

**ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL**

Meeting of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7pm  
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present:, Cllr B Goringe Vice Chairman in the Chair  
 Cllr R Bryan (from 8pm) Cllr M Dyer (from 7.40pm) Cllr Mrs S Marshall Cllr Mrs A Warman  
 Cllr Mrs J Carter Cllr N Hindmarch Cllr Mrs K Neale Cllr R Warman  
 Cllr A Davies Cllr Mrs B Waugh

Present: Mrs Ann Jacobs Clerk and approximately 35-40 Members of the Public

Public Open Forum: The Chairman asked for a spokesperson. Members of the Public spoke of their concerns about the changes to the 38 bus route. Their concerns were the lack of consultation, loss of the service for school children and the difficulties for the many elderly in the Parish who would be unable to walk the much further distance to use other services such as accessing the Hospital and shops. If the service needed cuts, those in the middle of the day would be preferred, allowing workers and children to get to work and school. A statement was read out by the Chairman. Members of the Public were encouraged to write in with further information and also to monitor noticeboards and the Parish website for information. The Parish Council was receiving support and help from County Councillor Ray Bryan and was awaiting an update from him following recent meetings he had attended.

County Councillors Report – None given

**72. Pecuniary Interests: None**

**73. Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllr J Crow and Cllr R Adkins. Cllr M Dyer was attending a meeting at EDDC and Cllr R Bryan was attending a meeting at Christchurch Council.

**74. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017** pages 7 to 10 were agreed unanimously, as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall.

**RESOLVED: To adopt the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 pages 7 to 10.**

**75. Matters arising from the Minutes**

- Barrier FP19 with Horton Road –Chased up and they are now investigating whether they have the authority to erect a barrier on a PROW.
- Flooding on Woolsbridge Roundabout reported east and west issues to Highways Authority– they are monitoring but were unaware of the West bound issue. Photos would be useful.
- Gully The Glade – Highways officer checking into and has spoken to Cllr R Warman
- Signs for VHMC - Highways Agency advise that they do not think we would meet criteria in the adopted policy if it did rough estimate was £8,000 to £20,000 per sign. Guidance says this type of facility should not normally be signed from a trunk road unless in a sparsely pop area. The Clerk will contact the County Council and ask if signs could be placed on Braeside road not the A31 and on Woolsbridge Road.

**76. Correspondence:**

1. EDDC Agendas
2. DAPTC CE Circular July 2017 – emailed to all

**77. Bus Route 38 – Announcement of withdrawal of service from 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Following the Statement made by the Chairman, a copy of which appears as Appendix A with these Minutes in the Minute Book. Members agreed that an EGM should be held. Members would receive an update from Cllr Bryan and to discuss next steps and options when he arrived later. See Minute 88.

**78. Impact of impending roadworks on the Parish – Defer to next meeting as Cllr Bryan was to report and he was delayed.**

- 79. Village Hall Management Committee-** Copy of insurance certificate and Fire Risk assessment obtained. Noted.
- 80.. A31 Ringwood Improvements Consultation –** Members noted the press release from Ringwood Town Council, but a number had already directly responded to the Consultation.
- 81. High Street Pavement** - Members had viewed the area. It was felt that the cost could be reduced if only a priority area was repaired or resurfaced. The main area was immediately in front of the shops. The Clerk will get a second quote.
- 82. Parish Office –** Alarm issues and key holders. The Clerk reported that the engineers had checked the Office alarm this morning and it was found to be working correctly. During the visit the Tennis Club alarm was found to be the fault. The Clerk had contacted the Club and repairs were in progress. It was agreed that it was too far to expect the Clerk to call out and more key holders were needed. Cllr Mrs K Neale volunteered to be an additional key holder. Current key holders were Cllr R Bryan, Cllr R Adkins, Cllr Mrs A Warman, Cllr A Davies. It was agreed that Cllr B Goringe would also be given a key.

The Clerk recommended that the Council use the same local company for servicing as the Tennis Club as they had proved to be most professional. It was agreed that it would also be useful for all three alarms, including the Youth Club to use the same company and service date. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs B Waugh. Agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED: To use Custom Security for servicing in future and to realign service dates.**

**83. Finance:**

- i) The schedule of payments for July were reviewed and approved unanimously. Proposed by Cllr R Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall.  
**RESOLVED: The schedule of payments for July were reviewed and approved**
- ii) The bank reconciliation for end June was reviewed and approved unanimously. The Clerk confirmed that the figures had been scrutinised by Cllr Mrs Waugh. Proposed by Cllr R Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall.  
**RESOLVED: The bank reconciliation for end June were reviewed and approved.**

**84. External Audit – Final closing is still awaited from the Auditor, defer to next meeting.**

- 85. Amenities:** Lengthsman has removed the goals at Horton Road due to their condition they are not fit for purpose as they were felt to be unstable and deteriorated. Members received three prices for replacement from the Clerk. This was discussed and it was agreed unanimously, to purchase the 9 vs 9 heavy duty goals through Terrafirma Maintenance at a cost of £400.  
**RESOLVED: To purchase the 9 vs 9 heavy duty goals through Terrafirma Maintenance at a cost of £400.**

- 86. The approved minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017** were duly adopted. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr A Davies. Cllr R Warman abstained as not present at the meeting the rest were in favour.  
**RESOLVED: To adopt the approved minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017.**

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

1. DAPTC – Proposals for AGM deadline for submission is 28<sup>th</sup> July noted. Cllr Hindmarch gave a brief overview on the last meeting which included a talk from the Police on fly tipping. Training for new Councillors was also being arranged.  
7.40pm Cllr M Dyer arrived.
2. Homewatch – next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> September
3. EDEP Meetings – Cllr Dyer reported last meeting 7<sup>th</sup> June as Chairman has been unwell. The last meeting discussed light pollution, the Parish was flagged as a good example of best practice and they highlighted the Village Hall and Tennis Club who were praised for the measures taken to avoid light pollution.
4. Burial Ground – brief update deferred to next meeting as the Chairman was unavailable.

5. Emergency Plan Working Party – Cllr Davies had circulated the draft plan which now complied with the County template. Vulnerable areas of the community had been identified and a process of communication planned out. The plan will continue to be reviewed. It was agreed to adopt the plan as presented and that the Emergency Co-ordinators would be the key holders of the Parish Office. Proposed by Cllr A Davies and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall. Agreed unanimously.  
**RESOLVED: To adopt the draft plan as presented and appoint the Emergency Co-ordinators as the key holders of the Parish Office.**

The Clerk reported that there was a Community Resilience Workshop in August, Cllr A Davies and Cllr Mrs S Marshall would attend if available. The Clerk will send through the details. The Working Group was thanked for their efforts.

**8pm Cllr R Bryan arrived.**

**88. The Chairman returned to the item 6 Bus route 38 -**

Cllr Bryan was asked to give an update on the 38 Bus route for the benefit of the public still remaining.

Cllr Bryan reported: This was still a fluid situation. The new timetable has been changed further so that the last bus will be at 3.30pm on a school day and not 2.30pm as in the statement circulated. A meeting with MoreBus together with County Officers and Cllr Bryan has been requested. Cllr Mrs Warman also asked to attend.

The bus company only get 50% of the fare if a bus pass is used. Legally it is not permitted to allow passengers to top up a fare when a pass is used. Cllr Bryan is asking the Parish to investigate setting up their own Parish Community Transport Scheme. Better utilisation of buses and greater use is needed. The original announcement by the County was an error. The Parish may lose one or 2 journeys during the day. It takes 2-3 months for figures to get back to the County. One option might be to keep the bus but not be able to utilise the passes. Cllr Bryan has also suggested reviewing the route as parts of the Parish have no service at all.

After further discussion it was agreed that an EGM should be held to discuss the buses once more information was known. Proposed by Cllr N Hindmarch, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman. Agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED: To call an EGM to discuss the bus route.**

The Clerk asked the public to provide further information and to watch for notices on the website, noticeboards and social media. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Bryan.

**89. District Councillors' Update:**

Cllr Goringe updated Members on a press release about the LGR.

Cllr Dyer reported that he had been late due to a Cabinet meeting at EDDC. Changes to planning and the Constitution had been discussed as a result of the changes due to the working together with Christchurch Council. The Clerk was asked to forward the Agenda and report direct to Parish Members for their information. It was stressed that when making responses to planning applications the Parish should ensure that they are valid planning reasons as this would avoid wasting Council and Officer time. A number of Members were attending the training event on 28<sup>th</sup> July.

Cllr Bryan reported on County and EDDC matters: EDDC were moving on with the disposal of Furzehill a number of plans had been looked at.

County Council matters: The Council was already overspent by £8m this current financial year. As we do not have any homes in Dorset the County pays three times the normal amount for a child with special needs.

53 The Glade – Cllr Bryan was disgusted that the Inspectorate have allowed an extension of time to appeal because, allegedly, the Planner was on holiday. The County Officers have complained.

**90. Exchange of information:**

1. Next meeting to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017
2. Cllr Hindmarch reported that main drain work is continuing to the South of the Parish.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.

**Chairman**