

**St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council
Planning Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2015 at 7.00pm
Held in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards**

Members present:– Cllr N Hindmarch Chairman

Cllr R Adkins

Cllr Mrs J Carter

Cllr Mrs B Waugh

Cllr R Bryan

Cllr Mrs J House

In attendance: Mrs A Jacobs Clerk and sixteen Members of the public.

Public speaking: A spokesperson from St Ives Park asked to speak about the recent appeal decision on the development at 51 St Ives Park. The issue raised was that the Inspector had dealt with the Developer and LPA without giving the objectors, a number of whom had asked to be in attendance at any site visit, the opportunity to attend. In their opinion the Inspector had not acted in line with the Code of Conduct. Cllr Bryan responded that as a Council the Parish were very disappointed with the decision as it will have considerable implications for the area. The Clerk reported that a letter of complaint has already been sent to the Inspectorate questioning whether the Inspector had acted in line with the Code of Conduct and also asking why after specifically asking to be present the Council had not been invited to the site visit. Cllr Bryan has a meeting arranged with the MP Mr C Chope so that he might approach the Minister for Housing and see what can be done. He also has a meeting arranged with Mr Moir of EDDC as they knew that the site visit was going ahead but failed to report this to any of the three Ward Members. Cllr Bryan will report back to the spokesperson and Parish Council following the meetings although he cautioned that it would be most unusual for a second Inspector to be appointed as this would cause a legal issue with the applicant. Cllr Bryan asked the public to be vigilant and report any development movement on the site to him immediately. Cllr Bryan was thanked by the Public for his support.

Cllr Mrs House raised concern about other similar issues on other sites in the Parish and informed those present that the issue seems to be National as Developers appear to be practically writing their own Charter. This was discussed further. Cllr Mrs House proposed that the Council go forward with making representations to object to the Inspectorate. The Clerk confirmed that this had already been done but the Inspectorate has 20 working days to respond. The Committee confirmed that the Clerk would copy any response direct to the spokesperson on receipt.

7.32pm - Representatives from St Ives Park left, one Member of the Public remained to speak in favour of 15/1127.

332. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest: None.

333. Apologies for absence: Cllr Mrs A Warman and Cllr C House

334. Minutes –The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2015 pages 63-65 were confirmed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Mrs J Carter. Nem. con.

335. Matters arising from the Minutes: None

336. Correspondence, for information only: none

337. Planning Applications:

App No.	Proposal	Recommendation
15/1127	15 Struan Gardens Ashley Heath- Demolish existing and erect two chalet bungalows	The applicant answered questions from Members. Approve subject to the ridge height not being allowed at a height that would dominate the street scene.
15/1181	118 Ringwood Road St Ives Proposed conversion of car port into kitchen/shower room insertion of new	No objection

	windows and doors.	
15/1187	Qinetiq, Boundary Lane St Leonards Change of use to remove the current restriction on driver training of 24 days (Barnsfield Heath) and 9 days (Hurn) only, to allow training using simulated conditions and courses, and to include this training within the 25000 vehicle hours already consented for vehicle testing and evaluation. To cease the consented public use of the site for go karting and vehicle rally operation, including the cessation of motor sport related public spectator events.	Object in its present form. The supporting paperwork was noted however the potential for change of ownership, and therefore changes in use; times of use and types of vehicles tested were of concern especially as there are residential properties close by. More control measures are needed to prevent future noise nuisance. Suggest that current exhaust noise limits permitted on the Highway should apply to the site testing and prevent night time use.
15/1176	4A Lions Lane Ashley Heath- Raise front boundary wall. Hang gates across drive entrance. Extend existing side wooden fence to meet front boundary wall.	No objection
15/1228	Back of Beyond 234 Ringwood Road, St Leonards- First Floor extension	Revised proposal is still not compliant with Green Belt Policy as the only change appears to be the external facia. Recommend refusal.
15/1255	Oakdene Horton Road Ashley Heath- Single storey side and rear extensions	No objection provided it is compliant with Green Belt Policy.

338. Trees –

- ii) Noted, authorised work on protected trees:
- Consent – 81 St Ives Park to fell Birch
 - Consent – 32 Davids Lane – fell Cypress X4
 - Consent – 29 Avon Castle Drive – various tree work
 - Consent – 73 Ashley Drive South – various tree work
 - Refuse 5 Woolsbridge Close – fell Pine

339. Exchange of Information:

1. Next Meeting is on 7th January 2016 (provided sufficient business) the Committee Room at 7pm
2. Cllr Bryan reported that an application will soon be submitted for 30 homes on the Matchams Stadium site
3. The Clerk asked Members if they felt the Planning meetings should start a little later at 7.15pm as it was difficult due to the room having a prior booking to set up by 7pm.

Chairman