

St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council
Planning Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 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 C House Cllr G Willetts
 Cllr R Bryan Cllr M Hockley Cllr Mrs J House

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs, Clerk twenty-two Members of the Public observing.

Public Forum:

279. Declarations of Interest: Cllr R Bryan declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 9 as he is the person named in the statement. Cllr Mrs J House declared a personal interest in item 9 as Cllr House sits on the same political Committee although not a personal friend.

280. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr B Goringe.

281. Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd September 2011 pages 44 & 46 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr B Goringe seconded by Cllr M Hockley.

282. Matters arising from the Minutes: None

283. Correspondence noted:

1. Notification of Appeal by written representations 62 Oaks Drive 11/0621
2. Copy of email from agent to EDDC planning for 11/0757 Pine Copse Farm –
3. EDDC Planning agenda 4th October – 62 Oaks Drive defence against non-determination appeal
4. NALC/CPRE – Guide How to respond to planning applications.
5. Copy of letter from resident to planning Inspectorate re 62 Oaks Drive
6. Copy of letter from resident to EDDC objecting to application at 128 Woolsbridge Road

284. Planning Applications:

App No.	Address	Recommendation
11/0857	42 Braeside Road, St Leonards- Replace existing boundary fence with brick wall. Erect conservatory to side of property.	No objection
11/0902	4A Lions Lane, Ashley Heath- Raise front boundary wall to 1m erect wrought iron gates to driveway entrance and to side of dwelling with no 6 and extend 1m high wooden fence on side boundary into no.4 up to front boundary wall variation of 05/0962	No objection
11/0919	59 Ashley Drive South, Ashley Heath Proposed alterations to extend lounge and bedroom and new open porch with 3 new dormer windows.	No objection provided no overlooking
11/0942	The Sheiling House, Horton Road, Ashley Heath – Construct car park	No objection subject to Tree Officer and provided compliant with Green Belt Policy

285. Mapping of the Parish – Cllr Adkins reported. All the mapping for the Parish has now been received. Cllr Adkins is investigating licences which he hopes to use to save costs. The map should be up and running soon. EDDC should be able to provide their mapping information shortly. Cllr Adkins hopes to have located a spare computer. Further contact has been made with EDDC and information on as pipe runs may be forthcoming. The

Council may have to purchase a viewer. Costs will be obtained. Cllr Bryan asked if drainage could be included. Cllr Adkins reported that this type of information was very sensitive so it might not be available to this Parish.

286. Trees: tree work noted

- CONSENT - 3 Oakwood Close – fell T1 English Oak, subject to replacement tree.
- CONSENT 6 St Ives Park to fell Cypress and Cedar subject to replacement
- CONSENT - 41 Heath Road – crown lift Scots Pine T1
- REFUSE 41 Heath Road to fell Scots Pine T1 consent given to crown lift

287. Representation by District Councillors at the District Council meeting held on 6th

September 2011 - Members had received a transcription of a recording of the section of the meeting deciding application 11/0310. With the exclusion of Cllr Bryan Members attended the meeting at 7pm to hear the recording of the meeting. An email had been received from Cllr Dyer confirming the accuracy of the transcript of his speech at the meeting. This was discussed.

Concern was raised about the potential for urbanisation of the Green Belt by stealth. It was suggested that any future revision to the Parish Plan should reflect a view on businesses run at home which might potentially have a direct affect on noise or other nuisance on neighbouring properties. The Localism bill is awaited before any redraft of the plan will commence.

The alleged role played by the Enforcement Officer in this application is inconsistent with claims of lack of time to carry out enforcement on other cases. Whilst the Officer informs the Committee on a discussion with the applicants about a change of hours, this is not brought into the final decision as a condition.

8.05pm Cllr Bryan spoke under 12 (2) and left the room for the debate on whether further action should be taken.

An email from Mr K Mallett had been copied to Members, the content was noted. The recording and email was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the Monitoring Officer on the following points:-

- That no personal or prejudicial declaration was made by Cllr Mrs Warman bearing in mind the known connection with a strong objector in respect of this proposal
 - That the non declaration is not in keeping with the basic principles of the Code of Conduct
 - That this lack of declaration could potentially bring this Committee into disrepute
 - Concern over the statement about the alleged involvement of the Enforcement Officer
- Proposed by Cllr C House, seconded by Cllr J Crow. Agreed unanimously.

288. Winter weather plan for meetings – A draft plan of action for processing applications in case of last minute cancellation of meetings due to extreme weather was discussed. This was approved for adoption, proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr J Cow. Agreed unanimously

289. Exchange of Information:

1. Next Meeting is on 3rd November 2011 noted.
2. Thanks were given to the Clerk for the time at the extended meetings.
3. Cllr Bryan reported on a recent fire alarm activation at the Village hall. Despite being caused by cooking in the Youth Club, Youth Club Leaders were apparently unaware of the correct procedure. Cllr Bryan has reported this to the Chairman of the Youth Club.

The meeting closed at 9.03pm

Chairman