

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 7pm
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present: Cllr B Goringe, Chairman

Cllr R Adkins

Cllr M Dyer

Cllr Mrs S Marshall

Cllr Mrs A Warman

Cllr R Bryan

Cllr K Gawler

Cllr Mrs K Neale

Cllr R Warman

Cllr A Davies

Cllr N Hindmarch

Cllr J Parker

Present: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk to Council

137. Pecuniary Interests: None.

138. Apologies: None all present.

139. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29th August 2018 pages 23-26 were agreed unanimously as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan seconded by Cllr J Parker.
RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th August 2018 were adopted.

140. Matters arising from the Minutes

- Co-option – no applicants
- Anniversary of Armistice – article written and despatched for October issue of the Directory. Cllr Mrs Warman had located a bugler.

141. Correspondence noted:

1. Agendas EDDC
2. VHMC minutes for July meeting

The Chairman, Cllr Goringe asked the Vice Chairman, Cllr Davies to take items 6(i) and 15 for transparency and left the room due to his being the Vice Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee.

142. Finance:

- i) Members reviewed the schedule of payments for September.
 1. The Clerk explained that the VHMC normally provided regular accounts but due to exceptional circumstances beyond their control they had not been able to provide these to date and that it was unlikely that they would be available prior to discussing the budget provision for 2019/2020. This was discussed it was agreed to sanction the release of the grant cheque for 2018/2019. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan seconded by Cllr R Adkins, Cllr Mrs A Warman abstained the rest were in favour of the proposal.
RESOLVED: To release the grant cheque for the VHMC for £8,000 in accordance with minute 154 (i) being the grant payment for 2018/2019.
 2. Members authorised release of the grant cheque for £750 to the Village hall for the Brightside Club room hire in accordance with minute 154 (ii 2).
RESOLVED: To release the grant cheque to the VHMC for the Brightside Club room hire for £750 in accordance with minute 154 (i) being the grant payment for 2018/2019.
 3. The Clerk requested a change of payee for Min. 116 to the Royal Naval Association as there is a shortage of signatories/trustees at the Club and expenses will be met by the RNA. This was discussed it was agreed provided there is a clause requiring any surplus is for the Ex Services Club's purposes within this Parish. Proposed by Cllr Mrs K Neale seconded by Cllr J Parker. Agreed, Cllr Hindmarch abstained as a Member of the Club, the rest were in favour.
RESOLVED: Min. 116 payee of the grant towards the Armistice Day Anniversary costs will be altered to the Royal Naval Association on the understanding that any surplus is used by the Ex Services Club within the Parish.
 4. The rest of the schedule of payments were approved. Proposed by Cllr Mrs K Neale seconded by Cllr J Parker. Agreed unanimously. A copy appears with these Minutes as appendix A in the Minute Book.
RESOLVED: The schedule of payments for September were approved.

- ii) **Grant for VHMC for 2019/2020** - Due to current resource issues Members discussed what information would be required and could be available to enable them to consider the grant provision for 2019/2020. The grant is to be discussed at the October full Council meeting. It was agreed that the VHMC would be asked to provide their cash in hand figure with accounts to follow once available at a later date. Proposed by Cllr K Gawler, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall, Cllr Mrs Warman abstained the rest were in favour.

RESOLVED: VHMC grant allocation for 2019/2020 will be based on their cash in hand figure.

Cllr Goringe returned to the meeting.

- iii) Members reviewed and approved the bank reconciliation for end of August. A copy appears with these Minutes as appendix B in the Minute Book. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr Mrs K Neale.

RESOLVED: The bank reconciliation for the end of August was approved.

- iii) Reserves Committee – The Reserves Committee were reminded about the need to meet as soon as possible. Cllr Bryan asked the Clerk to circulate how the reserves were allocated.

143. Annual Return 2017/2018 - The Council received the findings and recommendations of the External Auditor following submission of the Annual Return for 2017/2018. It was noted that there were no matters raised. No further action was required. The Clerk has posted the Conclusion of Audit Form on noticeboards and on the website.

144. Amenities:

- i) Dog warden report – noted.
 ii) Report from the Play Area working party: The Clerk reported on the meeting held that morning the group still needed to visit the area at Three Legged Cross. One of the posts of the Aeroskate had been slightly bent and some gorse needed cutting back these issues will be checked and rectified. The full report will be put to the October meeting.

145. Highways Update on meeting held with Community Highways Officer: The report circulated was discussed. A copy appears with these Minutes as appendix C in the Minute Book. Cllr Davies informed the meeting that the Woolsbridge Waste proposal had triggered enough information to make it quite clear what the issues are. Cllr Bryan reported that the County had spent a lot of money on Horton Road recently to repair and improve its condition. It was noted that one of the main issues was the varying width. The Clerk queried whether she was to proceed with the meeting with Helen Jackson and this was confirmed. Cllr Hindmarch reported that the new development on the A31 for Hendy Ford Car Sales was to proceed and he had been informed that a number of trees on the existing entrance were to come out. Highways had not been aware that the path adjacent was used by horse riders as well as cyclists.

146. Tree Loss in the Parish – Members noted the response from the District Council to the query from Cllr Adkins concerning the significant tree loss within the Parish. This was discussed. Cllr Adkins did not agree with the excuse of the cost of the time involved to provide the information. Cllr Bryan was concerned about the significant number of trees lost from the BDOC site and was disappointed about the way in which damage and loss of trees was being dealt with.

Cllr Adkins highlighted that his main points raised were the inconsistency in dealing with the removal of trees and work to them. When the Parish Council has asked for a TPO it has been argued that there is insufficient amenity value. The Parish Councillors live in this Parish surely it is for the Parish residents to decide whether there is amenity value or not. Cllr Davies responded that trees do need managing and he felt that the response from EDDC was reasonable and balanced. He has had complaints from residents about the hassle involved when just a few branches need to come off.

Cllr Parker summarised that there appeared to be two separate matters: Tree management of which the Parish would have no issue with and tree removal for development purposes.

There was further discussion and it was noted that on sites which were near SSSI land Natural England was encouraging and supporting tree removal in the hope of restoring heathland which was a very rare commodity in England. It was suggested that Cllr Dyer and Cllr Goringe could take this matter back to Jane Lynch at EDDC and suggest that they are not happy with the response or the enforcement when large sites are cleared.

147. Website Review - Cllr Adkins reported on a review of the website. Several quotes had been obtained but the recommendation was based on the ease of adding content. Option one would cost £600 for website building but a further annual cost of £300 for updates and would have unlimited email addresses. This was The Parish Council Websites. The alternative, option 2, would cost £300 to set up the site but an annual cost of £580 for maintenance and support. This was discussed. It was agreed to proceed with option 1 – The Parish Council Websites, it was noted that the cost would have to be made upfront for the building and maintenance for the year of £899.

The Clerk was asked to investigate the setting up of a debit card for her use for Parish Council expenses.

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

1. DAPTC – no meeting
2. Homewatch – no meeting
3. EDEP Meetings – no meeting but the Chairman has been very active and some excellent reports have been circulated.
4. Burial Ground – Cllr Adkins reported. Five more boreholes need to be dug this Winter but as Cllr Adkins will be going on a leave of absence this would be difficult for him to arrange. The Clerk will ask the Lengthsman if he can assist. Cllr Adkins has an augur.

149. District Councillors' Update:

Cllr Dyer reported that the main issue was the Local Plan Review which despite considerable effort now looks most unlikely to get to the pre-submission stage by the March deadline. This was mainly because Officers did not have sufficient information available yet. Senior Officers do not think that there is sufficient information for a public consultation so this will probably have to go through the new authority. Cllr Bryan: EDDC looks like they will have a massive underspend. The Chief Executive returns back to duty on Monday after a period of sick leave he did not make the short list for either new authority. EDDC currently have big areas of space due to staff leaving due to job insecurities and not being replaced. Furzehill – the developer held an open day and a local resident attended and informed them that they owned a covenant on the site which will likely cause some issues.

150. County Councillors Report: Cllr Bryan –

- A further £1.4 m has been allocated to improve roads. Drains will all be cleaned this year as it was found that whilst this saved £380,000 it subsequently cost over £2million on repairs due to blocked drains.
 - Health Service – Cllr Bryan was concerned about the closure of Poole A & E and its move to Bournemouth. He has been assured that the closure will not take place until the new building at Bournemouth has been completed. Patients at St Leonards Hospital will be moved to various local hospitals.
 - Subject to Council ratification the new Chief Executive of the new Authority will be Matt Prosser.
 - Section 151 Officers are trying to form balanced budgets. Cllr Bryan is trying to get an agreement from day one on Tax harmonisation.
 - Cllr Bryan has arranged a meeting with Telecom companies to explain why fibre is still not possible in some parts of the County.
 - A338 - a meeting was held this morning there was chaos in the first week of repair work but it has calmed down a bit in the second week. There was a queue this morning from Hurn tailing back 3 miles. He has suggested more publicity. Blackwater needs to go to 3 lanes but there is only room for 2. Lane closures start on Monday to early December. Then January to June. This is essential work some of which is to form a new entrance for Bournemouth Hospital.
 - Some new Parishes will be formed when the new Authority is established.
- Cllr Dyer asked what the rationale was behind all the additional homes in the area when there is no plan to improve the A338, the A338 is already reported at over 20% capacity.

151. Litter picking – Cllr Mrs Warman reported: 14 volunteers had now come forward and Cllr Mrs Warman was working with the Clerk to locate sites and complete preliminaries. It was hoped to start the first week in October.

152. Transfer of assets from EDDC to the Parish as a result of LGR – The Clerk reported that the legal costs were estimated at between £1500 and £2000. The legal public notices were now posted.

153. Clerks Seminar Report was noted. A copy appears with these Minutes as appendix D in the Minute Book. The Clerk highlighted that with purdah beginning on 15th March and ending on 3rd May it was recommended that Annual Parish Meetings might be best held outside of these times. They can be held from 1st March to 1st June. During Purdah great care must be taken not to make public statements unless made by the Clerk on behalf of the Council. The Clerk will rearrange the date of the APM.

154. Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Waste Plan – Modifications do not remove Woolsbridge Estate. Further representations can only be made on the modifications. Applicable pages are attached. This was discussed. Cllr Bryan reported that if this proceeds, rubbish will only be coming in from East Dorset. It is for recycling and will then be distributed elsewhere in the County. It is for bulky household waste only and will result in an additional 8 traffic movements per day. There is no plan for an incinerator or chimney. Residents can help by increasing recycling. Cllr Davies responded that the 8 movements mean 16 trips (in and out) plus workers vehicles. The issue is the width of the Horton Road and the size of these vehicles. Cllr Mrs Marshall asked why are they considering this location at the edge of the area surely a more central point would be better?

155. Exchange of information:

1. Next meeting to be held on 31st October 2018
2. Cllr Mrs Marshall reported that all the St Leonards patients have now left. Cllr Bryan responded that 7 had gone home and the rest were allocated to different hospitals.
3. Cllr Dyer asked Cllr Bryan if he knew why they keep closing the same section of the A31 at night? Cllr Bryan did not know.
4. Cllr Mrs Warman asked who would be running Moors Valley in future? Cllr Bryan reported that the new Authority will be running Moors Valley, Avon Heath and Durlston.

This meeting was followed by a meeting of the full Council as Trustees of the Freedom Youth Club.
Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman