

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held in the Russell Room, Village Hall, Braeside Road,
on Wednesday 28th June 2023 at 7pm

Present: Cllr B Goringe, Chair

Cllr A Davies

Cllr JB Parker

Cllr K Gawler

Cllr C Johnson

Cllr R Bryan

Cllr M Goringe

Cllr N Hindmarch

In attendance: Mr. Jonathan Ross, Parish Clerk

Public Open Forum. Seven members of the public attended and spoke about their concerns for road safety on the Victory Oak estate. Their concerns were the excessive speed of some vehicles, there are no road markings or signposts indicating the speed limit or rights of way and also the problem of residents constantly double parking. What is also of concern is the play park and recreation area in the centre of the estate which is only accessed by crossing a road. So children are constantly put at risk from inconsiderate drivers speeding or ignoring any perceived rights of way.

38. Election of Chair of the Council for the 2023/2024 Municipal Year,

Declaration of the Acceptance of Office. At the Annual Parish Meeting on 24th May 2023, Cllr B Goringe was elected Chair for 2023/2024. He was absent from the annual meeting. He made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office at this meeting and has signed the Declaration of Office form.

39. Pecuniary Interests: No pecuniary interests were declared.

40. Apologies: Apologies were received from: Cllr B Waugh, Cllr S Marshall, Cllr M Dyer and Cllr JW Parker. Members voted to accept apologies from the councillors listed. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr K Gawler. Agreed.

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

41. Victory Oak Road Safety Concerns. Councillors discussed the road safety concerns raised by the members of public attending the meeting. Cllr R Bryan agreed to discuss this with the Dorset Council Road Safety Manager and arrange a site meeting to look at the issues.

42. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th May 2023. The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr JB Parker, seconded by Cllr A Davies. Agreed.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th May 2023 were adopted.

43. Matters arising from the minutes. None.

44. Correspondence.

44.1. A poster has been received advertising the consultation on the dog related Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). The consultation runs from now until 25th August 2023.

44.2. An email has been received from the Greenspace Team at Avon Heath Country Park asking if the parish council wished to contribute towards the cost of a new interpretation panel for the Ashley Heath Halt, which is situated on the Castleman Trailway. Members requested sight of what the proposed interpretation panel will look like and its rough cost before committing to contributing to its cost. Clerk to contact the Greenspace Team.

45. Purchase of a New Shredder. The existing paper shredder in the parish office needs to be replaced. Members approved the purchase of a new paper shredder. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr K Gawler. Agreed.

APPROVED: The Clerk to purchase a new paper shredder for the parish office.

46. Future CIL Funded Projects. The Clerk presented a report on possible future projects that could be funded by CIL money. Members were keen to obtain the views of residents on potential projects before committing to any projects. The Clerk was tasked with consulting with residents on possible projects and to report back to committee.

47. Request for the Introduction of a 20mph speed limit on Braeside Road and Part of Sandy Lane. The Clerk informed members that he has made an official request to Dorset Council to make Braeside Road a 20mph speed limit. Also, that members consider requesting part of Sandy Lane near the school to be 20mph limit. Further details have been requested from Dorset Council and a commitment from the PC that it will fund the necessary surveys. It was agreed that Cllrs R Bryan and B Goringe will meet the Dorset Council Road Safety Manager on site to discuss the request in further detail.

48. Tennis Club Lease. Members discussed and approved a 10% increase in the tennis club lease. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr JB Parker, agreed.

APPROVED: The tennis club lease to be increased by 10%.

49. Grounds Maintenance Contract Price Increase. Members discussed and approved a 4% increase in the cost of the Grounds Maintenance Contract. Proposed by Cllr JB Parker, seconded by Cllr A Davies. Agreed.

APPROVED: The Cost of the Grounds Maintenance Contract to be increased by 4%.

Members discussed whether the PC has sufficient resilience measures in place to cover grounds maintenance works should the current contractor cease operating. The Clerk to discuss with other local councils what their business continuity arrangements are for grounds maintenance.

50. Control of Dogs on the Recreation Ground – Working Group

Recommendations. The Clerk presented members with the recommendations made by the working group. These were discussed. Members felt that two posters was not a suitable solution and suggested that one poster was sufficient. It should contain details of the Parish Council and Friends of Braeside Park, the code of conduct for park users and be simple and quick to read. Additional wording is to be included in the poster reflecting times when dogs should be kept on a lead. The Clerk is to redesign the poster and arrange for it to be made and installed at the three entrances to the park plus one located centrally in the park near to the tennis fence.

51. Climate Change. No issues were discussed.

52. Finance:

52.1. Payment Schedules. Members reviewed and approved the schedule of payments for June 2023. A copy of the schedule appears at Appendix A to these minutes in the minute book.

52.2. Bank Reconciliations. Members reviewed and approved the bank reconciliation for June 2023. A copy of the reconciliation appears as Appendix B to these minutes in the minute book. Proposed by Cllr JB Parker, seconded by Cllr C Johnson. Agreed.

RESOLVED. The schedule of payments for June 2023 and the bank reconciliation for June 2023 was approved.

53. To adopt the Approved Minutes of the Following Committee Meetings:

Members approved adoption of the Planning Committee minutes held on 11th May 2023. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr C Johnson, agreed.

RESOLVED: To adopt the minutes of the planning meeting held on 11th May 2023.

54. Dorset Councillor Reports. A report was presented by Cllr B Goringe. It can be found at Appendix C to these minutes.

55. Parish Councillor Reports. None.

56. Exchange of Information.

56.1. Members discussed and agreed that a Reserves Committee should be convened to discuss how PC funds held in bank accounts should be managed. The Clerk is to arrange for this to take place 45 minutes before the next Full Council meeting.

56.2. Next meeting of Full Council is on Wednesday 26th July 2023.

Meeting finished at 8.35pm

Chair