the Council to obtain insurance for open use. With this level of work and investment by the Club it would be open first to Members of the Tennis Club but bookings can only be made one week at a time.**79. Proposal from the Tennis Club to utilise the basketball courts removing the basketball net and replacing it with two mini courts** – Members discussed the proposal at length. A copy of the proposal had been circulated to Members with the agenda together with a letter from the Amenities Chairman and appears as Appendix A with these Minutes. The Council would need some form of guarantee that the courts will be available to others, there were concerns about availability. There was concern about the further loss of space for the rest of the Community by a restricted members only Club. Concerns were also raised about the current lack of court availability for non-members living in the Parish; the loss of the basketball court, which was still used; guarantee to ensure availability to other groups; legal challenge if the proposal breaches the Village Green status.

With the permission of the Chairman, the Tennis Club responded that the HMRC classifies the club as a Community Amateur Sports Club and not a Private Club, any money made is put into a sinking fund to maintain and renew the asset, if made more open the facilities will wear more quickly. The Club Insurers require them to keep the courts locked and used by Members only.

A proposal to receive the proposal from the Tennis Club to utilise the basketball court was put by Cllr N Hindmarch and seconded by Cllr M Dyer. This was put to the vote but failed 3 in favour: 4 against with three abstentions.

The reasons for refusal were that not enough detail was in the proposal to establish fair community use. There was also concern about the loss of the basketball court; insurance and meeting the Village Green requirements.

The Chairman suggested a meeting with Tennis Club members, Cllr Dyer, Cllr N Hindmarch and himself. The Club were given permission to come back to the Council if they wished. Tennis Club Members left the meeting.

The Clerk will write giving details of the proposal to the Open Spaces Society for guidance and to the Insurers for information. The Clerk will also write to the Tennis Club and inform them of the action to be taken.

#### 80. Correspondence:

1. EDDC Agendas
2. Open spaces newsletter and annual accounts
3. Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals and Waste Planning Consultation – 15<sup>th</sup> July to 23 September – exhibitions are being arranged. Members to note.
4. Solar farm community benefit- invitation to information sharing meeting- Monday 29th June
5. Avon Heath tree felling licence application – emailed to all. Cllr Dyer reported that this was needed for Heathland reasons.

#### 81. Adoption of Minutes of Committees:-

- i) Agreed minutes of the following Committee Meetings were adopted by the Council:-
  - Planning 24.04.14 pages 91 & 92 - Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr B Goringe. Cllr Hockley abstained the rest were in favour.
  - Amenities 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 - Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr B Goringe. Cllr Hockley abstained the rest were in favour.
  - Finance 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 - Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr B Goringe. Cllr Hockley abstained the rest were in favour.
- ii) Amenities and Finance Committee Meeting dates – The Clerk reported the request by the Chairmen of the Committees that these Committees should meet more frequently either on a separate date or by meeting at the end of a scheduled full Council meeting to ensure that the rolling programme reflects the needs of the specific Committee. This was discussed. The change in frequency had been made due to a lack of business to discuss resulting in meetings being cancelled and to avoid the Clerk having overtime. Members felt that if a major issue arose it would be brought to full Council who would decide whether an additional meeting of a Committee should be called.

8.30pm Cllr R Bryan arrived.

#### 82. District Councillors' Update:

**Cllr B Goringe** reported: Since the election a copious amount of training had been given and in the last few weeks there had been three planning meetings.

**Cllr M Dyer** reported: An application from Quinetic to vary the conditions of use for the site in Boundary Lane to allow more vehicle testing has been submitted. Cllr Phipps from Hurn is arranging a meeting with the Land owner to discuss the application, Cllr Dyer is awaiting the detail. Mr Choje the MP had a recent surgery at the Parish Office and he was asked by Cllr Dyer and Cllr Goringe whether he would propose or support a move to prevent Developers clearing sites. He appeared to be unsympathetic to the suggestion. DWP are not going to withdraw the subsidies paid to outside area HRC's to allow use by their residents as to remove it would mean they would have to provide another facility themselves. It was thought that the subsidy was very good value for the money. The cost of the garden waste service is increasing by £4 per annum.

**Cllr R Bryan** reported: New Councillors visit EDDC offices twice a week to attend training. I have spent 1 ½ hours today touring my area with the Chief Executive of EDDC. I took him to Matchams, showed him the issues on Horton Rod and with the new entrance at St Ives House. I asked him if anyone makes sure Highways visit such areas before making responses? He will make enquiries. The next meeting on the A338 is on site, a report has been circulated.

**83. Parish Councillors' Reports -**

1. DAPTC – Next meeting is on 16<sup>th</sup> July at Verwood. Cllr Hindmarch asked Cllr Mrs A Warman to Chair the Planning Committee meeting that evening.
2. Homewatch- no meeting but Cllr Mrs Warman reported that there is an event being planned for October.
3. EDEP Meetings – No report available.
4. Youth Club – Cllr R Warman reported: Guidance from Corfe Mullen has been obtained. The lack of Trustees is an issue the Clerk will liaise with Cllr R Warman and compile a letter to the Charity Commission about altering the constitution so that the Council could become a Corporate Trustee or alternatively the Club could run as a non-charitable body. This will be put to the next meeting.
5. Allotments update on progress with lease – Cllr Bryan reported that the Landowner had returned from his holiday this week and he would be seeing his Solicitor tomorrow. Cllr House had circulated a report with the agenda.
6. Car park working party – Cllr House had circulated a report with the agenda. The Clerk will obtain the quotes as suggested and check the requirements for disabled parking. A request was made by Cllr R Warman to consider painting the breeze blocks as he felt they were unsightly.

**84. Village Hall Management Committee:-** May Minutes have been requested.

**85. DCC Electoral Review –** Members discussed to consultation document. DCC want to combine St Leonards with West Moors and have a two Councillor Ward. It was agreed that dual or multi Councillor Wards are difficult to administer. The Clerk will refer to the wording used in respect of the District review as the same objections applied as regards accountability. The new name suggested of Moors does not reflect the character and identity of the area. Members would like to see two separate Wards called St Leonards and West Moors. The Clerk will liaise with the Chairman and Cllr Dyer on the response.

**86. Request to use the Parish Office by the duly elected Member of Parliament –** Members discussed and agreed unanimously, the draft policy as submitted. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr B Goringe.

**RESOLVED: To adopt the policy for use of the Parish Office by the duly elected Member of Parliament as submitted.**

**87. Appointment to Committees and Outside Bodies**

- i) Co-opted Member – Members agreed to appoint Cllr Mrs B Waugh to the Planning Committee. Proposed by Cllr J Crow, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman. Cllr Hockley abstained the rest were in favour.
- ii) Members confirmed the Members of the Clerks Committee as the duly elected Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Committees and the Council. As the number came to six no additional Members were required. The Clerk will redraft the sheet and circulate it as it was incorrect, Cllr J Crow and Cllr R Bryan had been appointed as Flood Wardens.

**88. Defibrillator –** A report had been circulated to Members. Cllr Mrs A Warman explained that the VHMC were happy to accept responsibility for the project as the responsible body needs to have sufficient time on site for monitoring and maintenance. It would also be complicated with VAT if the Parish Council were responsible and other bodies were donating to the project. The VHMC is also able to apply for a grant from the British Heart Foundation and the Council is not. It was agreed that the VHMC would come back to the Council to consider a possible donation to the project at a later date if there was a shortfall.

9.15pm Cllr Mrs J Carter left the meeting.

**89. Newsletter costs –** Two quotations had been obtained. It was agreed, unanimously, to accept the quotation from IMS Group for printing and distribution of £659 + VAT subject to positive feedback on the delivery of the latest EDDC news which is about to be distributed. Proposed by Cllr R Warman, seconded by Cllr J Crow.

**RESOLVED: To accept the quotation from IMS Group for printing and distribution of £659 + VAT subject to positive feedback on the delivery of the latest EDDC news.**

**90. St Ives Care Home –** Questions had been received from a resident concerning safety of the new entrance. This was discussed. The Chairman reported that at the time of the planning application the Committee deliberated at length mainly about the entrance but at the time the Committee was not privy to the traffic management plan and this was raised as an issue. It was felt that the Committee acted

correctly on the information provided. Cllr Bryan asked that in future if an entrance is in a dip Members take a closer look.

9.25pm Cllr J Crow left the meeting.

**91. Exchange of information:**

1. Next meeting 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015 - 7.00pm
2. Cllr R Bryan: At the recent A338 meeting mention was made that the A31 will probably be having more work from Poulner Hill down, with the possibility of an extra lane.
3. Cllr Hockley: the grass had recently been cut in the West Ward and road sweeping undertaken the previous week.
4. Cllr Hockley: A new field has been opened up at the airport. It is quite a large development on a previous wildlife area. A number of snakes and sand lizards have been removed. This is the first of the large scale development.
5. Cllr Hockley said he is still working with the Government on Flooding but is talking as a private individual with them.
6. Cllr Goringe asked if some CCTV signs could be erected along the Ringwood Service Road. The Clerk has requested this from DWP but an answer from their legal team is awaited.

The meeting closed at 9.31pm

**Chairman**