

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 28th March 2018 at 7.00pm
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present: Cllr R Adkins, Chairman

Cllr R Bryan

Cllr A Davies

Cllr M Dyer

Cllr B Goringe

Cllr Mrs S Marshall

Cllr Mrs K Neale

Cllr Mrs A Warman

Cllr R Warman

In attendance: Mrs A Jacobs, Clerk to Council and one member of the public.

Public Open Forum: The resident spoke on a short U-Tube video that they had produced highlighting the need for a crossing close to the entrance of Moors Valley. Members viewed the video.

County Councillors report- Cllr R Bryan reported: With the confirmation of the LGR proceeding the work to facilitate the process was now proceeding at a fast pace. Cllr Bryan was now on the Economic Growth Committee and it was essential that all Partners participated in this. Broadband was thought to be essential to growth and BT have been asked to explain about the poor Broadband in this area and to come back within 30 days with their plan to improve speeds. Council tax rationalisation was currently being calculated. A boundary review was going ahead but the final boundaries will not be known until November as they have to go through Government, Cllr Flower is heading this up. Cllr Bryan and Cllr Flower are on a group setting the budget for the newly formed Council. Unions have been met with and Staff will be TUPE'd over to the new Authority so that staff will not lose out. From May it will be a shadow Authority. Cllr Bryan will forward the circular on potential savings to Members. Cllr Bryan had been appointed to two new positions including the Board of Governors for the NHS Trust. The Government is allocating further funds.

280. Pecuniary Interests: None declared.

Cllr Bryan declared an interest as regards the Moors Valley Crossing discussion as he is also a County Councillor.

281. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs J Carter and Cllr N Hindmarch.

282. Minutes of the Parish Council

i) The Minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2018 pages 55-58 were agreed unanimously, as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs K Neale, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2018 pages 55-58.

ii) The Minutes of the EGM held on 29th January 2018 page 47 were agreed unanimously as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2018 page 47.

283. Matters arising from the Minutes:

- Street Naming 51 St Ives Park – the Council's suggestion to St Ives Close was rejected and a new suggestion is awaited from the Developer.

284. Correspondence:

1. EDDC Agendas
2. VHMC minutes and accounts copied to Members by email
3. DAPTC update email 15 March on Task and Finish Group working on LGR.
4. Email requesting family history information passed to Parish historian at the writer's request.
5. Parking Enforcement response to parking in Forest Edge Drive – contact details passed to resident.
6. Data protection Registration – renewed

285. Crossing Near Moors Valley – Members viewed the video supplied by a member of the public and received and considered the response from Dorset Highways. Visitor numbers had also been obtained and circulated from Moors Valley. This was discussed. There appeared to be a significant discrepancy between the Horton Road traffic survey taken from statistics recorded close to Ashley Heath Roundabout and the statistics provided by Moors Valley. It was noted that the Government's

intention is to keep traffic moving. Cllr Bryan reported that the Parish Council had asked for a crossing several times but had been criticised for not following through. It was proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall that the Clerk should ask for the cost of a traffic survey outside the entrance to the Park so that the Parish could consider authorising their own. Cllr Bryan abstained from the vote the rest were in favour. Cllr Bryan suggested a meeting with DCC Officers as the County Council's mission stated that the Council would strive for a safe, healthy, independent and prosperous community. Cllr Mrs A Warman volunteered to attend a meeting with Cllr Bryan.

286. Finance:

- i) Members reviewed and approved the schedule of payments for March. Proposed by Cllr Mrs K Neale, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall. Agreed unanimously.
RESOLVED: To approve the schedule of payments for March.
- ii) Members reviewed and approved the bank reconciliation for end February. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall. Agreed unanimously.
RESOLVED: To approve the bank reconciliation for end February.
- iii) **Internal Controls** - Members reviewed and resolved that their adopted system of Internal Control is effective and meeting the standards required under the current Account and Audit Regulations. (See check list sheet.) Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall, agreed unanimously.
RESOLVED: That the adopted system of Internal Control is effective and meeting the standards required under the current Account and Audit Regulations

287. Council Vacancies – An article has been placed in the next directory advertising the vacancies.

- i) To receive the response to the poster concerning the vacancy for the South Ward. – Deferred Officer at EDDC was unavailable.
- ii) The second stage poster for the West Ward Vacancy has been displayed the deadline is noon 13th April 2018. Noted.

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

1. DAPTC - Cllr Dyer reported that the AGM was also on the 18th April, so would clash with the APM. There was concern about some of the reports coming through in respect of the LGR as it appeared that negotiations were taking place on behalf of Parishes and Towns. The Clerk was asked to write and ask under what authority are DAPTC negotiating on our behalf?
2. Homewatch – no report available. Last meeting was on the 6th March.
3. EDEP Meetings Although no meetings have been held the Chairman of EDEP has been very active in reviewing a number of projects.
4. Burial Ground – Cllr Adkins reported that he had spoken to Gareth Kitching at the LPA about whether outline planning permission could be applied for? Mr Kitching asked for a letter asking about permission and stated that under the National Planning Framework any burial site would be high priority even if the site was in the Green Belt. Cllr Adkins will write to the Planning Officer formally.

289. Local Government Reform Update –

- i) Members noted a short report on the meeting with Verwood and West Moors and also the Clerks report following the SLCC meeting on 15th March 2018. The Clerk will copy the letter from the Clerks to the CE of EDDC out to all Members for their information.
- ii) Members agreed to delegate a couple of Members to work with the Clerk as decisions are filtered down from the District and County. Cllrs Mrs S Marshall and Cllr A Davies were appointed with Cllr Mrs A Warman as reserve. Proposed by Cllr Mrs K Neale, seconded by Cllr M Dyer, agreed unanimously.
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290. District Councillors' Update:

Cllr Goringe: Cllr A Clarke pushed hard at the Scrutiny meeting on 27th March for Parish and Town Councils to get support for the LGR. It is thought that it will be July/August before the role that this will take will be known.

Cllr Dyer: Reported that he had heard that the application for Compton's Yard to be turned into a car sales room had been granted under delegated powers.

Cllr R Bryan: One of his responsibilities has been to identify assets in our Parish. There are a number of assets recorded under the District Council Boundary as St Leonards, these include Potters Park. EDDC are looking at the BDOC appeal which will have a devastating effect on similar applications. EDDC are reviewing their reserves and working on moving these before the shadow Authority takes over, they must be allocated before June.

291. Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice – Members discussed and considered the Parish Commemoration of the anniversary of the armistice. The Clerk reported that the ex-services Club was hoping to commemorate the anniversary but final details were not yet known. It was suggested that a formal memorial would be good idea. The Clerk will contact the Open Spaces Society to see if the Village Green would be an appropriate site for a permanent memorial. The Clerk was also asked to check if there was any record of further losses at subsequent conflicts since 1945.

292. Amenities:

- i) Dog Warden report noted.
- ii) Playground inspection report was noted. The Clerk confirmed that the Annual Inspection had been carried out.

293. Tennis Courts Refurbishment & Bowls Fence replacement–

- i) Members noted that the Tennis Club is refurbishing all of their courts including installing the new junior court and new lighting between late August 2018 and April 2019 subject to Planning permission. It was noted that due to funding it will be necessary to carry out the work in two stages. Installation of the new junior courts would be after completion of the refurbishment of the existing courts but this might need some preparatory work on the new mini-court being undertaken whilst equipment was on site. The Clerk will ask for a letter of agreement to be signed to make good any preparatory work on the junior courts within a set period of time.
- ii) The Bowls Club request a formal meeting with the Tennis Club and Council representatives to go over their final plans, this follows several meetings between the two Clubs. Members delegated a working party consisting of Cllr Adkins, Cllr Dyer, Cllr Davies and the Clerk.

294. Annual Parish meeting – Members discussed another speaker as the Airport is unable to provide one due to change in ownership. Cllr Davies kindly agreed to speak on the Falklands conflict and the Vulcan participation in it. The usual charity donation will be made to a charity of Cllr Davies choice. Proposed by Cllr R Adkins, seconded by Cllr Mrs K Neale, Cllr Davies abstained the rest were in favour.

RESOLVED: Cllr Davies will speak on the Falklands conflict and the Vulcan participation in it.

295. Floodwardens – Oaktree Park - Mr Crow is willing to continue as Floodwarden for Oaktree if the Council wishes. Members agreed to Mr Crow continuing, the Clerk will write and thank him. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr Mrs K Neale, agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To accept Mr Crow's offer to continue as Oaktree Park Floodwarden.

296. National Bereavement Protocol – Members agreed that the central Parish bereavement point for floral tributes and book of condolence if required would be the Village Hall. The Clerk will put together a protocol Cllr Mrs A Warman will put the request to the VHMC. The Council would need to be responsible for clearing away tributes.

297. Exchange of information:

- Annual Parish Meeting 18th April 2018
- Next meeting to be held on 25th April 2018

The meeting closed at 9pm and was followed by a meeting of the Council in their capacity as Corporate Trustees of the Youth Club.

Chairman