

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 28th September 2016 at 7pm
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present:, Cllr R Adkins, Chairman

Cllr R Bryan

Cllr M Dyer

Cllr M Hockley

Cllr R Warman

Cllr Mrs J Carter

Cllr N Hindmarch

Cllr Mrs A Warman

Cllr Mrs B Waugh

Cllr A Davies

Present: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk.

117. Pecuniary Interests: None.

118. Apologies: Cllr J Crow and Cllr B Goringe; Cllr Mrs S Marshall and DCC P Richardson.

119. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 31st August 2016 pages 19-22 were confirmed as an accurate record and adopted. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs J Carter. Agreed (Cllr M Hockley abstained). Cllr Bryan asked Cllr Hockley for the reason of his abstention, Cllr Hockley advised that he had not fully read the Minutes.

RESOLVED: To adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 31st August 2016 pages 19-22.

120. Correspondence:

1. EDDC Agendas
2. Invitation to all Councillors to the APM of East Dorset CAB November
3. Email from resident questioning the timing of the public meeting on 17th Sept.
4. Letter from Heir Hunting offering services
5. Age Concern invitation to Chairman and any Councillor to attend presentation of new minibus 10.10.16 10.30am.
6. Complaint concerning cars for sale reported to HE – no action as no obstruction and only one vehicle
7. Damaged sign Woolsbridge Roundabout reported on D4U
8. HE notification of work on Woolsbridge Roundabout A31 closed both ways 9pm to 6am for six nights work delayed to commence 3rd October. Business and residents affected have been written to.
9. Notification of closure of West bound carriageway Boundary Lane from 7th November for 40 days.
10. Airport invitation passed to Cllr J Crow and Cllr N Hindmarch 24th November.
11. Copy email from resident to the bus company complaining about safety due to a clash of buses outside the school in the mornings, requesting change in timetable. Copied to County Councillor.

121. Committee Meeting Minutes: The approved minutes of the following Committee Meetings were adopted:-

Planning 4th August 2016 page 16 proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr Mrs J Carter.

Planning 25th August pages 17 & 18 proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr A Davies.

Agreed unanimously.

122. Village Hall Management Committee:-

i) Minutes 8th September 2016 – not available at present.

ii) AGM on Thursday 6th October at 7.00pm in the Annexe noted.

123. District Councillors' Update:

Cllr M Dyer: A review of the Local Plan has commenced, but this does not mean a Green Belt review. An in-house exercise is underway to see where the Green Belt is weak/strong and for anomalies across the District.

Councils who do not review can be challenged and could get inundated with applications.

Cllr R Bryan: Furzehill will close on 14th November and move to the Teachers building in Wimborne.

Three legged Cross Forum have put in an objection to the amount of sites being put forward for Travellers use.

124. Parish Councillors' Reports –

1. DAPTC – AGM 5th November – deadline for motions 2nd September. No resolution put forward.
2. Home watch – Cllr A Davies gave a brief report on the crime statistics for the period. The Police are trying to reactivate speed watch. Also raised was the lack of street lighting in the area. They are monitoring the website for traffic usage to see if it is worthwhile updating it. Cllr Mrs Warman reported that some years ago the Parish Council carried out a survey about street lighting in the Parish and it resulted in a majority wishing for no increase.
3. EDEP - next meeting 12th October 2016
4. Allotments – Cllr Bryan reported that this was still at planning and due a decision on around the 14th October, a number of Consultees have responded. The Clerk reported that the application was before the Parish on 6th October, a number of enquiries about the up-to-date position have been received. The Clerk has asked for details of the last fee with Cllr Bryan so that this can be settled.

125. Burial Ground – Cllr Adkins reported: Hydrology testing was underway today. Several 3m deep holes were dug and initial findings seem positive but results are awaited. If tier 2 testing is not required then the Council can go straight to the Planning stage.

126. Parish Council Website and online tools:-

The Chairman reported that he did not have a pecuniary interest but did know the owners of Parish Online through business links.

- i) Members received a verbal report from Cllr Adkins on updating the Parish website. Currently the site is updated and maintained by a volunteer. The Chairman will speak to the volunteer. Grants may be possible from the District Councillors once costs were known. Estimated costs for Website - Max. £650 development cost and hosting £300 p.a. This was discussed. It was agreed unanimously to proceed. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr Mrs B Waugh.

RESOLVED: The Chairman and Clerk were directed to investigate and incur expenditure up to a maximum of £950 + VAT to update the website.

- ii) Members considered subscribing to Parish Online to assist with Planning meetings. The annual subscription for St Leonards and St Ives Parish Council for the standard package would be £98+VAT (there is also an additional £20 set-up fee in year 1). This was discussed. It was agreed to subscribe to Parish Online. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr Mrs B Waugh. Cllr R Warman abstained, the rest were in favour.

RESOLVED: To register and subscribe to Parish Online.

127. Finance Matters:

- i) The schedule of payments for September were approved for payment. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr R Warman. Agreed unanimously.
- ii) The bank reconciliation for end August was agreed. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: The bank reconciliation for end August was agreed.

Cllr R Bryan reported that he now had a list of potential investments and a meeting of the reserves Committee is needed to discuss them.

128. Audits

- i) Annual Return – The response from the External Auditor was received and noted unanimously.
- ii) Internal Audit – The response from the internal auditor was received and noted unanimously.

129. Pensions Auto Enrolment – Cllr Mrs Marshall had submitted a paper from her Companies Pension Advisor and the Chairman will circulate it to the Sub-Committee. The Clerk reminded the Council that the deadline for a decision was the 1st November 2016.

130. Youth Club – Advice from the Monitoring Officer was that whilst you should not need a Dispensation as a precaution it would be a good idea to have one. Details of how to obtain a dispensation are still awaited.

131. Clerks report on SLCC meeting 15th September – Members noted the report.

132. Oaktree Access Route - The Clerk reported that the route was not listed on the Land registry. The Clerk had asked Mr Davies at Avon Heath for further information.

133. Boundary Review – The Clerk had circulated the initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in the South West. Closing date 5th December 2016. This was discussed. Cllr Bryan reported that he had attended a meeting with the five MPs for the area who had suggested some minor amendments. Verwood would come in with St Leonards & St Ives. No further submission was put forward by the Parish Council.

134. Reshaping Dorset - Devolution Unitary Authorities and Local Government Reform – Members discussed a corporate response to the consultation document. PDF version emailed to all on 20.09.16. The Chairman thanked all Members who had assisted at the public meeting which was well attended. The Chairman summarised the meeting. A further roadshow is scheduled for the 1st October at One Stop, the Clerk will put this on Streetlife. The major concerns were loss of control of local services and the financial implications. The consensus of the meeting was why should this areas Council tax and reserves be used to fund other authorities? It would take 20 years to get parity. If these other areas cannot manage their finances now why do we think they can manage them in the future. East Dorset does not currently have a debt, the debt appears to be of the County Council which is currently standing at around £11m. A show of hands called for by a member of the public, clearly indicated that the majority of those present wanted no change. This was discussed.

The Parish need to be aware that if the District Council tier is removed then the pressures will fall onto the Parish. If decisions are made in Dorchester the local touch is lost. The negative aspects of losing the District tier would be pressure of work on the Clerk and Council as a result of devolving work and services. The costs of meeting these pressures would fall onto the Parish precepts. The withdrawal of Youth services was a prime example. Decisions made outside of the area without the benefit of local knowledge.

The Clerk reported that a consultation had just been launched on applying the referendum principles of capping to Parish and Towns within certain limits.

It was agreed unanimously, that the Council response was that there should be no change the Parish wished to retain the two tier system. Proposed by Cllr M Hockley, seconded by Cllr A Davies.
RESOLVED: To respond that the Council response was that there should be no change the Parish wished to retain the two tier system.

135. Exchange of information:

1. Next meeting 26th October 2016 - 7.00pm
2. Cllr Hockley advised he had a change of interest, The Clerk will forward a blank Register of Interest form,
3. The Clerk reported that the bench on Horton Road had been hit by a car. Details have been requested from the Police.
4. Cllr Mrs Warman reported attending the Ferndown Civic day on behalf of the Chairman. A thank you message has been sent by the Clerk
5. Cllr Mrs Warman reported that extra plot/properties were being considered for the Hospital site.
6. Cllr R Bryan - DCC are looking to divest themselves of some of their land assets.
7. Cllr A Davies reported that comments on Planning applications on D4U were not always being registered and put on. There is a disclaimer on the site but if there is no acknowledgement then you should assume it has not been received.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Chairman