

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 30th January 2019 at 7pm
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Present: Cllr B Goringe, Chairman

Cllr R Bryan

Cllr A Davies

Cllr M Dyer

Cllr K Gawler

Cllr N Hindmarch

Cllr Mrs S Marshall

Cllr Mrs A Warman

Cllr R Warman

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs, Clerk and one Member of the Public.

Public Forum: The Treasurer of the Tennis Club gave a short overview of the recent work carried out at the Tennis Club to renew the courts, lighting; fencing and install two new junior courts. The lighting is LED's which reduces light pollution. This was a significant investment for the Club, approximate cost £200,000, and funded through loans with the LTA. The Club was working closely with local schools to increase the junior membership which would then hopefully feed through. They would like the club house lease to be renewed but if possible to be synchronised with the lease for the courts which expire on 9th August 2039. They accept that the junior courts have resulted in a 9% increase in court area. They would like to formally agree to maintain the small grass strip in front of the courts in future and aim to keep the premises well maintained. Some further spending to replace the main front doors and balcony doors is now required. The aim is to provide a strong club and the Club values this asset. At the last count 40-45% of the membership were residents but they are limited to a total membership of 240 by the LTA rules concerning court availability. They aim to be at the maximum as without membership they cannot fund work on the Club and courts. It has taken 15 years of saving to fund the recent work. The Treasurer then thanked the Council and left the meeting.

240. Pecuniary Interests: None**241. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr R Adkins; Cllr Mrs K Neale and Cllr J Parker.****242. Minutes**

i) **Parish Council Meeting held on 28th November 2018 pages 45-47** were agreed unanimously, as a true and accurate record of this meeting. Proposed by Cllr K Gawler, seconded by Cllr R Warman.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th November 2018 pages 45-47 were a true and accurate record.

ii) **EGM held on the 23rd January 2019 page 51** were agreed as a true and accurate record of this meeting. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Marshall, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman. Cllr Dyer abstained the rest were in favour.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd January 2019, page 51, were a true and accurate record.

243. Matters arising from the Minutes:

- Precept demand for 2019/2020 despatched by both email and post for £92,160
- Min. 219.8 refers DCC advised about concerns raised relating to the flyover A338 from Hurn Road. DCC confirmed inspection on 5th December and remedial action has been instructed.
- Fencing on the A31 – Highways England have advised that they will be removing the fencing but replacement will depend on budgets, priority is given to maintaining the highway. The Clerk has stressed the need for this fencing for acoustic purposes and litter prevention. Recent reports are that some repair work was taking place. The Clerk will monitor but this may need to be taken further.

244. Correspondence to be noted:

1. Agendas EDDC
2. Special Character Area query relating to tree removal at Ashley Drive South – EDDC Tree Officer has spoken directly to the resident and the Head of Planning has reviewed that decision and is satisfied that the decision was sound. Resident has been responded to by email.
3. DAPTC East Area minutes 9th October 2018

4. DAPTC Subscriptions – notification of increase of 3.3% agreed by the Executive Committee for next year.

245. Tennis Club Lease and Rent review – Members discussed the verbal report from a Member of the Tennis Club and considered the renewal of the club house lease and rent review. It was agreed to renew the lease and to synchronise the dates for courts and club house to the same renewal date. Legal advice will be sought and the lease will reflect the additional land. Proposed by Cllr Dyer, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall, agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To renew the lease and to synchronise the dates for courts and clubhouse to the same renewal date currently the courts expire on 9th August 2039.

The rent was reviewed and a lengthy discussion followed with a number of proposals put forward but not succeeding. It was noted that the Tennis Club had calculated a 9% increase in court area and that this would assist with maintaining a healthy membership. It was agreed to increase the rent by 9% to cover the increase in land and in addition to then further increase the rent by 2.5% for the cost of inflation. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr A Davies the motion was carried 8:1.

RESOLVED: to increase the rent by 9% to cover the increase in land and in addition to then further increase the rent by 2.5% for the cost of inflation.

246. Youth Club Premises –

- i) Members received a confidential a report from the Clerk which detailed a request to hire out the Youth Club on a term time basis from 9am-3pm from September 2019. This was discussed. It was agreed to proceed in principle with the hire on condition that the hirer ensures any statutory regulations concerning numbers, ratios, fire safety, full public liability indemnity and checking/cleaning of toilets at the end of each day. The Clerk and Chairman were delegated to proceed with further discussions and the finite details. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr K Gawler.

RESOLVED: To agree in principle with the hire on condition that the hirer ensures any statutory regulations concerning numbers, ratios, fire safety, full public liability indemnity and checking/cleaning of toilets at the end of each day.

- ii) Members considered the proposal to make alterations to the building for future Council working arrangements. Members retrospectively approved costs incurred. It was agreed to proceed with the drawings as presented. Attention to soundproofing will be made. Building regulations will be applied for and quotations for the work obtained. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr A Davies. Agreed unanimously. Cllr Davies and Cllr Goringe will assist with the project.

RESOLVED: To proceed with the drawings as presented and obtain quotations for the work and building regulations. Attention to soundproofing will be made.

- iii) The existing lease for the Youth Club unit from the Parish Council expires on 31st March 2019. This was discussed. It was noted that subscriptions received indicate an attendance rate of 241 visits over the year. Based on a 12 week term this indicates an average of 7 children per week for the two days a week it is running. Accurate figures for the two groups were not available but it is known that the Wednesday attendance is erratic but this may be partly due to meeting on alternate weeks. After further discussion it was agreed that the Youth Club Committee should be offered a one year rolling lease for the premises on the understanding that the premises will be shared in future. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr K Gawler.

RESOLVED: that the Youth Club Committee should be offered a one year rolling lease for the premises on the understanding that the premises will be shared in future

Cllr Warman, as Chairman of the VHMC, asked for her concern to be noted about losing the income of the Council rent as this might mean the VHMC will need further grant funds.

247. Local Government Pension Scheme – Due to changes in legislation the LGPS has requested Member Councils to review and amend their individual Discretions Policy to take account of the changes and to ensure consistency. The draft was emailed to Members on 2nd January 2019 Members considered the draft document and agreed unanimously to adopt it as presented. Proposed by Cllr K Gawler, seconded by Cllr A Davies.

RESOLVED: To adopt the draft amended Discretions Policy as presented.

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

1. DAPTC – Cllr Hindmarch attended a meeting at West Moors last week. A number of Councillors are not standing again. Heatherlands Community Centre is now self funding. A couple of Councils were considering skate parks. There was significant concern about the sand extraction proposal.

2. Homewatch – Cllr Davies attended a meeting on 5th December, new Committee Members have now been found. The Chairman has agreed to stay until April 2020. AGM on 27th April. The Police attended and reaffirmed that the Parish is a low crime area. There was a complaint about an apparent lack of a visual presence. Most crime in this area appears to be shed burglary. Most streets now have Homewatch cover and membership is around 1584. The Clerk was asked to email the Chairman of Homewatch to thank him for his hard work on behalf of the Parish.
3. EDEP Meetings – A number of consultations have been dealt with by a round robin email system. The Clerk reported assistance with the Minerals response.
4. Burial Ground – The Clerk read out an update from Cllr Adkins: The landowner is still interested in proceeding with the project. Planning permission has been verbally indicated. Water levels may still be possible this year confirmation is awaited.
5. LGR update meeting held on 10th December – Cllr Davies attended a report was circulated to Members.

249. District Councillors' Update

Cllr Dyer had nothing to report as things are being transferred or held back ready for the final transfer over to the new Council.

Cllr Goringe had attended the last Bournemouth Airport Consultative Committee meeting. The new MD is a Mr S Gill from Doncaster. A new operator starts in April, Scottish Logan Airways and will be flying to the Chanel Islands. The new owners Rigby Group, want to expand the industrial side of the business. Employment numbers are currently 3,300 and they hope to increase to 10,000. More land has been identified at the airport which could also be developed.

250. County Councillors Report: Cllr Bryan reported –

The new County budget has been finalised and is balanced. It has been difficult to achieve as 81% of Council tax goes out in social and childcare. Children in care is a major issue in Dorset. The first Dorset children's home will be open in a few weeks time at Bovington but this is funded by the County with no funding from the Government.

The Local Enterprise Partnership rational is to provide growth in the economy and there aim is quoted as "turning Dorset into the city by the sea".

251. Social media –

- i) Members considered the draft Social Media Policy circulated by email on 18th January 2019. No amendments were made. It was agreed unanimously to adopt the policy. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Social Media policy as presented.

- ii) The Council appointed Cllr K Gawler as a Moderator to assist the Clerk. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall, Cllr Gawler abstained the rest were in favour.

RESOLVED: Cllr K Gawler was appointed as the Moderator.

252. Planning meetings – Members agreed unanimously to adopt the approved minutes of the following meetings: 22nd November 2018 and 13th December 2018. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman.

RESOLVED: to adopt the approved minutes of the following meetings 22nd November 2018 and 13th December 2018.

Cllr Bryan and Cllr Goringe confirmed that under the new LGR regime Parish and Town Councils will be consulted on planning applications and they can still apply for a case to be heard by Committee via a Ward Member.

253. Finance:

- i) Members reviewed and approved the schedule of payments for December and January. A copy appears as Appendix B with these Minutes in the Minute Book. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr K Gawler, agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To approve the schedule of payments for December and January.

- ii) Members reviewed and approved the bank reconciliation for end of November and December. A copies appear as Appendix C with these Minutes in the Minute Book Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To approve the bank reconciliation for end of November and December.

254. Amenities:

- i) Dog warden report – noted.

- An email concerning dog patrol requirements from April had been circulated to Members. This was discussed. The Council agreed with the Clerks suggested response. In addition the Clerk will also mention that the new Council should look at continuing the service even if in some temporary form or with the Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch Council as there is a responsibility under Duty of Care as well. The Clerk will respond.
- ii) Report on play area – The Contractor has now changed to a more detailed report system which also includes photographic evidence of issues and is now including evidence timing the gate closings each month. It was noted that there is now some rot on the Monkeys Wood unit and two new seats are required for the swings. Noted.
- iii) Members noted the destruction of the Elk which was found snapped off on the weekly inspection on 29.11.18. The Lengthsman has removed the base completely.
- ii) The Council has been approached by the Cubs for a speaker to give information concerning the services we provide. This will follow with the Cubs doing a litter pick around the play area and general tidy up. The Clerk will draft a short speech will focus on the play area; use and consequences of misuse. Noted.
- iv) Bus Shelter outside the Woodman Public House – Three large glass panels have been shattered. The Lengthsman has cleared the shelter and is obtaining prices to replace the sheets with polycarbonate. The replacement screens in polycarbonate will cost £293+VAT and are on order. Noted.

255. Website updating – Nothing further to report.

256. Transfer of assets from EDDC to the Parish as a result of LGR – The terms of the transfer had been circulated to Members by email and were summarised by the Clerk. This was discussed It was agreed that the terms were acceptable. Proposed by Cllr K Gawler, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall. Cllr Bryan abstained from the vote.

RESOLVED: That the terms put by East Dorset District Council for the transfer of the three areas of land in the Parish were accepted.

The Clerk will confirm the Council's decision to the Solicitor.

257. Bowling Club new boundaries – The Clerk has emailed the Club to confirm the Councils decisions relating to their request on 3.12.18. Subsequently they have sourced a new type of chain link which has artificial vegetation, they are obtaining prices for this and seeking further advice from Planning. Would the Council object to this for the car park boundary instead of a wooden fence if it is within their budget? Pictures were circulated and no objections were raised, the Clerk will confirm to the Club.

258. Exchange of information:

1. Next meeting to be held on 27th February 2019
2. Cllr Davies reported heavy litter on the A31 through the Parish the Clerk will report to Highways
3. Cllr Gawler reported meeting with representatives of Greyfriars, through his work on behalf of Age Concern. They were most appreciative of the grant. Cllr Gawler is exploring links with Ringwood Old Peoples organisation.
4. Cllr Gawler thanked the County Councillor about the very prompt action taken in respect of the pavements in Hillway. Reported heavy moss on Friday and by the Monday afternoon they had been out and treated the pavements.
5. Cllr Bryan reported that he had concerns about the influence DAPTC was having on the Shadow Council.
6. Cllr Davies reported that the High Street was being repaired and should be complete by next week.

The meeting closed at 9.02pm - This meeting was followed by a meeting of the full Council as Trustees of the Freedom Youth Club.

Chairman