

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council
Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 29th July 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

Cllr Mrs J Carter

Cllr J Crow

Cllr M Dyer

Cllr N Hindmarch

Cllr C House

Cllr Mrs J House

Cllr Mrs A Warman

Cllr R Warman

Cllr Mrs B Waugh

Present: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk; one Member of the Public and Gary Foyle and Wilbert Smith Community and Recreation Officers from EDDC. Mr Gary Foyle and Mr Wilbert Smith gave a short presentation on their new functions and an overview of how they might be able to help the Parish, this included Funding, healthy living projects. The team is responsible for open spaces in East Dorset and Christchurch including beaches, coastline, parks and including Moors Valley. They are also able to help with funding and on other projects.

The meeting then opened at 7.16pm.

- 113. County Councillor Peter Richardson** – A report had been circulated with the agenda and a copy appears as appendix A with these Minutes in the Minute Book. Cllr Richardson highlighted that alerts were now available on the work on the A338. Avon Heath had a predicted profit after all costs were deducted of between £10,000 and £15,000. They were currently looking at improvements and the Parks future direction but there will be discussions with local stakeholders, it is one of the top parks in the Country. Cllr Richardson gave his apologies for the August meeting.
- 114. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests:** None
- 115. Apologies** were received and accepted from Cllr B Goringe.
- 116. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th June, 2015** pages 16-19 were agreed as a true and accurate record and duly adopted. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr J Crow. Agreed by 10 :1 Cllrs C House and Cllr Mrs J House abstained as they had not been present at the meeting.
RESOLVED: Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th June 2015 pages 16-19 were agreed and adopted.
- 117. Matters arising from the Minutes:-**
1. DCC electoral review response despatched.
 2. Min. 79 Cllr House asked for clarification on the decision for the mini-courts. The Council declined the application but then goes on to intend to meet with the Club to discuss it further? The Chairman responded that the issue of the courts hung on being able to keep the area open to all. The application as put would only allow access to a few. The issues relate to obtaining insurance cover for open use and a method of ensuring access to all, if these could be resolved then the project may possibly be feasible. These two issues were not addressed by the Club. The Clerk has contacted the Parish Council Insurer but further information is now awaited from the Club to be able to progress it further. Cllr Mrs Warman reported that at the recent Scout barbeque several Scout Leaders expressed concern about the proposal they had been asked to put this in writing.
- 118. Correspondence noted:**
1. EDDC Agendas
 2. Email from County Councillor – proposed changes to the mobile library service. Termination of Sunnyside stop.
 3. Temporary closure of Boundary Lane 11th -12th August 0900-1600 for traffic and safety management.
 4. Notification of felling licence received for Avon Park
 5. Police email encouraging correct use of 101 number emailed to all
 6. HM Courts consultation on Courts reform – The Chairman will liaise with the Clerk to formulate a response.

119. Committees: The approved minutes of the following Committee Meetings:- Planning 04.06.15 pages 13-15 and 25.06.15 pages 20-22 were duly adopted by the Council. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr C House. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To adopt the minutes of the planning Committee held on 04.06.15 pages 13-15 and 25.06.15 pages 20-22

120. District Councillors' Update:

Cllr Dyer reported: The Quinetic application has been formally withdrawn. A New application is likely in about 3 to 4 months time. At the last DAPTC Eastern Area meeting I asked for a straw poll on whether those present who were all from East Dorset had received Your Dorset paper and the East Dorset News. There were 21 Councillors present and officers. Three out of those present had received East Dorset News and all had received the Your Dorset delivered by the Royal Mail. To date Cllr Dyer had not found anyone in the Parish who had received East Dorset News. It was the consensus that there was not point investing time and effort in producing a newsletter unless a reliable form of distribution could be found. The Clerk was asked to proceed with a small claims form and letter to Tudor to recover the cost of the last distribution.

Cllr Bryan reported that over the last month he had attended numerous meetings and training at EDDC, including a one to one tour of the Parish with David MacIntosh, the Chief Executive of EDDC. Cllr Bryan had met with Giles Moir in relation to the decision on 144 Sandy Lane, whilst disappointed that the application had been approved the decision was based on the decisions made on the previous application which accepted one of the plots and rejected the other. The Parish needs to ensure that they are fully informed when a subsequent application for a similar application comes in. Cllr Bryan has asked if EDDC will provide some direct training for the Parish.

121. External Audit – The report from the External Auditor on Completion of the Annual Return for 2014/2015 was received and noted, there were no matters were arising. Members resolved to accept the findings of the External Auditor. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman, agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To accept the findings of the External Auditor for the Annual Return for 2014/2015.

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

1. DAPTC – AGM 7th Nov – no resolutions were put forward. Cllr Hindmarch reported on the last meeting which had an informative presentation from the Police about proposed changes. A roadshow is planned by the Police for November. The proposal is to increase PCSO's on the beat but warranted Officers will work from various bases using tablets. The Clerk was asked to contact the Police to ask if they would give a presentation to the Council.
2. Home watch – no meeting
3. EDEP Meetings – Mr G Willetts reports: Currently looking at the impact of the proposal for Woolsbridge Ind Est. Lions Hill no work appears to have been undertaken for some time, dog bins and signage have been removed and dogs loose in what is an area of SSSI. Mr Willetts is concerned about the long term future of the site and has requested a meeting with the Amphibian and Reptile Trust. An invitation to send an additional representative to the next meeting was received as they will be discussing the Minerals and Waste Consultation, this is also the next full Council meeting. The Clerk will ask who is available once the agenda for the meeting has been set.
4. Youth Club – The Clerk, Cllr Mrs J House and Cllr R Warman are meeting tomorrow to review the Trustee issues and will report back to Council.
5. Allotments update on progress with lease – Cllr C House reported that there was no further progress, a lease is still awaited.
6. Car park working party – The signed letter transferring the new car park area from the Scouts to the Council has been received. A detailed split quotation for putting in lines on the new area, renew the lines on the Council area near the entrance and also renewing the main area had been received. It was more cost effective to do the whole site in one go. Cllr C House suggested that if there could be some arrangement with the Village Hall about future car park use the Council could consider paying for all of the work. He suggested that the Village Hall could consider making the main car park open to all most of the time and only restricting the main part for Village Hall special events, as this would probably solve all of the parking problems, Cllr House would be open to discussions on this point?
7. A338 update; Cllr Bryan gave a brief update on progress and also pointed out that the Council website did not appear to have the A338 link and with all the work planned this would be of use to residents. The Clerk will ensure it is on the site.

123. Village Hall Management Committee:-

- i) Minutes were awaited.
- ii) Grant 2015/2016 - The payment and release of the grant cheque of £8,000 to the VHMC in accordance with financial regulations was agreed. Budgetary provision has been agreed under Minute: 241 - 29.10.14. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr R Adkins. Agreed, unanimously.
RESOLVED: The Clerk was directed to raise and issue the grant cheque of £8,000 for the VHMC grant for 2015/2016.
- iii) Cllr Mrs Warman has progressed an application for a grant on behalf of the VHMC to purchase a defibrillator. Some funding has already been promised via other groups and residents. Some further information is needed from the Ambulance service. The unit will be sited on the wall opposite the Bowling Club and will be available for the whole site and residents. The 999 service will direct potential users to the location when appropriate.

124. Woolsbridge Road junction with A31

- i) Parking on the corner of Woolsbridge Road and A31 – response from Highways England received and noted. The Clerk stressed the need for photographic evidence of the problems occurring.
- ii) Condition of the surface of the roundabout has again been reported to Highways on 22.07.15. Temporary repairs have been ongoing since February 2014 and are not holding. DCC have also supported our request for a permanent solution. Cllr Bryan reported that DCC Officers have been inspecting the support roads including this roundabout as once the A338 work commences additional usage will cause further wear and tear.

125. Bowling Club – Members received a request to widen the gate to 2m to assist with maintenance work and in addition some essential sewerage work (within the compound). It was agreed to authorise the work. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman, agreed unanimously.**RESOLVED: To authorise the widening of the gate and essential sewerage work.****126. DAPTC subscription Renewal** – Members discussed the subscription and renewal. Cllr Hindmarch proposed renewal but was concerned about the increase above the inflation rate together with the standard of training and the increase in training costs. A new Chief Executive has just started and changes in the training team are also anticipated. The Clerk monitor queries to DAPTC and keep Cllr Hindmarch informed. Cllr M Dyer seconded the proposal. The motion was carried by 9:1 Cllr Mrs A Warman was against and Cllr Mrs B Waugh abstained.**RESOLUTION: To renew the subscription to DAPTC for 2015/1016 at a cost of £1025.89.****127. Electronic Planning** – The Clerk reported that the new system of planning commences on 1st September by which time the Parish will need to have purchased a projector, a draft spec and quotations have been supplied by EDDC. It was suggested that purchase of a screen might be delayed until after the projector has been tried on the wall, in need a portable screen could be used. A subcommittee consisting of Cllr Mrs B Waugh, Cllr C House and Cllr R Adkins were delegated to review the specifications and spend up to £1,000 to purchase any necessary equipment. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman and seconded by Cllr J Crow, agreed unanimously.**RESOLVED: A subcommittee was delegated to spend up to £1,000 to purchase the necessary equipment to facilitate the project.****128. Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Draft Plans consultation period ends on 23rd September - Noted**

- i) Draft Mineral Sites Plan
- ii) Draft Waste Plan

Links emailed to all Members 20th July – This was discussed. The Clerk was asked to contact EDEP for their views on this document and the Hampshire Consultation. Members were reminded of the dates of the local displays and will be resent the links by email.

129. Hampshire Consultation - draft for Minerals and Waste and Oil and Gas Development consultation Period closes on 7th August emailed to all on 1st July 2015. As above.**130. Health and Safety Tennis and Freedom Youth Clubs**– The Clerk has with the assistance of both Clubs, arranged and facilitated the annual servicing of the fire extinguishers and fire systems of the Tennis and Youth Clubs. The costs will be recharged to both Clubs. Noted.

131. Complaint about parking on grass verges in Oaks Drive from a resident – The Clerk reported a complaint about parking on verges in Oaks Drive. Enquiries have been made to the Police who say it is a Council matter. Web enquiries refer to it being the remit of the Local Authority usually through bye-laws or traffic enforcement. The Clerk had invited the Complainant to the meeting but there was no response. This was discussed. Cllr Mrs Carter had made enquiries with EDDC who informed her that action can be taken if the wild orchids are present in the relevant verges. The Clerk will enquire whether this is the Case.

132. Exchange of information:

1. Next meeting 26th August 2015 - 7.00pm
2. The Chairman of Planning asked the Planning Committee Members to arrive at 6.30pm on Thursday 6th August to allow sufficient time to view the hospital application.
3. Cllr Mrs J House, raised concerns about the Council losing its way as regards what we look after in the Parish and what we provide. The Council has decided that Amenities are not to meet. But it could meet at the end of full Council. This was discussed. It was decided that if a matter was urgent then an item could go on full Council. Cllr Mrs House pointed out that the Council agreed a Rolling Programme, and this needs more attention to establish what we want to provide. Cllr C House had asked for an Amenities meeting in September so that figures and ideas could be prepared for Finance. Amenities should meet more frequently even if this was added on to the end of a full Council meeting. It was noted that meetings were reduced as there was little business and to cut the Clerks need for overtime. The 6 month rule currently applies, however, the Clerk pointed out that standing orders allow four or more Councillors signing a resolution, to bring an item back before the 6 month period.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Chairman