

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 30th September 2015 at 7.00pm
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present: Cllr N Hindmarch, Vice Chairman

Cllr R Bryan

Cllr Mrs J Carter

Cllr J Crow

Cllr M Dyer

Cllr B Goringe

Cllr M Hockley

Cllr C House

Cllr Mrs J House

Cllr Mrs A Warman

Cllr R Warman

Cllr Mrs B Waugh

Present: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk; Mr G Willetts speaking as the Parish representative on EDEP and County Councillor Peter Richardson.

- 180. County Councillor Peter Richardson** – A report had been circulated to Members with the agenda a copy of which appears as Appendix A with these Minutes in the Minute Book. There were no questions on the report.

Cllr Bryan reported on the results of the County boundary review. There will be two seats for West Moors, Three Legged Cross and St Leonards jointly. The combined area will be known as “Moors”.

- 181. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests:** None

- 182. Apologies** were received and accepted from Cllr R Adkins

- 183. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th August 2015 pages 34-36** were agreed as a true and accurate record and duly adopted. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr R Bryan. Agreed Cllr M Hockley abstained rest in favour.

RESOLVED: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th August 2015 pages 34-36 were agreed and adopted.

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

1. Min 145 – Declarations see Clerks report on Seminar
2. Min. 149.6 Bowling Club work well underway, hampered by the weather and unforeseen issues. They have apologised for inconvenience
3. Min. 128 - Minerals and Waste Plans – an email supporting the EDEP responses has been sent
4. Min. 153. (ii) St Leonards Way – still continues to be under investigation by DCC. Cllr Bryan was not satisfied with the current situation
5. Min. 156 - Youth Club – Letter sent to Charity Commission response awaited.
6. Min. 159.3 Edens have done further clearance work to the drain on the new car park area. Cllr House reported that he had met with Edens and they have done further work on it but the drain does run very slow and it would be a major task to try and resolve the issue. The problem only occurs in excessive rainfall and the water does drain away eventually.

- 185. Correspondence noted:**

1. EDDC Agendas
2. Copy of letter sent to a resident by the School Governors apologising for the disturbance at a music event
3. Bournemouth Airport Forum invitation to the annual meeting 12th November – passed to Cllr Mrs House and Cllr N Hindmarch.
4. Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Draft Minerals and Waste Draft Plan Consultation – an email fully supporting the concerns raised by EDEP has been despatched.
5. DWP a guide for Councillors – emailed
6. Electoral review of Dorset conclusion

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

Planning 6th August 2015 pages 30-33 and 27th August 2015 pages 37-39 – proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House. Agreed Cllr M Hockley abstained rest in favour.

187. District Councillors' Update:-

Cllr R Bryan – copy of letter sent to Mr Chope from Highways England dated 8th September informing him that HE plan on bringing the resurfacing of the Woolsbridge Roundabout forward into the current year. In the meantime a major patching scheme is being undertaken. They will be co-ordinating work with DCC in respect of the A338 work.

A338 - There is a lot of activity at present. Cllrs Dyer and Bryan attended a recent site visit. There have been complaints that the work is not progressing this is not correct, a lot of preparation work is underway which is essential to the actual road work. They plan to complete 5km per shift. Last weekend there was an issue as there was a Wiggle race where 4,000 cyclists clashed with diverted traffic along Matchams Lane.

Restructuring – A lot of Council meetings are underway and this will continue for some time.

Cllr B Goringe – Spoke at the last EDDC Planning meeting on the Hospital site application which has now been approved. Another pumping station is being considered. The site will have 40% social housing. Cllr Hockley asked about the flooding issue he had highlighted? Cllr Dyer responded that Wessex Water will have to approve a scheme before development takes places that meets their requirements. Wessex Water have said that the Wayside Road pumping station is at capacity so it will require a radical solution. Cllr Mrs Waman asked about the Victory Oak, Cllr Dyer confirmed that it was subject to a TPO and is a major feature of the site, it will be fenced off.

Cllr Dyer will be using his District Councillors Ward grant to pay towards:-

- A projector wall screen
- A projector for the public to view local planning applications
- A CCTV camera for the Play Park areas in Braeside Road rec, St Leonards
- 7 a side goals for the Horton Road recreation ground

Cllr Hindmarch also asked if consideration could be given to purchasing a monitor for planning.

Cllr Goringe questioned whether CCTV was allowed in a play area? The Clerk advised that the Police had said it was provided signage was also erected stating the purpose. Cllr House and the Clerk were investigating and had recently been to West Moors to look at their system which is on their skate area and other sites. More work is still needed before this is brought to Council for a decision.

Cllr Mrs House proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Dyer for allocating his Ward grant for these items which will benefit the Parish.

Unitary Authorities – There are two bids to make EDDC into a Unitary Authority a County bid and the 4 group bid of Bournemouth, Poole, Christchurch and EDDC. A fact finding project has been launched. EDDC have agreed to form a combined authority which is cooperating on transport and growth of the economy. At the briefing on this it was questioned whether it was a stepping stone to a Unitary Authority.

188. Parish Councillors' Reports:-

1. EDEP meeting held 26.08.15.- Mr Willetts gave a short update. The responses to Minerals and Waste plans have been forwarded to you electronically. EDEP have despatched two detailed responses to both plans. We expressed some concerns about the quality and detail of the papers provided which indicated that SSSI sites such as Lions Hill and Avon Heath and significant housing areas were included. The Officer will be taking this back to the Consultants and has promised to come back with more accurate maps. DCC did not seem to know East Dorset sufficiently well to know this.

Cllr Hockley asked if Mr Willetts had any further information on Purple Haze? Mr Willetts advised that Purple Haze South had been withdrawn from the plan but he had no information on the rest of the site as it was in Hampshire and EDEP only deal with Dorset.

There are seven sites put forward for waste and Emma Macdonald was the Officer reporting. Woolsbridge Industrial Estate has been put forward as a potential site for bulky waste and EDEP have raised concerns about pollution, and traffic impact as well as the impact on visitors to Moors Valley, Ashley Heath Roundabout and Horton Road. EDEP felt it was unreasonable to expect Ashley Heath residents to have an increase in vehicle capacity.

Cllr Hindmarch had attended the exhibitions and had reports on the various sites, the proposal does not look good.

Cllr Bryan reported that the Woolsbridge Industrial Estate is planned as a major employment site, there is also a suggestion that the Police HQ site might be a waste site. More investigation is needed. Cllr Dyer

- informed members that the EDDC comments submitted tie in with the EDEP response and they have highlighted that Woolsbridge is valuable employment land. It was noted that a grant for EDEP will be considered at the Finance meeting next week Cllr Bryan stressed that the input from EDEP is invaluable and most knowledgeable. Mr Willetts was given a vote of thanks for his report and attending the meeting.
2. A338 Cllr Bryan reported that those carrying out the work seemed to be well organised. Work was taking place at the weekends as well. Cllr Hockley asked if the speed cameras were working yet. Cllr Bryan confirmed they were.
 3. Allotments report – A draft Lease has been received and the sub Committee will be meeting shortly. The Clerk pointed out that the home address of the Landlord was on the draft. This will be altered to a business address.
 4. Youth club, Cllr Bryan reported on the meeting held with Youth Section of DCC on 15th September. The Youth budget has been cut in half and there has been a massive increase in children requiring special care which will be the priority. As a result a lot of DCC owned Clubs will have to close or find independent funding. A survey is available online and Members were encouraged to complete this. A Youth Club Committee meeting has been held and the Club is doing well with 20 attending on one night which is the maximum number. Cllr Bryan will be using part of his Ward grant towards the Youth Club. Cllr Hindmarch asked if under localism help was available? Cllr Warman responded: Police checking is an issue and very intrusive. Three of the new volunteers have just under gone this process. Concern was raised that the DCC staff might be withdrawn from the Club due to the cuts and the Parish Council may have to step in and find the funding for the Club to continue the biggest cost is the maintenance of the building. When children move on the volunteer parents usually move on as well.

189. Youth Club Trustee status – A response is awaited.

190. Clerks Report – Noted. Members will review the document “A Way Forward” and bring any suggestions to the October full Council meeting.

191. Emergency Planning – See Clerks Report and a draft plan supplied direct electronically by Cllr M Hockley. It was noted that the Contingency Act 2004 does not require a Parish Council to have their own emergency plan. The Clerk does have a document detailing telephone numbers and important contacts which is despatched regularly to Chairmen and Vice Chairmen and the Terms of Reference also cover emergency situations. EDDC have compiled a comprehensive plan in conjunction with the emergency services, and the County Council. The plan has been proved to work and is regularly amended and updated by EDDC a copy is held in the Parish Office. The Clerk pointed out that with only one member of staff the Parish Council would not have the resources or trained personnel to work the detailed plan being put forward this evening. This was discussed at length. Cllr Hockley highlighted background guidance contained in the Community Resilience Plan template which suggests that a community might have to cope for up to 72 hours before agencies might arrive to assist. After further discussion Members felt that the EDDC plan was sufficient for the time being as it was proved and tested. Cllr Mrs Warman confirmed that the VHM is an official rest centre and has an emergency kit including high visibility vests. Cllr C House suggested that some coats/vests and gloves could be purchased and kept in storage as an additional measure in case Councillors were ever asked to assist in a situation. These should be printed with either “Chairman or Parish Council” to identify people in an emergency. There was concern that as volunteers Members were not suitably trained and could be more of a nuisance than a help. Cllr Hockley stated that compiling a Parish plan would mean that the Parish Council would be in control. The Chairman thanked Cllr Hockley for his work on compiling the proposed document. It was proposed that the Council leave things as they currently are at present unless required to produce a plan in future. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman.

RESOLVED: That the Council leave things as they currently are at present unless required to produce a plan in future.

Motion carried by 11:1 Cllr Hockley was against. Cllr Hockley strongly disagreed with the decision.

192. Updating the map of Councillors areas of responsibility – Members agreed that the map needed updating the Clerk and Cllr Adkins will review the roads covered and redraft the map and compile a specification for the role for final ratification by full Council. Each Councillor will be sent a list of roads they are covering and a list of roads not covered, it should include all the park homes. Cllr Hindmarch will cover up to the Ashley Roundabout.

193. Village Hall Management Committee –

- i) Increase in office rent by RPI to ££1809.48. Noted.
- ii) Defibrillator – Cllr Mrs A Warman reported that she and Cllr Goringe had recently attended a training session. A response is still awaited from the BHF but it appears that the grant does not include the cost of the cabinet. Donations are being collected and I am looking into the VAT situation. The Clerk will check this out and liaise with Cllr Mrs A Warman.

194. Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 20th April 2016 – Members discussed possible options and speakers. Suggestions so far are: Dementia awareness talk (45 Mins); History talk; Ashley Halt. Cllr Mrs Warman also suggested a talk by Mrs Pat Shepherd on her work at Bletchley and breaking the Enigma Code. Cllr Hindmarch suggested the Airport might provide a speaker. Members felt that a speaker would encourage more residents to attend. Speakers would be asked to give a talk for a set time. Members were asked to consider possible speakers. A list will be compiled and put to the next meeting.

195. Exchange of information:

1. Next meeting Full Council 28th October 2015 - 7.00pm
2. Clerks committee meeting date – the appraisal is set for Thursday 1st October.
3. Cllr Mrs J House complained about the flyposting at the Woolsbridge roundabout which blocks sight lines of oncoming traffic.
4. Cllr Crow reported that West Moors produce a very good newsletter which is delivered by volunteers.
5. Cllr Bryan asked that the Reserves Committee meet soon as he has information gleaned from the Audit Committee at EDDC.
6. Cllr Mrs Warman reported complaints about the potholes in Pine Drive which are difficult for motorists visiting the Doctors. This will be reported to Cllr Mrs J House.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman