

**ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL**

Meeting of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 7.30pm  
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present: Cllr R Adkins, Chairman

Cllr Mrs J Carter

Cllr N Hindmarch

Cllr C House

Cllr Mrs J House

Cllr Mrs A Warman

Cllr R Warman

from 7.55pm:-

Cllr M Dyer

Cllr R Bryan

Cllr B Goringe

Present: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk; Three Members of the Public

- 144. County Councillor Peter Richardson** – An update had been included in the Clerk’s report as the County Councillor was on leave. Noted
- 145. Declarations of Interest:** At the request of Members item 11 (ii) was brought forward prior to the request for declarations. The Clerks report was noted. Advice from the Monitoring Officer was that legally Members are only required to declare pecuniary interests however there is also a requirement for Members to remember the common law obligations that councillors have to consider in relation to predetermination and bias, although clearly they fall outside the Code of Conduct statutory provisions. Members might wish to consider this. Cllr C House objected to the view of the Monitoring Officer. This was discussed Members present were concerned about the Common Law provisions, their role was to represent the electorate of the Parish. A number often were approached directly by the public. It was agreed that further clarification should be sought from another source before adopting the new form of declaration.
- 146. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests:** None
- 146. Apologies** were received and accepted from the three District Councillors as they were attending a meeting at EDDC. Cllr Dyer, Cllr Bryan and Cllr Goringe arrived at 7.55pm. Cllr Mrs B Waugh; Cllr J Crow and Cllr M Hockley due to an appointment.
- 147. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015 pages 26-29** were agreed as a true and accurate record and duly adopted. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman. Agreed unanimously.  
**RESOLVED: Minutes of the Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015 pages 26-29 were agreed and adopted.**
- 148. Matters arising from the Minutes:-**
1. Apologies due to ill health were given by Cllr Hockley but not received by the Clerk until the next morning. Members to note.
  2. Min. 131 Orchids on Oaks Drive – see Clerk’s report. No official record of orchids being present.
  3. Tudor Distribution were sent a letter and completed smalls claim court form with an instruction that it would be despatched in 14 working days unless a full refund was received. The response argued their case. The Clerk asked if the Council wished to commit more time to complete the research to provide evidence to argue the claim further. It was noted that if the Council lost the case they could also be liable to legal costs, they were also minded about further resource costs being expended. It was agreed that the Clerk will compile a letter of reproach and point out that they should have the common decency of considering a refund on for the percentage not delivered as we have provided evidence of that.
- 149. Correspondence noted:**
1. EDDC Agendas
  2. Letter from a potential resident asking about the Horton VG allotment site proposal. The Clerk has sent a copy of the minutes resolving not to pursue this project.
  3. Woolsbridge Roundabout – Highways Agency response informs us that there is “likely to be a scheme in 2016-2017 subject to approvals from Highways England and funding. They will continue to monitor the area and make safe where/if necessary. Forwarded to County Councillor. Recent accident information also sent to Highways England.

4. EDDC Draft Licensing Policy for Review deadline 21.09.15 To note
5. Dorset History Centre has confirmed that it holds no records for this Parish. Signed full Council minutes are therefore missing from 1977-1983. We have the signed Committee Minutes only for this period.
6. Letter from Braeside Bowls asking for 3 parking bays from 14<sup>th</sup> September for work on replacing the bowling carpet. The relevant assessment form will be despatched to them for completion.

**150. Committees: Members to note the approved Minutes of the following Committee meetings:-**

- i) Planning 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015 pages 23-25 Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr C House. Agreed unanimously. **RESOLVED: To adopt the minutes of the planning Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015 pages 23-25**

7.55pm:- Cllr M Dyer Cllr R Bryan Cllr B Goringe arrived after attending the EDDC meeting.

**151. District Councillors' Update**

Cllr Bryan has made further complaints about Woolsbridge Roundabout direct to Highways after witnessing an accident on the roundabout involving a cyclist falling off after hitting one of the damaged areas. Noted. Cllr Bryan reported that the A338 Committee were also pushing for repairs and he had also asked the MP Mr Choje to support this.

**152. Parish Councillors' Reports are attached, Members may ask questions on the reports attached:-**

1. EDEP meeting being held 26.08.15 – Report to follow later by email and added to Sept agenda.
- 2 A338 update report attached. Noted
3. Allotments report attached. Noted. Cllr House reported that a draft lease should arrive within the next week to 10 days.

**153. Members received the Clerks Report**

- i) Abbey Rose footpath update – Members considered how to inform the public and get further evidence to support the claim. The Clerk will find out how many more are needed and compile a letter to be hand delivered. Cllr Mrs Warman offered to deliver to Cedar Avenue.
- ii) St Leonards Way, an email has been sent to the CE of DCC and the Officer Mark Adams will be looking into it once his supervisor has returned from annual leave.

**154. Internal Auditors Report – Members received and noted the internal Auditors report and noted that Cllr Hockley has emailed the Clerk to confirm that he has now read the governing documents of the Council as referred to under Minute 12 dated 20.05.15 including the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct.**

**155. Village Hall Management Committee – To note the Minutes for March, April, May and June emailed to Members on 17.08.15 and Annual Accounts for 31.03.15. Noted.**

**156. Youth Club Trustee status - Members received the report from the working party and considered the recommendations made. The Committee reported that the current situation was untenable. Members agreed to despatch the letter to the Charity Commission with a mind to becoming the Corporate Trustee of the Youth Club. The final decision will come back to Council once a response has been received. Proposed by Cllr C House, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman. Motion carried by 7 in favour Cllr M Dyer, Cllr B Goringe and Cllr R Bryan Abstained.**

**RESOLVED: To despatch the letter to the Charity Commission and bring the response back to Full Council for a decision.**

**157. Ethical Governance Report and recommendations of the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 Minute 19 20.05.15 refers.** The response from the Monitoring Officer email dated 18.08.15 was noted. Cllr Hockley was not present. Members were aware of Cllr Hockley's health issues and Cllr Hockley was fully aware that the matter was to be discussed tonight and of the Monitoring Officer's email. It was clear that Cllr Hockley would not apologise. The Council does not condone his actions. It was proposed by Cllr C House, supported by Cllr Mrs J House, that the Council draws a line under the matter taking into account Cllr Hockley's ill health and moves on. **RESOLVED: That the Council draws a line under the matter taking into account Cllr Hockley's ill health and moves on.**

Cllr M Dyer voted against the motion and Cllr Mrs J Carter abstained.

**158. Community Car Share scheme information** – Members noted the offer to come and speak to the Council to aid the setting up of such a scheme. The Clerk was asked to research what was currently available via the Doctors Surgery and report back.

**159. Exchange of information:**

1. Next meeting Full Council 30th September 2015 - 7.00pm
2. Cllr Mrs House reported attending the recent Dementia Training which was most worthwhile.
3. Cllr Mrs Warman reported that the new car park area has a drainage problem could further investigations be made. The issue has been reported to the Contractor for checks to be made.

The Council meeting ended at 8.25pm  
Cllr Mrs Carter left.

Chairman

