

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 30th November 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 Mrs J Carter

Cllr A Davies

Cllr M Dyer

Cllr B Goringe

Cllr N Hindmarch

Cllr M Hockley

Cllr Mrs A Warman

Cllr R Warman

Present: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk and DCC P Richardson.**190. Pecuniary Interests:** Cllr Goringe declared an interest in item 15 (i) as he had received reimbursement for the part purchased for the car park.**191. Apologies** were received and accepted from Cllr J Crow, Cllr Mrs S Marshall and Cllr Mrs B Waugh.**192. Public Questions:- none****193. County Councillor** – A short verbal report was received. Avon Heath had received a national accolade. The County Council is reviewing it's finances. Cllr Richardson gave his apologies for the January meeting.Questions:

- Cllr Hockley – Recently DCC said it would not build on the Green Belt but there has been an approved application, can you explain? Cllr Hockley was asked to give the details to Cllr Dyer as the current LPA Planning Chairman for him to investigate and respond.

194. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th October 2016 pages 32-35 were confirmed as an accurate record and adopted. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr B Goringe. Agreed unanimously.**RESOLVED: To adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 26th October 2016 pages 32-35****195. Matters arising from the Minutes:**

1. Minute 163 – Parts have been ordered for the play area, one part is still awaited before work can commence.
2. Cllr Hockley reported that a revised Register form would be sent in shortly, this would be the third in a month. The Clerk advised that the last one submitted on the 26th October was still not on the website due to printer issues but it had been sent to the Monitoring Officer.
3. Cllr Hockley stated that he had still not received a copy of the hydrology report for the proposed burial ground site. The Chairman responded that as previously explained the report pertained to an area that was private land and at the landowners request it was agreed that the information was accessible by the council on a need to know basis. Based on this agreement the Council appointed Burial Committee were the only ones permitted full access however Cllr Hockley could view the report in the presence of the Chairman at a prearranged time in the Parish Office. The Chairman explained that the Environment Agency would receive a copy and then a summary with conclusion from them would form part of the Planning Application conditions. Cllr Hockley objected to this on the grounds that he had hydrological qualifications, but no reason or justification was given as to why Cllr. Hockley needed to take away confidential information regarding private land that did not belong to the council.

196. Correspondence:

1. EDDC Agendas
2. EDDC will supply free sandbags to residents, full or empty stocks are available if the Council has a place for storage.
3. Hampshire County Council – consultation on revisions to the draft Community Involvement Consultation (planning) (ends 19.12.16). Review on ww3.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/sciconsultation2016
4. EDDC Code of Conduct Review and recommendations to change.
5. Acknowledgements received from East Dorset CAB and New Forest CAB for grants
6. Notification of urgent road closure both directions of Boundary lane due to safety concerns, whilst new junction is under construction. Cllr Hockley asked if the Council was going to complain about the length of time taking to carry out the work which was inconvenient to residents a number of whom had complained to him. It was his opinion that there was no need for the work to take so long. Cllr Dyer responded that there was a lot more work than visibly apparent and with the road closed in both directions it was likely to be quicker. Cllr Hockley was asked to pass the name and addresses of the complainants to Cllr Dyer so that they can be taken up formally.

197. Committee Meeting Minutes: The approved minutes of the following Committee Meetings, Planning 6th and 27th October 2016 were duly adopted. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman. Agreed with two abstentions Cllr M Hockley and Cllr R Warman.

RESOLVED: The approved minutes of the following Committee Meetings, Planning 6th and 27th October 2016 were duly adopted.

198. Village Hall Management Committee:- The Minutes of the last meeting were not yet available..

199. District Councillors' Update:

Cllr Goringe reported: he had attended a number of meetings including the AGM of the East Dorset CAB; Scrutiny: Ethical Governance and the Bournemouth Airport Consultative Committee. The Airport reported that numbers were down compared to 2015 due in the main to losing Flybe flights which were lost as a result of Southampton reducing landing fees. Ryan Air has a new route to Caracas and Thomas Airlines to the Caribbean. Curtis Wright are moving into a new purpose built building in the business park and Yellow Buses had commenced a new route to the airport from Bournemouth.

Cllr Dyer reported that EDDC had now left Furzehill except for the main meetings, Officers were now in the Teachers building in Wimborne. Cllr Dyer had attended the last DWP meeting in the absence of Cllr Bryan and the requests for indemnities previously reported by Cllr Goringe were now quashed. Residents of un-adopted roads are being written to.

Cllr Bryan reported: that a number of diseased trees at the Furzehill site had been removed. The new offices in Wimborne are open. Cllr Bryan has raised the issue of a lack of directional signage to the new offices and the lack of logo on signs. He had attended a site trip to Veolia and it was apparent that the Company are keen on establishing a power plant in this vicinity. Three sites have been mentioned and the site will deal with waste for Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole. The plant generates electricity and the resultant ash is reused in road building. The increase in volume of truck movements is estimated at 31,000. Cllr Hockley asked about the burning of plastics as there are a large number of elderly people and the resultant chemicals were dangerous to health. Cllr Bryan responded that they were burning plastics but there were filters. All current facilities are at their maximum capacity. Cllr Hockley informed the meeting that he was not against such sites.

A 270 page report on the devolution consultation will be out shortly and District Councillors will have 5 days to read it. A meeting is arranged with representatives from Cornwall and other areas.

Members were reminded to check that their Register of Interest Forms were up-to-date, the Clerk reported that these were available on the Parish website.

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

1. DAPTC – Cllr Hindmarch reported on the AGM which seemed to focus on the Unitary Authorities. There seemed to be a North/South Divide in the County.
2. Homewatch – Cllr Davies: next meeting is on 6th December
3. EDEP - no meeting
4. Allotments – no further information. The Clerk was asked to put the matter on the next agenda to form another Allotment Committee and to write to the Officer to chase the issue up. Cllr Bryan reported that the application had been submitted on 11th May, validated on 12th August and closed to consultation on 22nd October. Cllr Dyer reported that the new system at EDDC meant that all checks have to be completed properly and they will not be validated until they are.
5. School traffic issues – A meeting is still to be arranged. Cllr Goringe will contact the Police at the Homewatch meeting to try and arrange.
6. Airport Forum – Cllr Hindmarch reported. It seemed to be a repeat of the meeting of the Consultative Committee. Complaints had been received from other areas about the noise from the Saudi planes. The Air Ambulance will not be going to the Airport in future. The new Yellow Bus route is being subsidised by the Airport at a cost of £40,000 per annum. Cllr Hockley reported that he had information, to which Cllr. Goringe suggested Cllr Hockley might want to let him know and he will ask Consultative Committee [as District Cllr], Cllr Hockley replied, he would not make a comment on the Airport [to the Parish Council] due to his knowledge and made further comments about the earlier events of the meeting, regarding not being allowed a personal copy of the confidential Tier 1 Assessment. The Chairman pointed out to Cllr. Hockley that Cllr. Goringe's offer was made with his District Council hat on as that was the committee he sat on. Cllr Hockley disagreed with this assessment threatened to and then abruptly left the meeting at 7.40pm without apology.

201. Office Copier – The Clerk reported that serious disruption had been caused over the last month due to issues with the Office Copier. There was a £250 early cancellation penalty on the contract which still had another 40 months to run. Enquiries into alternative options will be made.

202. Burial Ground – Cllr Adkins reported: The hydrology report cannot be distributed outside of the Burial Committee as the information is based on non-council owned private land that the landowner wants kept confidential. The land is not ours and we have been specifically restricted by the Landowner. The information will therefore remain confidential. This was accepted by all those present. Tier 2 can be carried out for an additional £360 due to the volume of work undertaken at Tier 1. The Environment Agency will require a fee of £252 to respond to the report which will then form part of the planning application, this fee has been authorised by the Committee and is within the agreed budget. After further discussion it was agreed that the Burial Committee proceeds with Tier 2 in accordance with their Terms of Reference. Proposed by Cllr G Goringe, seconded by Cllr M Dyer. Cllr Mrs A Warman abstained the rest were in favour.

RESOLVED: The Burial Committee proceeds with Tier 2 in accordance with their Terms of Reference.

Cllr R Warman asked for a budget structure to be produced including estimates of income/expenditure and running costs. Cllr Adkins will update his draft and circulate it to the Committee.

Cllr Bryan suggested that Annabelle King at DCC needs to be involved in the project.

203. Parish Council Website and online tools:- The Clerk requested training on the new Parish Online system. Cllr Adkins reported that several website options had been identified but he needed to talk to the current website editor before moving forward.

204. Finance Matters:

i) The schedule of payments for November were reviewed and approved. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr B Goringe. Cllr Goringe abstained the rest were in favour.

RESOLVED: The schedule of payments for November were reviewed and approved.

ii) The scrutinised bank reconciliation for end October was approved. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr R Warman.

RESOLVED: To approve the bank reconciliation for the end of October.

iii) **Precept Demand 2017/2018** –Members received the recommendations from the Grants and Precepts Committee and calculation for 2017/2018. A precept of £86,451 an increase of 3.97% (87pence increase pa on a band D property) on last year was recommend. This follows the withdrawal of DCC support resulting in an additional £12,000 for the Youth Club. Members noted contingencies have been cut and there is no provision for devolution of service costs. This was discussed. It was agreed to accept the recommendation in principle subject to final ratification at the full Council meeting in January 2017. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr R Bryan.

RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation, in principle subject to final ratification in January of a precept demand of £86,451 for 2017/2018.

205. Amenity Matters: The Clerk reported fly tipping issues at Braeside Road – This was discussed. A record of such incidents on Parish sites and elsewhere in the Parish needs to be kept to facilitate a report to DWP. The Clerk will compile a letter to include issues relating to leaving out food waste in neighbouring gardens. Proposed by Cllr A Warman, seconded by Cllr B Goringe. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: The clerk will compile a round robin letter for neighbouring properties to the site and asking for information and observance.

Reports were received about the leaf debris and the Clerk was asked to chase up street sweeping in the Parish.

206. Request to extend the path from Lions Wood to Village Hall – Further to Min. 164 – rough estimates have been obtained. A shale path with no edging strip will cost approximately £750; tarmac path £2500 to £3,000. This was discussed it was agreed to monitor and review the situation as this was a request from one individual.

207. Bowling Club Hedge between the tennis courts and the Bowls Club – Members discussed a request from the Bowling Club to remove the hedge between the courts and Club as it is dead and replace the same with a 6'6 close boarded fence, it is their intention to retain the existing peerless fence and razor wire. The Tennis Club have been contacted and confirm that they have no objection. It was agreed to permit the replacement provided the exact current boundary line is maintained. Whilst mindful of the need for security any razor wire must comply with current health and safety regulations. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr A Davies. All in favour with two abstentions, Cllr R Warman and Cllr Mrs A Warman.

RESOLVED: To permit the replacement of the existing hedge with 6'6 close boarded fencing provided the exact current boundary line is maintained. Whilst mindful of the need for security any razor wire must comply with current health and safety regulations

208. Pensions Auto Enrolment – Joining the Local Government Pension Scheme –The Clerk has accepted the Council's offer to join the LGPS, the Statutory Notice of the resolution has been displayed since 1st November 2016 on the website and on Parish Noticeboards. This was discussed it was agreed to ratify the statutory resolution as publicised and proceed with the process to join the LGPS. A letter will be compiled to defer the current Stakeholder pension arrangement.

RESOLVED: The Council ratified the statutory resolution as publicised and agreed to proceed with the process to join the LGPS.

209. Naming of the St Leonards Hospital Development – Members discussed the proposal to name the development in line with the D Day landing beaches. It was noted that Oak Drive had been changed to Neptune Drive. It was agreed unanimously, that the names were acceptable but it was noted that the beaches were not all American beaches. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr R Bryan. However it was noted that EDDC did not appear to be applying the rules evenly across the District as there were quite recent examples in other local areas such as Aliss Close and Merryweather Drive where individual names had been allowed. A letter will be sent in this respect.

RESOLVED: The names proposed were acceptable.

210. Update Briefing for Town and Parish Councils on Devolution – Invitation to send two attendees 2pm Friday 13th Jan or 6pm Thursday 19th January – Furzehill. Members agreed Cllr R Adkins, and Cllr A Davies would attend on the 13th January at 2pm.

211. Consultation on the removal of BT phone boxes: This was discussed, taking into account the lack of usage there was no objection to the proposal.

212. Next newsletter – Members were asked to put forward suggestions for items as soon as possible. Cllr Mrs A Warman was appointed to edit the document. Target is to distribute early/mid March. Final copy needs to be authorised at January full Council meeting.

213. Request by Scouts to sublet scout hall on a permanent basis for dancing hire on a Sunday– This was discussed. Whilst mindful of the need to raise income, there was concern about the potential for this to become unneighbourly due to noise levels, the request was for Sunday use and the properties at the rear were rather close. It was proposed to decline the request. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr A Davies. Agreed unanimously.

214. Exchange of information:

1. Next meeting 25th January 2017 - 7.00pm
2. The clerk was asked to chase up the tree cutting on St Leonards Way
3. Overhanging vegetation on the corner with the Montessori was reported.
4. The Clerk will report The Glade for street cleaning due to excessive leaf drop.
5. Cllr Bryan is arrange a trip to Eco at Hurn in January if anyone wishes to go.
6. 53 The Glade – Cllr Bryan has spent considerable time trying to resolve the issues and the County Enforcement Officer is now involved. A response has been promised next week. He will keep the pressure on to resolve the situation.
7. Cllr Bryan has been invited to do a presentation to a pupil at St Ives School to a pupil who has won a National Award

Meeting closed at 9pm

Chairman