

**St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council
Planning Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2013 at 7.00pm
Held in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards**

Members present: Cllr Mrs J House, Chairman

Cllr R Adkins	Cllr N Hindmarch	Cllr Mrs A Warman
Cllr J Crow	Cllr C House	

In attendance: Mrs A Jacobs, Clerk and four members of the public

283. Pecuniary Interests: None.

284. Apologies for Absence: Cllr R Bryan and Cllr B Goringe

285. Minutes of the meeting held on 31st October 2013 were agreed unanimously, as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Cllr A Warman, seconded by Cllr C House.

286. Public Open Forum: Members of the public spoke against application 13/0992

287. Matters arising from the Minutes:

1. Cllr Goringe had spoken against 101 Sandy Lane and 18 Oaks Drive at EDDC, however these were both still approved. It was noted that a few days prior to the meeting a storm had taken down a tree at 18 Oaks Drive leaving it difficult to refuse the application. Thanks were given to Cllr Goringe for his attendance.
2. Public letters on the website: Cllr House asked that the Clerk write to the Head of Planning to object to the lack of information available on the web now that residents letters were no longer recorded in detail. EDDC had been encouraging electronic planning access and the lack of this information does not facilitate the Councils deliberations and was not the kind of service we expect. The Clerk will write to Planning to object.

288. Correspondence - Noted:

1. Copy of a letter from a resident to EDDC objecting to 13/0965
2. Copies of two letters from resident to EDDC objecting to 13/0992
3. Notification of appeal by Written Representations 13/0495 12 Ashley Drive South
4. Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order outside 17 Pine Drive whole verge
5. Copies of two letters to EDDC objecting to 13/1019

289. Planning Applications:

App No.	Address	Proposal	PARISH
13/0956	31A Avon Castle Drive, Avon Castle	Amended Plans - Erection of three storey four bedroom family home, with detached garage and ancilliary staff accommodation following the demolition of the existing dwelling and garage	No objection provided Tree Officer is satisfied.
13/0981	44 Ashley Park Ashley Heath	Single Storey extension to side of existing property infilling between house and garage	No objection.
13/0992	122 Woolsbridge Road, Ashley Heath	Demolish existing building and erect two pairs of three bed semi-detached houses and a garage	Object – Gross overdevelopment of site. Design is not in keeping with the street scene and totally out of keeping with Peveril Close and the High Street SCA. Concern over lack of onsite parking and onsite turning. Cars will have to reverse onto the busy Woolsbridge Road very close to a busy

			junction including access to the Montessori school. Increase in hard standing will exacerbate existing flooding issues. We feel inadequate provision has been made to deal with the surface water issues. Peveril Close already has a serious parking problem due to the close proximity of Moors Valley; High Street and the lack of onsite parking at the new development of 124 Woolsbridge Road which increased density from one property to five properties. Detrimental to the amenity space of properties at rear as the bulk of this proposal will dominate the sight line. If the officer is at variance a Member of the Committee will attend and speak.
13/1019	6 Fernwood Close St Ives	Proposals to adapt an existing double garage (twin, double garage, shared side to side with neighbour) for habitable use. Create small 6 m sq. single storey flat roof extension to the Western elevation of garage.	Object – Concern over the description of the proposal compared to the plan supplied as the plan indicates more of an office yet we are told it is an additional bedroom, the proposal may lead to commercial use. Concerned over visual impact of car port on the street scene as this is out of keeping. We feel the proposal is unneighbourly. If minded to approve it should be conditioned to prevent commercial use or use as a separate dwelling.
13/1046	1 Struan Close, Ashley Heath	Erect porch and detached garage.	No objection
13/1064	St Ives County First School, Sandy lane	Erect single storey flat roof class room to rear	No objection provided Tree Officer satisfied.

289. Trees:-

Work on TPO Trees was noted:-

CONSENT	Birchwood, Warren Drive	Fell 3X Scots Pine
CONSENT	189 Central Drive, Oaktree Park	Fell Lawson Cypress
CONSENT	28 Ashley Drive South	Fell 3X Silver Birch, Goat willow and pruning 2X Oaks. One replacement tree to be planted
CONSENT	7 Heath Road	Remove stem from Birch T1
CONSENT	110 Lions Lane	Fell 2X Silver Birch replant one tree
CONSENT	29 Avon Castle Drive	Various tree work

290. Neighbourhood Planning Meeting 4th November at Blandford – Members noted a report from Cllr Mrs J House on the meeting. This was discussed. It was noted that anyone could form a community group. The new powers backed up by a neighbourhood plan allowed a number of existing policies such as Green Belt to be overridden if supported by such a plan.

291. Exchange of Information:

1. Next Meeting is 19th December 2013 in the Committee Room at 7pm
2. Cllr Mrs Warman asked Cllr House if the old power poles currently in the process of replacement would be removed. Cllr House explained that they would but not until BT had carried out their work.
3. Cllr Mrs Warman reported a copy of a letter to Mr Choje from the CE of DCC informing him that the work on the dropped kerbs would be complete by December 2013.

Meeting closed at 20.02pm

Chairman