

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 27th January 2016 at 7.05pm
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 B Goringe

Cllr N Hindmarch

Cllr M Hockley

Cllr C House

Cllr Mrs J House

Cllr Mrs A Warman

Cllr R Warman

Present: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk and Mr G Willetts appointed Parish representative on EDEP

Public Open Forum: None

340. County Councillor Peter Richardson – Cllr Richardson apologies.

341. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests: None

342. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs B Waugh

343. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th November 2015 pages 66-69 were agreed as a true and accurate record and duly adopted. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman. Agreed 10:1 Cllr M Hockley against, with Cllr R Bryan abstaining.

RESOLVED: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th November 2015 pages 66-69 were agreed and adopted.

344. Matters arising from the Minutes

1. Minute 305 – Car park lining has been done.
2. Minute 301 (ii) Cllr Goringe asked that it was noted that he and his Wife had attended the Community Day as Trustees of the VHMC and were in attendance all day from 8am.
3. Further chasing on St Leonards Way has been sent. Letter sent before Christmas putting forward a plan of action and asking those residents affected if they have any objection, if none it should be a simple process for the County to formally adopt the road under their powers utilising the 1980 Highway Act once due notice is served after a month.
4. Fly posting on A31 – Bus Stop Club – the Agent was asked to remove signs and this was done

345. Correspondence noted:

1. EDDC Agendas
2. Dorset Highways Winter Service policy emailed to Members
3. Bowling Club Trustee changes – Notification received of changes in Trustees. Document will be held with lease.
4. DAPTC notification of increase in subscriptions for next year of 3%
5. Letter from new NALC Chairman – emailed to Members
6. St Ives Pre School – consultation document to consider the pre-school becoming a governor led preschool
7. St Ives School – Consultation on primary admission policy for 2017/2018
8. Council Tax Base for 2016/2017 is set at 3808 subject to Cabinet approval. There will be no Council Tax Support Grant
9. A338 Phase 2 and 3 to start early January this will involve the diversion of Westbound traffic on the Ashley Heath Roundabout and further temporary speed restrictions. Business and landowners notified.
10. DCC withdrawal of SID sites Lions Lane, Boundary Lane, Hurn Lane and Woolsbridge Road from 01.04.16
11. DCC rural bus review – emailed to Members and posters on noticeboards

346. Committees: Members adopted the approved Minutes of the following Committee meetings:-

- i) Planning 29th October and 19th November Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr C House were agreed, Cllr R Bryan, Cllr M Hockley and Cllr R Warman abstained as not present at the meetings.
- ii) Amenities and Finance 4th November 2015 Proposed by Cllr C House, seconded by Cllr B Goringe were agreed, Cllr R Bryan Cllr M Hockley abstained as not present at the meetings.

347. Parish Councillors' Reports:-

1. EDEP – Meeting held 2nd December notes had been circulated. Mr Willetts answered questions from Members. Mr Willetts had also met with the Ranger for Lions Hill and raised concerns about maintenance and signage. The meeting has been met with a positive response and considerable work has recently been undertaken. The Ranger will be keeping the Clerk informed on work and asked that volunteering opportunities and updates were advertised and published on the Parish website and noticeboards. It was suggested that the Homewatch newsletter might be a suitable medium for publicising events and updating the public. Since changes at EDDC Cllr Dyer no longer had a position on the EDEP Committee. EDEP would like to keep Mr Willetts due to his specialist knowledge. It was suggested that the Council could nominate Cllr Dyer as the Parish Representative and Mr Willetts could continue independently as a Member. This will be put to the next meeting for discussion. Mr Willetts was thanked for his report and offered to attend every 2 to 3 months to report following EDEP meetings.
2. A338 update: Cllr Bryan reported. Work is on schedule if not ahead of schedule. Drainage was being tested today. Cllr Hockley asked why only some of the cameras were live. Cllr Bryan responded that this was up to the Police.
3. Allotments update: Cllr C House reported that the application was before the Parish Planning Committee tomorrow night. An arranged site visit had to be cancelled due to flooding of the lane.
4. DAPTC – Cllr Hindmarch and Cllr Dyer attended a meeting last week in Wimborne which was well attended. Rural bus service Review was discussed. DCC have to save £1/2m Parishes can subsidise schemes if they wish to keep them. The question of devolvement of powers to Parish and Towns was discussed. This will be difficult to work as some Districts do not have Parish and Town Councils. Concern on whether sufficient volunteers would be forthcoming as the posts are unpaid. Cllr Bryan reported that although there is a programme for buses to be cut he understood that a number of County Councillors would be voting against the proposal.

348. Youth Club

- i) Trustee status – Cllr R Warman reported: No further progress as it is clear major changes are about to take place, the outcome of which need to be known before the Council can make any decisions. Cllr Bryan reported that Youth Service redundancies would not take effect until September.
- ii) Future leader provision issues – There is currently a lot of discussion underway and a meeting with a number of parishes is being held to discuss the issue on Friday. One difficulty will be who will employ the Youth Workers. Cllr Bryan reported that Cllr T Coombs had reported that Dorset Youth Association might be willing to employ the Leaders and Parishes could then buy into the service. Both Leaders in this area wish to continue. The Clerk also reported contact from Corfe Mullen who were discussing the possibility of a Cross Parish Trust to run the Clubs.

- 349. Precept Demand for 2016/2017**– Minute 302 refers. Members considered the budgetary provision calculated and reviewed the expenditure to date on the current year and anticipated potential underspend. After careful consideration it was proposed to ratify Minute 302 and submit a precept demand of £83,146 for 2016/2017. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr C House, agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to submit a precept demand of £83,146 for 2016/2017.

It was noted that Cllr Dyer's District Council grant would cover the cost of the play area lights if agreed and also a screen for the Committee Room if permission is given by the VHMC to erect it. The Clerk will put the screen purchase to the next meeting and check out the insurance cover. The Clerk will also check with Judith Plumley the correct procedure for claiming the grant money.

350. District Councillors' Brief Update:

Cllr R Bryan reported: The issue with the appeal on 51 St Ives Park was picking up pace. Mr Chope is involved and is not satisfied with the response from the Inspectorate. Work on the Woolsbridge roundabout has been chased up with Highways England. A number of training events and meetings had been attended during the last few weeks. All three District Councillors voted against the Unitary proposal.

Cllr B Goringe reported: There was no EDDC Planning meetings this month, the next meeting is on the 9th February. A number of meetings have been attended. Both Cllr Goringe and Cllr Bryan will be attending a meeting at EDDC tomorrow to elect the new Leader.

- 352. DAPTC Annual Conference 2016** - The topic is "The Impact of Local Government re-organisation on Parish and Town Councils" – 3rd March – It was agreed to cover the cost of £60 per member and for two

Members to attend. Proposed by Cllr C House, seconded by Cllr B Goringe. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To send two Members at a cost of £60 each.

Cllr Mrs J House Cllr R Bryan Cllr N Hindmarch and Cllr M Dyer will be contacted tomorrow by the Clerk to see which two would be available.

- 353. Parish Newsletter** – Costs of printing of £200 were agreed, unanimously. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House. Cllr Adkins will edit the document.
- 354. Dementia Awareness** – An item has been compiled for the next newsletter Ann Lippett is happy to donate her time to train groups in the community and is qualified to do so. Members agreed to cover the cost of hiring the room at a cost of up to £40 per session. If sufficient interest is shown then up to two would be covered. The events would be organised by Ann Lippett.
RESOLVED: To cover the cost of room hire at £40 per session for up to two hires if sufficient interest.
- 355. Village Hall Management Committee –**
- i) Members noted the minutes for July, September, October and November and the AGM Minutes of 1st October 2015 – all emailed to Members.
 - ii) Members considered a request to site a defibrillator on the external wall of the annexe. This was agreed unanimously.
RESOLVED: To authorise the siting of a defibrillator on the external wall of the annexe.
Training will be arranged by the VHMC and will include other sports clubs and scouts on the site. The Clerk also asked to attend.
 - iii) The Clerk has written to the VHMC to ask permission to site a projector screen permanently in the Committee Room.
- 356. Youth Club Drainage issue** – The Clerk reported an issue with the drainage, covered by insurance. A cost of £231 was approved under emergency powers by the Chairman and Clerk to investigate and make repairs but these are thought to be temporary in nature. The Clerk will bill the excess of £100 to the Clubs insurance claim for remedial work is underway. Noted.
- 357. Car Park Drainage issue** – Canford Drains reported that the surface water drain is the responsibility of Wessex Water and that the drain was blocked. Reported to Wessex Water who carried out a further check, a report is awaited. Cllr R Warman had been present at the recent attendance by Wessex Water and it appears that the sump may need to be rebuilt on the private section of the drain. Members noted.
- 358. Annual Parish Meeting** – Mrs Shepherd has agreed to give a talk on breaking the Enigma Code. Mr Hawkins has offered to produce a display on the Parish role in WWII. This was agreed. The Clerk will ask the WI if they are able to provide refreshments. A charitable donation was agreed to both parties of £75 and £25 respectively.
RESOLVED: Donations to charities of their choosing will be made to Mrs Shepherd and Mr Hawkins of £75 and £25.
- 359. Lighting Play Area** – Members received the quotations for re-commissioning, repairing and providing a supply to the two light columns. Cllr C House and Cllr Mrs J House abstained from the vote due to their past connections with one of the companies quoting. It was agreed to accept the quotation from SSE at a total cost of £1501.23 and Scottish & Southern Networks Service for the supply of £389.22 + VAT. The cost to be met from Cllr Dyer's District grant.
RESOLVED: To accept the quotations from SSE of £1501.23+ VAT and Scottish & Southern Networks Service for the supply of £389.22 + VAT.
- 360. Parish Flood Signs Scheme** – Members reviewed details of the scheme and discussed the proposal. Concern was raised about the physical abilities of Members to carry out the task required. The signs weigh 20kg each and will also need around 6 sandbags to fix in position. For safety two people would be needed on each occasion. Expecting volunteers to site the signs in all weathers and hours on the Highway was thought to be high risk and an unacceptable request of volunteers. There was also concern about the Insurance cover of private vehicles to carry out the task. After a lot of discussion and deliberations members agreed unanimously to decline to participate in the scheme. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House. Agreed unanimously.
RESOLVED: To decline to participate in the flood sign scheme.

- 361. Committee Meetings of the Parish Council** – A proposal from Cllr Mrs J House to no longer hold Amenities and Finance Committee Meetings was received. This was discussed. It was stressed that for the proposal to work it would require efficient preparation, reports need to be provided in writing to go out with the agenda. Any public attending would then see the whole of the Council's role and it would save on the number of meetings held. The Clerk will prepare a method of work as emergency cover will also need to be reviewed. It will be discussed further at the next meeting with a view to commencing from the May Annual meeting for a 3 or 6 month trial.
- 362. Burial Ground** – Cllr R Adkins reported. Since the Summer Cllr Adkins has been investigating a possible site within the Parish. A 73 acre area is a possibility and the Landowner is discussing the release of 20 acres of the site. There is no conflict with the Alloment site. The Clerk has assisted the Chairman. The Parish has no burial ground and since the 1960's has ceased paying a subsidy to Ringwood. Other Parishes are now not taking non-residents. EDDC have indicated that they would fully support the proposed area but it would need to be a woodland eco burial site. Advice has been sought from the Natural Death Society. The idea is not yet ready for the Council to consider. The plan would be for the Council to operate the site and the Landowner would continue to own it. The next stage is to specify where the land is and arrange for testing of water sources. The burial rate is 1200 per acre and for the proposal to be viable it is planned to permit the burial of non-residents. The Chairman will keep Members updated.
- 363. Exchange of information:**
1. Next meeting Full Council 24th February 2016
 2. Cllr Mrs Warman reported that the VHMC are about to commence a redecorating programme for the hall
 3. The Clerk will be arranging an EGM on Wednesday 10th February at 7pm, to discuss the email sent by Cllr Hockley to all Members on 27th January 2016, alleging fraud and corruption. The Police and Monitoring Officer will also be invited to attend the meeting. Cllr Hockley confirmed that his email was a complaint.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman