

**ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL**

Meeting of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.04pm  
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present: Cllr R Adkins Chairman

Cllr R Bryan (from 7.40pm)	Cllr M Dyer (from 7.25pm)	Cllr Mrs S Marshall	Cllr Mrs A Warman
Cllr Mrs J Carter	Cllr B Goringe	Cllr Mrs K Neale	Cllr R Warman
Cllr A Davies	Cllr N Hindmarch		Cllr Mrs B Waugh

In attendance: Mrs A Jacobs, Clerk to Council and three Members of the Public.

Public speaking: A resident of Woolsbridge Road spoke in respect of the petition concerning 74 Woolsbridge Road. The issues were the Woodland Tree Protection Order dated 1990, which they felt should be reviewed; and the issues relating to a roost of Rooks which were causing an issue due to excrement and antisocial noise. This would be resolved if the Trees could be removed and the development proceeded. This would also then help in meeting the housing need for the area.

**182. Pecuniary Interests: None**

**183. Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllr J Crow. Cllr M Dyer and Cllr R Bryan were attending an EDDC meeting and would be late.

**184. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017 pages 30-33 were approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Marshall, seconded by Cllr R Warman, Cllr B Goringe abstained as he had not been present, the rest were in favour.

**RESOLVED: to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017 pages 30-33.**

**185. Matters arising from the Minutes: None**

**186. Correspondence noted:**

1. EDDC Agendas
2. Directory articles submitted – Greyfriars minibus; public meeting Jan 2018; orchids and public speaking.
3. VHMC Notification of increase of parish rent for the office to £1917.654.
4. Bournemouth Airport forum invitation – 7<sup>th</sup> December 10am. Cllr Hindmarch and Cllr Davies will attend.
5. Appointment of External Auditor for 2017/2018 PKF Littlejohn LLP – Canary Wharf.
6. Royal British Legion – Thank you for donation
7. A31 Improvements – Highways England – Option 1 is the preferred route – scheme to be progressed through planning and statutory procedures.
8. General Data Processing Regulations come into force May 2018 – Essential the Council prepares. Clerk attending course on 7<sup>th</sup> December. All Councillors need to consider what information they retain at home; what form and whether necessary.
9. Complaint from resident about speed and wide loads on Horton Road. The Clerk will put the issue on the next agenda together with further discussion on an additional crossing for Horton Road opposite Moors Valley.

**187. Petition** - Members received a petition concerning 74 Woolsbridge Road reporting issues with nesting Rooks and the trees – This was discussed. The Clerk reported on a meeting with the Tree Officer and guidance from the RSPB. Guidance from RSPB was that even if the trees were removed the Rooks would likely move to the nearest potential tree. It was also noted that the last application for the site was agreed by the Parish Council subject to the Tree Officer, but refused by the LPA because of the trees. The refusal of the application had been upheld by the Planning Inspectorate. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Tree Officer was in communication with the Applicants representatives and permission for some tree removal had been given although whether this had all been carried out was unknown. Cllr Goringe also reported that he had recently spoken to the applicants Arboriculturist whilst passing the site and been informed that he was preparing a report. In summary whilst the Council is sympathetic to the issues raised, the land is privately owned and as the applicant is an experienced Developer he will be fully aware that he needs to liaise with the LPA if he wishes to pursue development of

the site. Unfortunately the Parish Council has no power to be able to resolve the issues but hopefully they would be resolved when a suitable application is submitted and completed.  
7.25pm Cllr Dyer arrived.

**188. Braeside Facilities Review & Tennis Junior Courts** - Members discussed the report from the Clerk and Working Party on the meeting with the Bowls Club. A copy appears as Appendix A with these Minutes in the Minute Book. The Clerk reported that advice had been sought from the Tree Officer and Grounds Contractor both had confirmed that a close boarded wooden fence situated just inside the existing laurel hedge would not be a problem for the laurel. There had been some reports of antisocial behaviour in the gap between the old lleylandi hedge and the laurel which would be eliminated if the fence was relocated closer to the laurel. The Bowling Club had confirmed that they would agree to moving their existing gate to the end where the driveway enters the site if the costs for this were met by the Tennis Club. This was discussed it was agreed in principle to:-

- the release of the area behind the laurel hedge to the Bowling Club
- to release the square area of land in front of the existing Bowling Club gate to the Tennis Club
- to allow the relocation of the Bowls Club gate at an angle to the new laurel hedging provided the cost was met by the Tennis Club
- To allow the two existing failing hedges to be removed and replaced with wooden close boarded fencing. One positioned immediately inside of the laurel hedging the other set back slightly to allow for soft planting to be put on the driveway side. Maintenance, replacement and repair of the fences will be the responsibility of the Bowling Club.

This would enable the Tennis Club to apply for funding for a new junior court outside the existing Bowls Club gate. Leases would need revising and any necessary planning permissions sought. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr B Goringe. Agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED: In principle, to allow the repositioning of the Bowling Club gate to release the area of land outside the existing gate to the Tennis Club for construction of a mini tennis court on the area, and to release the small strip of land behind the laurel hedge to the Bowling Club.**

The Bowling Club also asked for a second gate for emergency use, this would be sited closer to the Club house and enter/exit onto the Braeside Road pavement. This was agreed in principle. Proposed by Cllr B Goringe, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall, Cllr Mrs A Warman abstained the rest were in favour.

**RESOLVED: To agree in principle to a second gate into the compound near the Clubhouse for emergency use.**

7.40pm Cllr R Bryan arrived.

#### **189. Finance:**

i) Members reviewed and approved the schedule of payments for November (Appendix B). Proposed by Cllr R Warman, seconded by Cllr A Davies. Agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED: To approve the schedule of payments for November.**

ii) Members reviewed and approved the bank reconciliation for end October (Appendix C). Proposed by Cllr R Warman, seconded by Cllr R Bryan. Agreed unanimously.

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

iii) Budget vs Expenditure figures to date were noted. (Appendix D)

iv) EDEP Grant – The Clerk reported that EDEP had advised that they will not be submitting a grant this current financial year as they had not met sufficiently, they are now back on schedule. This was discussed it was agreed to allocate provision for 18/19. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs K Neale. Agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED To allocate a grant provision of £300 for 18/19.**

**190. Precept Demand for 2018/2019** – Members discussed the draft precept demand calculation for 2018/2019 circulated with the agenda (Appendix E). No questions were raised. It was agreed to submit a precept demand of £89,044 for 2018/2019 this equates to an increase of 3% over the current financial year. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr A Davies. Agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED: To submit a precept demand of £89,044 for 2018/2019.**

**191. Community Infrastructure Levy (CiL)** – Members received the report from the Clerk see Appendix F.

This was discussed. The Clerk emphasised that any monies must be used as directed to support improvements to infrastructure needed as a result of development. The Chairman reported on the need for a neighbourhood plan as this would further increase the payments received and also assist in

identifying how the money was spent. After further discussion it was agreed unanimously to request that the Parish portion of the CiL be paid directly to the Parish. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr B Goringe. Agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED: To request that the Parish Portion of the CiL was paid directly to the Parish Council.**

The Clerk was asked to arrange for an EGM to discuss the proposal for a neighbourhood plan.

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

1. DAPTC - no meeting. Cllr Hindmarch reported on the announcement to close St Leonards Hospital next Summer. The Parish will be extremely sorry to see it go. Facilities will be split into two, some going to Wimborne Hospital which is being extended and some to Heatherlands. A further 70 community beds will also be accommodated at Bournemouth Hospital.
2. Homewatch – 6<sup>th</sup> December – Cllr Goringe will ask about speedwatch and Horton Road.
3. EDEP Meeting – next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> December
4. Burial Ground – Cllr Adkins reported:
  - The Chairman has contacted the District Portfolio Holder for Moors Valley concerning potential for land swap.
  - Chair and Clerk met with MP who has written to EDDC Chief Exe to ask what strategy the Council has to address the issue of lack of burial space for the planned increases in housing and population. See response to Mr Chope's letter copy attached.
  - Members discussed and reviewed the responses to the Clerks survey of local Councils current availability of burial land. It was agreed to pursue the project and allocate a budgetary sum of £5,000 for further costs. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr K Neale, Cllr A Davies abstained the rest were in favour.

**RESOLVED: to pursue the project and allocate a budgetary sum of £5,000.**

The Chairman and Clerk will compile a summary and respond to the letter sent to Mr Chope by EDDC.

**193. Local Government Reform Update –** The District Councillors reported that an emergency Cabinet meeting had been called by EDDC for 8<sup>th</sup> December to discuss the recent statement from the Secretary of State which was that he is minded to accept the proposal for LGR. Cllr Dyer has asked for a meeting of both Christchurch and East Dorset Councils. Cllr Bryan reported correspondence from Mrs Theresa May which states that the decision will be a consensus of all parties, he has also asked for a breakdown of the vote on the consultation papers. Cllr Goringe had attended a meeting at Christchurch Council where going in with Bournemouth and Poole was discussed.

**194. District Councillors' Update:**

Cllr Dyer reported on the Green Belt review. This has to be undertaken every 5 years and it tests the strength of the Green Belt. Part of this is also a call for potential development sites from any interested party. Many of those suggested were unsuitable due to various issues such as flood plains. The consultants have then ranked the areas purely on Green Belt Terms. The Parish Green belt has been ranked strong and a small amount moderate. The map was circulated to Members. Cllr Dyer highlighted the need for care not to allow any decision which might weaken the Green Belt.

**195. County Councillor Report -** Cllr Bryan is now on the Staffing Committee which will decide staffing requirements for the LGR. He has made it clear that all jobs will be reviewed and questioned. If LGR goes ahead the Officers at the District will be allowed to apply for the positions. The County Hall building is no longer fit for purpose and is in a poor state of repair. DCC have previously reported £8m in debt.

**196. Boundary Review -** The Boundary Commission for England has published its Revised Proposals for new Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries. The proposals and maps for the nine English regions have been published on their website, at [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk). An eight-week public consultation period will run until 11 December 2017. Verwood is now within the Christchurch boundary. Noted.

**197. Amenities:**

- i) Dog Warden report noted. Cllr Davies reported fouling along the unmade stretch of Ashley Drive North, this will be reported to the Dog Warden.

ii) Playground inspection report noted.

**198. Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole, Minerals and Waste Draft submission to the Secretary of State** – Launch of public consultation 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017-31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – Members noted a public meeting is arranged for 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 2pm at the Village Hall. This was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk will invite a representative from EDEP and an Officer from DCC. Members appointed a working party to formulate a response on the Council behalf and to prepare for the meeting. Cllr Mrs B Waugh, Cllr Mrs S Marshall, Cllr Mrs K Neale and Cllr Mrs J Carter were appointed.

**199. High Street Pavement** – Members received further information from DCC. It was agreed that the Clerk will pursue repairs.

**200. Review of Terms of Reference for Clerks Committee** – Members discussed the Terms of Reference and noted that the last meeting failed to be quorate which delayed the Clerks appraisal report. It was noted that the Committee made recommendations to full Council. It was agreed that the quorum would be reduced to 3. Proposed by Cllr Mrs B Waugh, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall. Motion was carried by 7:4.

**RESOLVED: To reduce the quorum to 3 for the Clerks Committee.**

**201. It was agreed to exclude the Press and Public and Clerk to discuss:-** The recommendations of the Clerk's Committee were received.

**RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation and increase the Clerk's salary by one incremental point.** See confidential Minute 201/2017

**202. Exchange of information:**

1. Next meeting to be held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018.
2. Cllr Hindmarch reported that the St Ives Club Memorial garden was not complete and the names of the fallen from both World Wars will now be inscribed.
3. The Clerk asked about the boundaries between St Leonards & St Ives Cllr Adkins will investigate his records.
4. Cllr Bryan reported that the Planning Inspector had visited the nearby mobile home park Mount Pleasant which had submitted an application for permanent residency status. This had now been allowed.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

**Chairman**