

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 31st July 2019 at 7pm
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Present: Cllr B Goringe

Cllr R Bryan

Cllr A Davies

Cllr M Dyer

Cllr K Gawler

Cllr Mrs M Goringe

Cllr N Hindmarch

Cllr Mrs U Lucas

Cllr Mrs S Marshall

Cllr Mrs K Neale

Cllr J B Parker

Cllr J W Parker

Cllr Mrs A Warman

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs, Clerk and sixteen members of the public.Public Forum:

1. Members of the Public presented a petition concerning the 38 bus service times and asked Cllr Bryan for his support in presenting it at Dorset Council and requested his help in getting the service reconsidered. It was emphasised that changes to the service last September has left the Parish with no public service into Ringwood before 9.28am and again a lack of service at around 3pm-3.30pm, Whilst there is another private company operating to provide a service to schools only the public cannot go on the bus and the price of the fare is 70p more for a single or £2.20 more for a return ticket. This means that more parents are now car sharing to get children into school and that the general public are very restricted in travel times to either attend appointments, work or to use the Ringwood hub for onward travel. Those signing the petition in receipt of a free bus pass indicated that they would be willing to pay a contribution if the service were better. Climate wise the Council should be encouraging and supporting the use of public transport yet the current service results in more having to use their cars.

Cllr Bryan responded that Dorset Council have asked the Transport Minister to allow Dorset to take part in a pilot scheme to all a £1 charge from free bus pass holders but we await a response. Cllr Bryan asked the Clerk to forward the petition and letter to Matthew Piles at Dorset Council.

2. Land at the end of the Glade – A resident raised the issue of the site which had recently been the subject of enforcement action. Their concern was that whilst today there were no cars parked on the land he was sure they would return. He asked that the Council be ready to pursue the matter expediently and asked which Authority would be responsible? Dorset Councillors present were asked to raise it personally at Dorset Council. The resident had already been in touch with several bodies and been told that it was not fly tipping because the owner of the land had placed the cars on the site. Could the Council take action under the Refuse Disposal Amenity Act of 1978, or under the Waste Control Laws which require a vehicle at the end of its life to be depolluted? The site is unlicensed and unfenced.

Cllr Dyer informed the resident that you cannot base enforcement on a supposition we can only process the issue once it has occurred. There is now only one Enforcement Officer to the whole County, previously East Dorset had three for this area.

The resident felt that the previous Authority erred when they did not take the enforcement action all the way to the Court.

Cllr Bryan responded that as soon as the owner of the land cleared it there was no case to answer and unless whatever is placed on the land is deemed a health hazard there is nothing that can be done. There is no evidence that the vehicle is at the end of its life.

The resident left the meeting and the public forum closed at 7.25pm.

79. Pecuniary Interests: None declared.

Cllr Goringe declared a conflict of interest in item 14 and took no part in the debate or vote on the item.

80. Apologies: All present.

81. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 12th June 2019-

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record and adopted.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr A Davies.

82. Matters arising from the Minutes:

- Transfer of land from EDDC to Parish still nothing further despite chasing. Cllr Bryan reported that this is not the only Council waiting to conclude the transfer of assets.
- Annual return – receipt received noted.

83. Buses to School and 38 Service – Members directed the Clerk to send the petition signed by over 100 members of the public requesting assistance in reinstating the 38 public service to its former timetable at a reasonable cost to Dorset Council. Currently there is no public service at a commercial rate before 9.37am on school days into Ringwood Permission to despatch the petition under GDPR had been agreed at the top of each page of signatures and in the covering letter.

84. Dorset Council – Report from Members to the Parish:-

Cllr Goringe - had attended a meeting at the Airport. Additional flights had been agreed for ½ term and December, January and February period on existing routes. New routes had been added to Dublin and Prague. The car park had been extended by 200 additional spaces. Ground handling had been taken in house. Expansion to the Aviation Park was planned and several planning applications have been submitted to BCP Council, they hope to get approval in October. Two hangers were being refurbished.

Cllr Goringe had also attended two planning meetings and two Police and Crime Commissioner meetings. Cllr Goringe reported that the Country is facing a Climate emergency and more than a 100 Councils and Authorities have made a declaration to this effect. The Government has set a target of zero carbon by 2050. Dorset Council have formed a Climate Change panel and the Chairman is Cllr R Bryan.

Cllr Bryan:- At yesterday's Cabinet meeting a considerable overspend was reported for the first quarter. Measures are in place to resolve the over spend but they will need to use some reserves. There are two areas causing significant expenditure adult and child social care. Currently they are trying to provide child care in the County as 80p in every £1 goes on these two services and this leave 20p for all the rest of the County services. There are 445 children in care in the County but a shortage of spaces means that 160 of them are in care elsewhere in the Country. The Somerley HRC is still under discussion and will come back to the Cabinet after a discussion with Hampshire. There is a statutory requirement to provide an HRC but it does not specify where it has to be.

Cllr Dyer reported that some time ago DWP was proposing to charge all residents an entrance fee for all HRC's but it was made illegal, a loophole means that non residents can be charged. 56% of Somerley is used by non Hampshire residents.

The Council declared a Climate Emergency in May, the first meeting of the panel was held in July. The Council has looked at thirty-three different areas in which it feels the Council could take steps to reduce the impact. One is the use of electric vehicles but it takes 2-3 hours for a car to charge up and there needs to be a National Electric Vehicle Charging Network. Power generation, lighting of buildings, building management are other areas being looked at. Dorset Council has a responsibility to investigate and try to do something. The Council has appointed an extra Officer to look at this specifically. Cllr Bryan has met with a number of Parishes who are looking into this. Cllr Bryan suggested that as a Parish we could look at measures such as heat pumps bio mass heating.

The Clerk was directed to include Climate Change on the agenda. The Parish need to consider the carbon footprint impact and impact of climate change on all decisions. The Clerk will contact the Centre for Sustainable Energy to see if they can suggest measures that the Parish could put in place. The Parish needs to be more informed, Cllr Bryan suggested a presentation by an officer on Climate Change. Guidance is needed on Planning and Climate Change.

85. Climate Change – Dorset Council have declared a Climate Emergency. Members noted the Clerks report. This was discussed. Cllr Mrs Neale suggested that the 2007 Parish Plan should include an Environmental Statement and the document needs updating. The Clerk was directed to include this on the August agenda. The Clerk will look at compiling an article for the free directory to encourage residents to embrace this as a community target.

86. Correspondence noted:

- Letter from a resident who has discovered 13 more losses from the first World War from this Parish. Cllr Hindmarch reported that the Ex-Services Club had been informed and were now looking at adding the extra names to the memorial plaque.
- Confirmation that our request to add the Woolsbridge Road for cycle lane painting improvements has been added to the provisional programme for 2019
- School Pool is now open to the public at certain times advertised on the Next Door site
- Minutes from the village hall 6th June to note. – copies on request
- Email concerning walking to school from the Ashley area – request for assistance
- Polling Station review – deadline 27.08.19
- Advice note from NALC on secret ballots and identifying residents in Minutes
- Local Plan and Statement of community involvement process launched 21st June 2019
- Dorset Soil and Aggregates – Guppy's Yard Permit application withdrawn by applicant. Cllr Bryan reported that the activities in the Yard have been taken up with Enforcement. A Planning Application is being submitted.

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

1. DAPTC – For personal reasons Cllr Hindmarch was stepping down as the Council representative. Cllr Hindmarch was thanked for his years of service. A replacement was discussed. It was agreed unanimously to appoint Cllr A Davies to the role. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr R Bryan.
RESOLVED: Cllr A Davies was appointed as the Parish Council representative for DAPTC.
Cllr Dyer will remain as the reserve representative for the present time but asked that the matter was put on the next agenda as there was a possible conflict of interest on occasion.
2. Homewatch – no meeting next meeting 4th September.
3. EDEP Meetings- meeting scheduled for 21st August at the Allen Dale Centre, agenda topics include the Stour Valley Park; restoration of habitats at Kingston Lacey and a Government consultation on biodegradable plastics.

- 88. Grant request** – All Saints Church towards the cost for a further defibrillator. Total cost is £615.56 This was discussed. It was noted that the unit would be open to the general public. It was proposed a grant of £200 towards the total cost, proposed by Cllr Mrs K Neale, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall. Motion carried 12 : 1 abstention, Cllr Mrs Warman.
RESOLVED: To grant £200 towards the cost of the defibrillator at the Church.

89. Update on work on the Youth Club and new Parish Office

- i) Members noted the two quotations and approved the quotation for the various areas in the unit to a total of £6097.80+VAT and taking into account that the damage had been caused during the building work to provide a new Parish Office agreed to gift aid the flooring to the Youth Club. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr A Davies. Agreed unanimously.
RESOLVED: To accept the quotation from Griffiths & May for £6097.80+VAT and gift aid the flooring to the Youth Club.
- ii) Members to note that the grant has now been used. After consultation with NALC we are unable to reclaim VAT as the grant was given to the Youth Club. Noted.
- iii) Members discussed and agreed unanimously, a budget of £2057 new office furniture and for filing storage and shelving. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr Mrs K Neale. Authority to spend was delegated to the Chairman and Clerk.
RESOLVED: A budget of £2057 for office furniture was agreed, with authority to spend delegated to the Chairman and Clerk.
- iv) Members agreed a budget for supplying and installing a lifting bar arrangement at the kitchen access into the main room of £500. Authority to spend was delegated to the Chairman and Clerk. Proposed by Cllr Mrs K Neale, seconded by Cllr A Davies. Agreed unanimously.
RESOLVED: A budget of £500 to install a lifting bar arrangement at the kitchen access point with authority to spend delegated to the Chairman and Clerk.
- v) New Alarm has been installed. Noted.
- vi) Fire Risk assessment – This was discussed as this is a specialist service it was agreed to accept the quotation of £470+VAT. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman seconded by Cllr J W Parker. Agreed unanimously.
RESOLVED: To accept the quotation of £470+VAT for the fire risk assessment.

90. Rental agreements:

- i) Nursery School – Members read and reviewed the draft document circulated with the agenda. It was proposed to accept the agreement without alteration and authorise its use. Proposed by Cllr Mrs K Neale, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: to accept the agreement as presented and authorise its use.

- ii) For the Youth Club - Members directed the Clerk to use the same agreement but item 4 hours will be altered to suit Club hours the agreement will be for free use during the set hours.

91. Complaint received about the parking at the school - request for double yellow lines at the junctions with nearby roads and to make it one way due to parents parking. This was discussed. Currently the Dorset Council is reviewing issues with traffic outside the school. It has been shown that yellow lines do not work as some blatantly flout the rules. Some schools have tried getting children to come out with boards to shame parents breaking parking restrictions.

92. Open spaces society request for funds towards legal action - Minute 57 refers copy attached. Members considered the request. It was noted that this legal action is outside of the Parish and could lead to further requests across the Country. Whilst the Parish Council has the Power of Competence if acting under S137 this would not be permitted. The Parish Council agreed that they could not justify spending Parish funds in this manner when it does not directly benefit the Parish Taxpayer.

93. Office Computer upgrade – The Clerk reported that the existing computer was now 6 years old and advice sought had been that it was prudent to plan a replacement. Cllr Mrs S Marshall was appointed as liaison for the Clerk and a provisional budget of £1577 was approved. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr J B Parker. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: Cllr Mrs S Marshall was appointed to assist the Clerk in purchasing new computer equipment to a budget of £1577.

The Clerk and Cllr Mrs Marshall will also look into backup of systems as offsite storage would be preferred. Cllr Gawler also offered to assist if needed.

94. Lease Tennis Club – Members directed the Clerk to accept and proceed with the quotation from Moses and Rutland to produce a Land registry compliant plan for the lease. Proposed by Cllr Mrs K Neale, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To instruct Moses and Rutland to produce a land registry compliant plan of the premises for the lease at a cost of £750+ VAT.

95. Adoption of minutes of the following Committee Meetings:-

Planning.6th June, 2019 and 27th June 2019 – Members agreed to adopt the approved minutes. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To adopt the minutes of the committee meetings held on Planning.6th June, 2019 and 27th June 2019

96. Finance:

- i) Members reviewed and approved the schedule of payments for end June and July. Agreed unanimously.
- ii) Members reviewed and approved the bank reconciliation for end of June. Agreed unanimously. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr Mrs K Neale.

RESOLVED: To approve the schedule of payments for the end of June and July and the bank reconciliation for the end of Jun.

97. Amenities:

- i) Dog warden – Members considered the contract for the Dog Warden Service, and agreed to accept the contract as presented. The Clerk was directed to sign the document on behalf of the Council. Proposed by Cllr J W Parker, seconded by Cllr K Gawler. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the Dog Warden Contract as presented.

- ii) The Clerk reported further vandalism (goal; small slide and picnic table). New parts on order for slide – Members to retrospectively approve the cost. The goal has been removed for now and the lengthsman is attempting a repair to the table. Noted.

- iii) The Clerk reported on security and access at Horton Road Village Green Min. 24.2 refers. It was agreed to obtain more information on costs and options. Deferred to the next meeting.
- iv) Benches at Braeside Road – The Clerk will instruct the removal of two benches and will obtain costs to replace the old wooden timbers with recycled plastic
- v) The nursery have asked for permission to erect a sign similar to that of the Youth Club – Members agreed to the sign once the rental agreement has been signed. But the cost for supply install and removal if needed must be agreed by the Nursery at their cost.

98. Exchange of information:

1. Next meeting to be held on 28th August 2019 and a Trustee meeting of the Youth Club will be deferred to after the September meeting for all Members.
2. Cllr Davies reported that there had been a fault with the traffic lights at the roadworks with Woolsbridge Industrial Estate, this had caused significant chaos over the weekend.

Meeting ended at 8.45pm

Chairman