

**St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council
Planning Committee Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2008 at 7:30pm

Members present: Cllr I Maddock, Chairman

Cllr J Crow

Cllr. N Hindmarch

Cllr Mrs S Smith

Cllr M Packham

Cllr G Willetts

In attendance: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk

357. Declarations of Interest: Cllr I Maddock declared a personal interest in application 08/1242.

358. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from: Cllr Mrs J House and Cllr R Bryan.

359. Minutes of previous meetings:- The minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2008 will be resent by the Clerk.

360. Matters Arising: Min 313 - The Clerk reported on attending the first morning of the informal hearing for 08/0599. A decision is due in approximately two weeks.

361. Correspondence (for information only) was noted:

1. Appeal decision 31A Avon Castle Drive, 08/0556 – appeal allowed
2. Appeal decision 1 Fir Tree Close – 08/0451 – appeal dismissed.
3. New planning legislation see www.planningportal.gov.uk - Note fences now 2 metres not 1.8m. The Clerk will obtain key information and circulate to Members.
4. Copy of letter to EDDC from resident concerning application 08/1162
5. Notification of Informal Hearing for 07/1701 41 & 43 Woolsbridge Road – 4th February 10am EDDC offices

362. Consultation on Nature Conservation and the Planning Process in East Dorset –

Cllr Willetts was thanked for his response to the consultation which has been submitted. The key pages of the guidance (and the response) will be circulated to Members of the Committee for their information and use in planning deliberations. Cllr Willetts asked if the committee could return to the issue of the use of this guidance at a future meeting.

363. Review of EDDC Planning Protocol – Members discussed the document and it was agreed subject to minor amendments to circulate to all Members of the Council. The key points will be made available to Members of the public attending the public forum of meetings.

364. Revised calendar of Meetings already circulated – The Calendar was noted. The Meeting on 19th February, 2009 will mean sharing the room with VHMC. It was agreed that this was not ideal due to the possible attendance by the public. The Clerk will investigate other alternative options.

365. Projector for Connect Dorset – Information obtained was discussed. The Clerk pointed out that at present the District Council were no further forward in their plans to provide plans electronically and no time schedule was available. The discount cost is at present is £386.95 + VAT. A clear wall with 15' distance to project onto will be required. Plans would need to be electronically viewed in the office by the public. After further discussion it was agreed, unanimously, that a recommendation should be made to full Council to purchase the projector at the heavily discounted price (compared to open market prices) as it would be useful for other purposes besides planning. Proposed by Cllr I Maddock, seconded by Cllr J Crow.

RESOLVED: To recommend the purchase of a projector to Full Council at a cost of £386.95.

366. Trees:

1. Notification of Tree Preservation Order 87 Lions Lane. Noted.
2. Confirmation of TPO 52 Ringwood Road, St Leonards. Noted.

367. Planning Decisions: - See Appendix A - Decisions of the East Dorset District Council Planning Committee on plans affecting the Parish were noted.

P.A. No:	EDDC	Parish	P.A. No:	EDDC	Parish
08/1020	Approve	Approve	08/1102	Approve	Approve
08/1056	Approve		08/1123	Approve	Approve
08/1081	Approve	Approve	08/1128	Approve	Obj – changed policy since
08/1084	Approve	Approve	08/1133	Approve	Approve
08/1096	Refuse		08/1135	Approve	Approve

368. Planning Applications

PA No.	Details	Recommendation
08/1241	9 Pine Manor Road, Ashley Heath - 2 storey front extension	No objection
08/1242	52 Ashley Park, Ashley Heath - Erect conservatory on front elevation	No objection
08/1264	27 St Ives End Lane, St Ives - Erect conservatory at rear	No objection
08/1284	68 Wayside Road, St Leonards - Retain mobile home for a temporary 2 year period (following house fire)	No objection, provided it is only temporary.
08/1304	Skindles, 79 Sandy Lane, St Ives - Erect 1.83m fence (retrospective)	Object – Visual splay concerns, it is a dominant structure and obscures the exit entry visibility on what is a school route. Not in keeping with the street scene due to its visual impact and height. Suggest that it is cut back to a much lower level on the corner to improve visibility and improve on the visual impact.

369. Exchange of Information:

1. Next meetings: 18th December, 2008; 8 January 2009; 29 January 2009. Noted.
2. Cllr Mrs Smith reported that she had sought written advice direct from EDDC Planning Department for a wall at the front of her property. No planning application was required.
3. Cllr Willetts asked that Members pause to reflect on the planning meeting of 9th October, 2008 when the temporary application for the fated Lapland Wonderland business venture on the Matchams site was before the committee. Members should consider and reflect not only whether a prejudicial interest is present but the level of it, and the public perception if aware of all the facts. Dependant on the level of interest consider whether it is prudent for that Member to stay in the room to use clause 12 (2) of the Code to speak even though entitled to do so. The protocol being recommended for adoption by the full Council (January 2009) explicitly advises against such conduct.

Cllr Willetts also reminded the committee that during the deliberations, the Chair was obliged to require a Member to cut short a presentation in support of this application because of the possibility of lobbying.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman

Appendix A

Tree Preservation Orders

To note the following tree work:-

1. CONSENT - 24 St Ives Park – fell Cedar T1
2. CONSENT – 6 Cedar Avenue – fell various trees.