

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Wednesday 31st August 2022 at 7pm

Held in the Russell Room, Village Hall

Present: Cllr J B Parker, Chair

Cllr R Bryan (left at 8pm)

Cllr A Davies Cllr M Dyer

Cllr K Gawler

Cllr S Marshall

Cllr N Hindmarch

Cllr C Johnson

In attendance: Mr Jonathan Ross, Parish Clerk.

Public Open Forum:

Members of the public who live on the Horton Road attended the meeting and spoke on the dangerous nature of Horton Road. The size, height and weight of large lorries, the speed of vehicles and the excessive width of some vehicles transporting mobile homes from the industrial estate all go to creating an extremely dangerous road. In addition, the narrow width of the pavement in several areas creates a significant risk to pedestrians. They requested that measures are put in place to improve the safety of the road.

Members of the public attended from the Boundary Lane area. A spokesperson raised concerns about Boundary Lane traffic. Their opinion was that the road had become a “rat run” between the A31 and Blackwater junction and traffic volume had increased dramatically. Excessive speed and use by HGV’s serving the airport was an issue. They requested several measures should be taken; they are:

- traffic monitoring is installed
- traffic calming measures such as a chicane
- a width restriction of 6’6”
- reduction of the speed limit
- speed humps
- better signage such as a 40mph roundel painted on the road

80. Pecuniary Interests: No pecuniary interests were declared.

81. Apologies: Apologies were received from: Cllr M Goringe; Cllr B Goringe. Cllr JW Parker; Cllr U Lucas and Cllr B Waugh. Members voted to accept apologies from those Councillors listed. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, Seconded by Cllr K Gawler. This was agreed.

RESOLVED: That the apologies from the Councillors listed were accepted.

82. Request by residents that action is taken to improve safety on the Horton Road. Members discussed the points raised by the member of public that spoke. Cllr R Bryan will arrange for the Dorset Council Road Safety Officer to visit the area and report back on areas of concern regarding vehicle and pedestrian safety. He will also organise monitoring equipment to be installed to establish the number, nature and speed of vehicles using the road. These statistics can then be used to determine a course of action in the future. He encouraged the member of public to raise the issue with his MP.

83. Traffic Safety on Boundary Lane. Members discussed the points raised by the members of public that spoke. It was suggested that any traffic monitoring should be

carried out when the bridge replacement works on the A31 at Ringwood are complete. Cllr R Bryan said he will investigate installing monitoring equipment.

The Parish Council expressed support in principle for the efforts to introduce relevant measures to curtail the speed of vehicles along Boundary Lane, thereby improving safety both for motorists and for residents. It was acknowledged that this requires a detailed process to be followed and there can be no guarantees that changes will be accepted by Dorset Council/Highways.

84. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th July 2022 - The Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr S Marshall, seconded by Cllr A Davies. This was agreed.

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th July 2022 were adopted.

85. Matters arising from the Minutes

1. **Response received from Lloyds Bank regarding a system error on the online banking account.** The Clerk explained that Lloyds have apologised for the error. It was a system fault on their software, and they accepted full responsibility for it. It was fixed now. As a gesture of good will £75 has been credited to the parish councils bank account.
2. **Control of Dogs on the Recreation Ground.** This was discussed and a course of action is explained at Minute 89.2.

86. Correspondence noted:

1. **Email from Resident concerning Safety on Horton Road.** This matter was dealt with at Minute 82.
2. **Email from resident complaining about potholes on Braeside Recreation Ground.** The Clerk confirmed that there have been a significant number of potholes on the ground. They are caused by a mixture of wild animals scavenging for food and dogs being let off their leads and digging. The Clerk arranged for the potholes to be filled and constantly inspects the area for new holes – which will be filled as and when they are seen. Signs have been erected advising users of the park to be aware of the uneven ground conditions.
3. **The East Dorset and Purbeck Citizens Advice Quarterly Stakeholder Report was forwarded to members.** Noted.
4. **Dorset Council Announce Cost of Living Help.** Clerk briefed members on this initiative.

87. Request from Balson Homes for a New Road to be Created on their Development at 103 Woolsbridge Road. A request was received from Balson Homes to create a new road called Heather Ridge Close on the development at 103 Woolsbridge Road. Members voted to approve the request. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, Seconded by Cllr S Marshall. Agreed.

RESOLVED: That members approved the request for a new road to be created on the Balson Homes development at 103 Woolsbridge Road. Road to be called Heather Ridge Close.

88. Finance:

1. **Payment Schedules.** Members reviewed and approved the schedule of payments for August 2022. Copies of the schedules appear as Appendix A to these Minutes in the Minute Book. Proposed by Cllr A Davies seconded by Cllr K Gawler. This was agreed.
RESOLVED: To approve the schedule of payments for August 2022.
2. **Bank Reconciliation.** Members reviewed and approved the bank reconciliation for July and August 2022. A copy of the reconciliations appears as Appendix B to these Minutes in the Minute Book. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr C Johnson. This was agreed.
RESOLVED: To approve the bank reconciliation for end of July and August 2022.
3. **Annual DAPTC Subscription.** The annual subscription of £1212.06 for DAPTC is due. Members approved the payment of the subscription. Proposed by Cllr K Gawler, Seconded by Cllr M Dyer. This was agreed.
RESOLVED: To approve the renewal of the DAPTC membership and payment of the annual subscription of £1212.06.
4. **Village Hall Grant Request.** The Village Hall management committee have written to the Parish Council requesting a grant for a sum in the region of £8,000. This is to fund the supply and installation of battery storage for the recently installed solar panels. The battery storage would enable electricity created during daylight hours to be stored and used during the hours of darkness. Currently the electricity created during the day can only be used as and when it is created, or it is sold back to the national grid at a very minimal cost. This grant request is in addition to the annual Village Hall grant of £10,000. Members considered the request would be a very good use of CIL funding as it will benefit the whole community, it will also meet climate change objectives and save a considerable amount of electricity. Members supported the request for the grant. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, Seconded by Cllr S Marshall. Agreed.
RESOLVED: To approve in principle the provision of a gift aid grant in the region of £8,000 for the supply and installation of battery storage for the solar panels in the Village Hall. The Village Hall Management Committee are requested to obtain quotations for the works and present them for approval at a future Full Council meeting.

89. Clerks Report:

1. **Proposed TRO for Woolsbridge Road.** The Clerk briefed members on complaints received from a resident about lorries causing a hazard when parking outside houses in Woolsbridge Road near the roundabout to use local shops. The resident requested a TRO to prevent parking in that area. The Clerk consulted with twelve properties that would be immediately affected by a TRO on that area of Woolsbridge Road. Seven responses were received. All indicated they didn't want a TRO as none believed there was a significant issue with parking on Woolsbridge Road. Residents did raise the problem of parking on the Service Road where it meets Woolsbridge Road and requested that measures are taken to improve traffic safety in that area. Members did not support the request for a TRO on Woolsbridge Road but requested the Clerk approach Dorset Council to identify measures that can be taken to improve road safety at the junction with the Service Road. Proposed by Cllr C Johnson, Seconded by Cllr K Gawler. Not supported.
RESOLVED: It was resolved that members do not support the creation of a TRO on Woolsbridge Road. Instead, they tasked the Clerk with

approaching Dorset Council Highways to identify measures that can be taken to improve road safety at the junction with the Service Road.

2. Dog Control on Braeside Road Recreation Ground. Members discussed significant problems caused by dogs not being adequately controlled on the Recreation Ground. A considerable number of dog walkers are not picking up after their dogs. It is considered the main reason for this is that when a dog is not on a lead their owners will often not see it doing its business and therefore don't pick up. In addition, a significant number of dogs run wild (intentionally or unintentionally) bothering and worrying other dogs and users of the park. Members reiterated that the park, which is designated as a Village Green, is for use by all residents, and they should be able to use it safely free from dog mess and the potential of injury from uncontrolled dogs. Several reports have been received recently of park users being bitten by dogs or being jumped at by dogs not under control. There is also an issue with uncontrolled dogs digging the ground and creating potholes. Following much discussion member agreed that dogs should be kept on a lead whilst in the recreation area. Proposed by Cllr JB Parker, Seconded by Cllr C Johnson. Agreed.

RESOLVED: Members approved dogs to be kept on leads whilst on Braeside Road Recreation Ground. The Clerk to purchase and install the necessary signage to advise users of the park.

3. Corporate Emails. Several members said there were not able to accept the new corporate emails yet. The Clerk will work with members to prepare them for the new email system. The implementation of the corporate emails is postponed until all members are content they can access them.

90. Community Engagement. The Chair said that the Clerk has prepared an article for the Homewatch newsletter explaining the function of the Parish Council and how it can assist residents. Further articles will be prepared for local advertiser magazines. This is an attempt at improving the Parish Council communication with residents.

91. Brief Reports from Dorset Council Members. No reports.

92. Parish Councillors' Reports. No reports.

93. Climate Change. No reports.

94. Exchange of information:

1. Next meeting Thursday 29th September 2022
2. The Clerk mentioned initiatives that the Parish Council could get involved in which would lead to an improvement in the health and welfare of residents. Clerk to provide a report for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Chair