ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held On Wednesday 27th November 2019 at 7pm

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

Present: Cllr B Goringe

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|  | Cllr A Davies  Cllr Mrs M Goringe | Cllr Mrs S Marshall  Cllr J B Parker | Cllr J W Parker  Cllr Mrs A Warman |

**In attendance:** Mrs Ann Jacobs, Clerk

**Public Open Forum**: None

**200.**  **Pecuniary Interests: none**

**201. Apologies:** Cllr R Bryan; Cllr M Dyer (attending Verwood Town Council); Cllr N Hindmarch;

Cllr K Gawler (attending Age UK AGM); Cllr Mrs K Neale and Cllr Mrs U Lucas.

**202. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on 30th October 2019-The Minutes of the **me**eting held on 30th October 2019 were duly adopted. Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Goringe, seconded by

Cllr A Davies. Agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED: To sign and adopt the Minutes of the meeting held on 30th October pages 36-39 as a true record.**

**203. Matters arising from the Minutes** duly noted:-

* Annual Parish Meeting 15th April 2020 – Robin Cook booked to speak
* 38 bus petition - Currently Dorset Council is setting up a series of EAP’s one of which is looking at Rural Access to Services and it is expected that this request will fall within the scope of this EAP.
* Charity Commission Return for Youth Club submitted together with request to update constitution on system.
* St John’s Ambulance contacted for further details relating to the Parish but to date there has been no response.
* Computer upgrade is in progress
* CAB New Forest – The Chairman had asked the Clerk to obtain details of numbers helped from the Parish. This had been confirmed as 53 residents and 62 cases for CAB New Forest, CAB East Dorset had seen 299 residents and handled 700 different issues.

**204.** **Correspondence duly noted:**

* Thank you from Great Ormond Street for Chairman’s donation
* Invitation from Wareham Town Council to our Chairman to the Christmas Carol Service- the Clerk will decline as no one is available to attend.
* Launch of new Carers service and discount card – emailed to Members
* Update on Age Concern from Cllr K Gawler – circulated with the agenda
* Dorset National Park – Email received offering to attend a meeting to answer questions. Members asked that the organisation provide a written submission giving the outline of the proposal as time is very limited.

**205.** **Grants to Outside Bodies:-**

Ex Services Club Remembrance Day event – Members consider making an annual grant to the Club towards costs for the event. This year £250 was sanctioned at the September meeting the figure being the same as awarded in 2018/2019 and based on the purchasing of a silent soldier and other expenses due to the anniversary of the armistice. Members who attended reported that the event was well attended and all were made to feel welcome, an excellent buffet had been provided. Budgetary provision for 2020/2021 was discussed taking into account that the money is now towards the buffet only and taking into account other grant provisions a sum of £150 would be allocated in the budget for 2020/2021. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr A Davies. Agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED: To include a budgetary provision of £150 per annum in the precept for the remembrance Day event at the Ex- Services Club.**

**206. Precept 2020/2021–** Members reviewed the budget vs expenditure figures to date and made final adjustments. It was agreed to increase the precept by 2.88% over last year. Members agreed to submit a precept demand of £94,814. Agreed unanimously. Proposed by Cllr J B Parker, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall.

**RESOLVED: To demand a precept of £94,814 for 2020/2021.**

**207. Finance:**

i) Members reviewed and approved the schedule of payments for November. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr M Goringe. Agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED: to approve the schedule of payments for November as presented.**

ii) Members reviewed and approved the bank reconciliation for end of October. Proposed by Cllr J B Parker, seconded by Cllr J W Parker. Agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED: to approve the bank reconciliation for end of October as presented.**

**208. Recruitment of Clerk** – Cllr J B Parker reported: A good response was received from which four candidates were selected to interview and two further people were shortlisted. Two subsequently withdrew and three were interviewed. There were two very strong candidates. The panel’s preferred candidate has a lot of Local Government experience and is currently awaiting the outcome of a works review. In the circumstances the panel agreed to hold off making a final offer for now. The Panel Chairman had also spoken to the other candidate and been honest but as they are currently on maternity leave they have also agreed to wait and see what happens with the other candidate.

**209. Update on Insurance Claims –** The Clerk reported:

The subsidence claim was awaiting the loss adjuster’s report.

The bus shelter claim is causing some issues as our Insurers have asked for more information to enable them to pursue a third party claim, unfortunately the Police do not have the additional information. The Clerk has to obtain two quotations to replace the shelter and noticeboard but also get the permission of Highways England and Planning to replace the shelter. All of which is going to take some considerable time. It was noted that the shelter was used and due to the location close to the new Victory Oak development it does require replacing.

**210. Planning meetings –** Members adopted the approved minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2019. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall. Agreed, Cllr J W Parker abstained as he had not been at the meeting the rest were in favour.

**RESOLVED: To adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10th October 2019**.

**211. Parish Councillors’ Reports -**

1. DAPTC – Cllr Hindmarch attended the AGM motions agreed would be circulated by the Clerk. There had been no other meetings.

2. Homewatch – next meeting 4th December 2.30pm.

3. Report on Town and Parish Council meeting held at Horton Village Hall- Cllr Mrs Goringe reported that a number of workshops had been held. The idea was to work together with Parish and Town Councils to formulate an agreement of future working based on joint values and what we want for our Parishes. They are keen to develop a successful partnership. The findings will be circulated and will be followed with a survey, data analysis will be shared. A follow up meeting will be held in January/February.

4. Report on Climate Change meeting held on 19th November – The Clerk reported briefly but will follow up with a written report. Cllr B Goringe, Cllr Mrs M Goringe and Cllr Mrs U Lucas also attended. Various things were suggested but the first step will be to assess the Carbon footprint of the Council followed by the area.

Cllr B Goringe had already contacted the Carbon Neutral body for guidance concerning the hall and is awaiting a meeting. This was discussed it was noted that this needs global action.

The Clerk was asked to resend the email to Mr Garrity re trees, copying in Cllr Goringe.

**212.**  **Policies of the Council –** Members reviewed a draft policy circulated with the agenda based on the duly adopted Tree Policy of Dorset Council. This was discussed. It was agreed to adopt the policy on provision that each case would be judged on its own merits and professional advice sought where necessary. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To adopt the policy as presented on the provision that each case would be

judged on its own merits and professional advice sought where necessary.

**213. Dorset Council Member Report:** Cllr Goringe reported. A copy of the report will be circulated to

Members and a copy retained with the Minutes as appendix D in the Minute Book

**214. Amenities:**

i)Dog warden report noted. The Clerk asked whether it was the Council’s intention to continue with the

service after 31st March 2020. Members confirmed that that was their intention.

ii) Other amenity matters – nothing to report.

**215. Future meetings of the Parish Council** – It is the intention of the Council to change the meeting venue to the Youth Club once tables and chairs have been sourced. Currently the VH is booked until June 2020 as Youth Club meet on Wednesdays and due to leader availability there is no flexibility on the Club changing from a Wednesday. This means that the Council will need to change to a Tuesday night. This was discussed. It was agreed to meet on a Tuesday evening once furniture is sorted out.

**216. Braeside Bowling Club –** Members considered a retrospective request to erect a rain shelter in the compound. This was discussed. The Clerk was instructed to respond that whilst there is no objection in principle we would prefer to be asked first in future. Any structure must be kept below the height of the hedge and comply with health and safety and any other legislation.

**217. Exchange of information**:

1. Next meeting to be held on 29th January 2020.

2. Cllr Davies reported a number of Hanson lorries using Woolsbridge Road which breaches the weight limit. After discussion it was thought that this might be as a result of the road resurfacing work in Cedar Avenue and Heath Road. This will be monitored.

3. Cllr J W Parker asked for uptodate information on planning policies. Cllr Davies offered to circulate his papers.

Meeting ended at 8.10pm

Chairman