St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council
Planning Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 2011 at 7.30pm
Held in the Committee Room at the Village Hall

Members present: Cllr N Hindmarch, Chairman
Cllr R Adkins Cllr J Crow; Cllr M Hockley Cllr G Willetts
Cllr R Bryan Cllr B Goringe Cllr Mrs J House

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs, Clerk and 10 Members of the Public

Public Forum: The meeting closed to hear from residents in relation to applications 11/0669 & 11/0670. A number of residents spoke against the applications. Concerns were raised in relation to overlooking; additional demands on the, already at capacity, sewerage system; highway issues; flooding and the proposed ridge heights being out of keeping with the existing properties. Residents reported issues with emergency vehicle access due to the narrowness of the lane and parked vehicles. The Clerk will raise this issue with District Council. The Clerk will also ask the District Council to liaise with Wessex Water about existing drainage issues.

161. Declarations of Interest: Cllr G Willetts declared a personal interest in item 6 (i).

162. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C House

163. Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st July 2011 pages 26 & 27 were confirmed and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr B Goringe,

164. Matters arising from the Minutes:
Min. 137 Application 11/0663 – 3 Post Office Lane – Application was approved at EDDC Planning Committee. Cllr Mrs House attended and spoke. A condition has been applied to prevent any additional windows in the rear aspect. The Clerk reported that Cllr Dyer had asked that it was noted that he had abstained at EDDC as he had been spoken to at length prior to the meeting and felt compromised by the discussion. He had sought advice from the Committee Section which was to declare an interest and not vote.

165. Correspondence noted:
1. Appeal decision 10 & 8-10 Fir Tree Close – appeal allowed with costs.
2. Notification of appeal by Written Representations 51 Wayside Road
3. Copy of Letter to EDDC in support of application 11/602 15 Sandy Lane
4. Appeal decision 37 Braeside Road – appeal dismissed
5. EDDC Planning Agenda for 9.8.11
6. Notification of appeal by Informal Hearing Land adj Barnsfield Road

7.40pm Cllr Willetts arrived and apologised for being late.

166. Planning Applications:

App No.	Address	Recommendation
11/0539	38 Heath Road, St Leonards- First floor extension above existing attached garage	No objection subject to no overlooking and no impact on the amenity space of the neighbour.
11/0637	Moors Valley Country Park, Ashley Heath- Container based biomass boiler	No objection
11/0669	Land adj. 6 Laurel Lane, St Leonards- Erect chalet style dwelling and construct access	Refuse, unanimous – Overdevelopment of the plot the plan is misleading in scale. Lack of onsite parking. Proposal is cramped. The proposed ridge height is too high and will be out of keeping with the street scene as properties close by are mainly low level bungalows. The side on aspect is out of keeping with the street scene. Garden grabbing. Un-neighbourly. Detrimental to the amenity space to the property at the rear due to overlooking. Six letters of objection have been received, all copies already sent to EDDC.

11/0670	Land adj. 6 Laurel Lane, St Leonards- Erect bungalow and construct access	Refuse, unanimous – Overdevelopment of the plot the plan is misleading in scale. Lack of onsite parking. Proposal is cramped. The proposed ridge height is too high and will be out of keeping with the street scene as properties close by are mainly low level bungalows. Garden grabbing. Un-neighbourly. Concerned that the proposed ridge height will lead to a chalet style development in the future. If minded to approve please can condition 4 permitted development rights be removed. Six letters of objection have been received, all copies already sent to EDDC.
11/0707	Pine Copse Farm 192 Hurn Road, St Leonards- Retain existing single storey rear conservatory	No objection
11/0710	11 Ashley Drive West, Ashley Heath- Two storey rear and side extensions	No objection subject to no overlooking
11/0714	50 Lions Lane, Ashley Heath- Variation of planning condition 4 of 10/1158 to allow non opening obscured glazed window in Eastern gable end	No objection
11/0739	37 Sandy Lane, St Ives- CLP - Single storey rear extension	CLP No plans for consultation

167. Public speaking at Planning Meetings –

i) Members considered the management of the public forum section of Planning Meetings following the extended session of the 21st July 2011 meeting. The Clerk circulated the existing planning protocol adopted in January 2009 which is based on the EDDC model, this was noted. Attention was drawn to sections 5 & 6. The Clerk reported advice from the Monitoring Officer and DAPTC. The Chairman opened the meeting for a full and frank discussion on public speaking and particularly how Members felt about District Councillors attending and speaking at length in that section of the meeting. Members agreed that the appropriate platform for such dialogue by District Councillors is at the EDDC Planning Meetings and not the Parish meeting. The Clerk was instructed to write to the District Councillors, enclose a copy of the policy and inform them of the Committee's decision. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr B Goringe, agreed with one abstention, Cllr G Willetts.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will write to the District Councillors, enclose a copy of the policy and inform them that the appropriate platform for such dialogue by is at the EDDC Planning Meetings.

ii) Receiving correspondence in support or objection – Unless clearly identified as having been already sent to the EDDC Planning section the Clerk will ask the author for permission to forward a copy to EDDC with the Planning Committee's response. Noted

iii) Consultation responses – The Clerk will report numbers of objectors or supporters at meetings within the consultation comments. Noted

168. Mapping of the Parish – Although having received a positive response from David MacIntosh nothing more has been received. The Clerk will chase up a response. Cllr Adkins has scanned the historical maps in the Parish Office and digitised the Parish as the initial starting point. Cllr Adkins was asked to let the Clerk know of any potential costs for budget provision to be sought.

169. Electronic Planning Access

i) Costs for a projector and screen were estimated at £500. Planning Committee and Members to consider requirements and logistics including allocating budgetary provision.

ii) Enabling and improving access to planning for residents – The Clerk at the suggestion of Cllr R Bryan, has spoken to the Internet Cafe who welcomed the idea of advertising help in accessing planning at the Cafe. An article has been agreed with them and will go in the next newsletter and on the noticeboards. It is hoped that this will reduce the number of residents needing to access plans in the Parish Office.

Cllr Crow had to leave at 9.35pm

170. Planning Decisions:

App	EDDC	Parish	App	EDDC	Parish
11/0317	Approve	Approve	11/0541	Approve	Approve
11/0456	Refuse	Refuse	11/0560	Approve	Approve
11/0463	Refuse	Refuse	11/0562	Approve	Approve
11/0477	Refuse	Refuse	11/0580	Refuse	App sub GBP
11/0536	Approve	Approve	11/0599	Approve	Approve

171. Trees:

- Consent – Three Oaks Windmill Lane, Avon Castle – Crown lifting and pruning
- Consent – 12 Ashley Park, Ashley Heath – to fell Japanese Cedar T1
- Refuse – 8 Castlewood Ashley Heath to fell Scots Pine T6

172. Exchange of Information:

1. Next Meeting is on 1st September 2011
2. 176 Ringwood Road BP Garage – a late amendment to include a sign " Please be considerate to our neighbours" was shown to Members. No objections were raised.
3. 18 Braeside Road Fence – a further sketch indicating the front boundary being lowered by 20cms was shown to Members. The Clerk also read out the letter from the applicant. Members appreciated the effort to negotiate but still felt that the revised proposal did not go far enough to reduce the impact of the fence. Members would prefer to see the front fence reduced by around 50% in height.
4. Cllr Bryan reported that he had received information indicating that Highways have plans to put in a direct access point from the spur road into Matchams Stadium to allow for pop concerts on the site. This would affect all residents along Hurn Road and Matchams.
5. Cllr Hockley had attended the Public Exhibition on Hants Minerals and Waste proposals he had identified himself to the Officers as a Councillor but made it clear he was not attending the meeting as such.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.

Chairman