ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 12th June 2019 at 7pm

in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Present: Cllr B Goringe

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| Cllr R Bryan  Cllr A Davies  Cllr M Dyer | Cllr Mrs M Goringe  Cllr Mrs U Lucas | Cllr Mrs S Marshall  Cllr J B Parker | Cllr J W Parker  Cllr Mrs A Warman |

**In attendance:** Mrs Ann Jacobs, Clerk and two members of the public.

**Public Open Forum**: Two members of the public raised their concerns about the 38 bus and the Southbourne Coaches bus for school children. Following the changes at St Ives first school last September more children are now using the bus to attend school in Ringwood. Cuts in service to the 38 were made at the same time and whilst the parents are grateful for the Southbourne service the price is more than double the 38 service.. The 38 service no longer runs to cover the school arrival and end time so parents are left with no choice but the Southbourne bus. Recent price increases have meant that more parents are beginning to car share to get children to school meaning more cars on the road, more congestion and pollution but the new fare means it costs approximately £900 per year per child to use the bus. Numbers of children requiring the service will now increase by approximately 23-25 per year.

Cllr Bryan responded that he is making inquiries as to whether the 38 timings could be adjusted. He responded that More Bus and Southbourne Buses are one and the same company. It is one of his priorities to look at. One of the issues for the bus company is the high usage of the free bus pass for the elderly. Cllr Bryan also mentioned that there was some form of ticket dispensation available on the Dorset Council website.

The Members of the public mentioned that parents may compile a petition. The Clerk asked that if this occurs could they add a sentence in about seeking permission to forward the document to Dorset Council to ensure compliance with GDPR.

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The Members of the public thanked Cllr Bryan and the Council and then left the meeting.

**47. Pecuniary Interests: None**

**48.** **Apologies:** Cllr K Gawler; Cllr N Hindmarch and Cllr Mrs K Neale

7.03pm Cllr R Bryan and Cllr J B Parker arrived.

**49. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council** Meeting held on 15th May 2019 pages 1-4 were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr A Davies. Agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED: The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 15th May 2019 were duly adopted.**

**50. Matters arising from the Minutes:**

* The Chairman has signed his declaration of acceptance of office
* All register of interest forms and election expenses forms have been delivered to Allen View House.
* Despite chasing we still have not completed the transfer of land from EDDC to the Parish. The locum solicitor has now left Dorset Council. Our solicitor is in contact with another area of Dorset Council.
* Tennis Lease – The solicitor has explained that we need a scaled drawing of the actual unit which is Land Registry compliant of the premises. A detailed plan of the internal and external layout is required to conform with the land registry. The land registry plans available includes other land which does not form part of the tennis club and does not detail the layout. The Clerk is arranging for a survey to comply.
* Names and addresses of Councillors no longer need to be published on Parish noticeboards. The Clerk is arranging for a notice in the boards advising the public to use the Parish Office address and email for contacting Councillors.
* A mobile home has been placed on the front of a property in The Glade. This has been reported to Enforcement for investigation.

**51.** **Correspondence:**

* NALC Legal topic note revised LTN 24 The Human Rights Act and LTN 21 Local Council help to Village Halls. Copies available on request.
* Dorset Council proposed road works Horton Road closure 21st to 24th June 9am to 16.00. The Clerk is putting on the Next Door site.
* Complaint concerning overgrown hedge corner Sandy Lane and Ringwood Road
* Complaint concerning overgrown vegetation corner of Forest Edge Drive reported to Highways
* Invitation to the Chairman to open the new College Hub at The Sheiling 6th June.

**52. Finance:**

i) Members reviewed and approved the schedule of payments for end May and June to date. These were approved unanimously. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Marshall, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman.

**RESOLVED: To approve the schedule of payments for the end of May and June to date as presented.**

ii) Members noted the error on the bank reconciliation for April of 30pence and reviewed and approved the bank reconciliation for end of May. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr J B Parker. Agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED: To approve the revised bank reconciliation for the end of April and the reconciliation for May.**

**53**. **Amenities:**

**i)** Dog warden update – despite chasing the Clerk has not had a draft contract yet.

ii) Other amenity matters –Cllr Davies reported significant dog fouling of Ashley Drive North. This was

in the private road section so the Parish was unable to take any action.

iii) Members received a report on a review of security and access at Horton Road Village Green Min. 24.2 refers. The Clerk advised that there is a health and safety issue for the Contractor. Traffic volume and speeds have increased and the high level of HGV’s using the road is causing an access issue with the only gate. The Contractor has to unload in Ashley Park and then drive his mower across the Horton Road as his trailer and vehicle are now too long to pass through the bunds which were installed to prevent illegal access. The Contractor has offered to install new Rhino bollards for no labour costs and remove one of the bunds. Costs of two new bollards would be £400 +VAT. This was discussed. The Clerk was directed to seek further advice from Dorset Council Officers (Matt Reeks) on security and further information on the installation of the bollards. Deferred to the next meeting. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr J B Parker.

**RESOLVED The Clerk will seek a second opinion on security measures at Horton Road**.

The Clerk asked for authority to replace the bollard at Braeside Road at a cost of £200+VAT as there was an issue with the existing one. This was approved unanimously. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr J W Parker.

**RESOLVED: To purchase a replacement bollard for Braeside Road site.**

**54. Committee Meeting Minutes** - The approved minutes of the following Committee Meetings were duly adopted:-Planning.25th April 2019 and 16th May 2019. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall. Agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED: To adopt the approved minutes of the Planning Committee .25th April 2019 and 16th May 2019.**

55. Dorset Council – Report from appointed Members:

Cllr B Goringe: The last 5 weeks have been mainly training, and learning about the Committees and Council. Cllr Goringe is on Planning, Resources, Police and Crime and other outside bodies.

Cllr R Bryan: This has been a training month as the Council starts to take shape. Strategic Directors have now been put in place and the next tier down is now under review. In September the Council will announce around 120 redundancies. The next tier will then follow. This is a very difficult time for staff, but putting five Councils together needs less staff. Cllr Bryan is on the Cabinet, Highways, Travel and Environment. Cllr Bryan attended a very informative meeting on AONB and will leave the report with the Clerk. The big topic is currently climate change and at the last Council meeting an emergency team was established to discuss this. DCC always had a low carbon business section Officer who would advise on what grants were available for businesses. Grants of 40% of costs were available for businesses. Local businesses need advice and information.

56. Parish Councillors’ Reports

1. DAPTC – AGM deadline for proposals to be received 6th August – Meeting 9th November – Noted no proposals were put forward. Cllr Bryan reported that there was pressure from Councillors to form a direct liaison between Parish and Town Councils. Matt Prosser was looking into building up this liaison. It was noted that this Parish Council was fortunate that three of its Members were also Councillors for Dorset Council.

2. Homewatch – Cllr Davies reported. – The last meeting was on the 5th June and a full Committee was now in place. Police appear to be in disarray and unavailable for meetings. Work to include Victory Oak properties was underway including a team visiting the area on 4th July. Latest topic appears to be the parking on verges. The Committee was being blamed for a campaign of notices on cars which are parked on verges in the Parish. This was not the case. The recommendation of Home Watch is consideration for each person’s circumstances. They encourage a calm level relationship between parties. An article will be going in the next newsletter. AGM was well attended. Speed watch publicity has generated five potential volunteers. The next meeting is on the 4th September with a barn dance on 24th August.

The Clerk reported an inquiry from the Police about the whereabouts of the Speed watch kits? Cllr Davies had no knowledge of them. The Clerk will find out what was needed and put the request on the next agenda.

3. EDEP – no meeting but regular email reports were noted.

The Clerk was asked to find out if there was any update on the licence application for Guppy’s Yard.

Cllr Dyer and Cllr Goringe declared a personal interest in the next item as they had been on the Committee which had sanctioned planning permission on the site. They would not take part in the discussion on the item.

**57. Open Spaces Society –** see letter attached **–** Members discussed the request but had not seen the letter. The Clerk was asked to forward the letter and put it to the next meeting.

**58. Update on work on the Youth Club** – The Clerk reported. Work is scheduled for completion this week. The Building Inspector is due tomorrow. The Clerk has a company coming in to quote for new flooring tomorrow. Alarm is booked in for after the Clerks holiday. The Clerk is still trying to source someone to provide a Fire assessment. It is hoped to get the unit ready for use next week.

**59. Minerals and Waste Development Plan consultation on modifications –** Members considered the draft circulated and agreed unanimously that this should be submitted with the inclusion of the additional statement in relation to a full Transport assessment which should specifically include the cumulative effect of the proposal with other agreed plans.

**60. Exchange of information**:

1. Next meeting to be held on 31st July 2019

2. Cllr Davies questioned why the Parish did not appear to receive any follow up to the consultations. The Public need to be advised of the outcome of such consultations as the Minerals and Waste, Waste Plan and Guppy’s Yard licence. The Clerk was asked to seek a response and circulate it

3. Cllr Bryan was recently at a meeting relating to emergency procedures and they discussed a yacht which went aground and the persons on board left it abandoned. In this case the Emergency was due to oil leaking and the Officers had to deal with containing the containment.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Chairman