**ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL**

Meeting of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Wednesday 25th November 2020 at 7pm

Held virtually on Zoom

Present: Cllr A Davies, Chairman

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| Cllr R Bryan  Cllr M Dyer  Cllr B Goringe  Cllr JW Parker | Cllr Mrs M Goringe  Cllr N Hindmarch  Cllr Mrs K Neale Cllr Mrs U Lucas | Cllr Mrs S Marshall  Cllr K Gawler |  |

**In attendance**: Mr Jonathan Ross, Clerk to the Council.

**187. Public Open Forum**: One member of the public attended the meeting and briefly spoke about the need for a pedestrian crossing close to the main entrance of Moors Valley Country Park.

**188. Interests -** Pecuniary: None declared.

**189.** **Apologies** for absence were received and accepted from Cllr JB Parker and Cllr Mrs B Waugh.

**190. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 28th October 2020 -** Members approved and adopted the minutes of this meeting as a true and accurate record, agreed unanimously. Proposed by Cllr K Gawler, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Marshall.

**RESOLVED: To adopt the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 28th October 2020.**

**191. Matters Arising:**

1. The Speed Indicator Device (SID) has now been received. Once the support post is installed at Ashley Cottages Dorset Council officers will commission the system and carry out training.
2. The Fire Alarm installation works are due to start on 21st December 2020 and are planned to take 2 days to complete.

**192. Correspondence noted**:

1. A resident (in attendance at the meeting) contacted the Council to complain about the condition of the Castleman Trailway in the section leading from Horton Road towards Ringwood. They said it is extremely muddy and their children have fallen off their bikes in the mud. The Clerk has contacted the senior ranger at Dorset Council requesting that this issue is looked at. Cllr R Bryan asked the resident to write to him and he will discuss it with the Green Spaces team.
2. The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has requested members attention is drawn to A Public Consultation on Standards in Public Life. The link for the consultation document is available [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/standards-matter-2-public-consultation-and-public-sector-survey) or at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/standards-matter-2-public-consultation-and-public-sector-survey>
3. Thanks has been received from CAB New Forest for the grant of £1000.

**193. Previous request for Pedestrian Crossing on Horton Road near to Moors Valley Country Park Entrance –** The Clerk explained that the Parish Council had previously supported a request for a pedestrian crossing close to the entrance to Moors Valley Country Park 2 years ago. Advice provided by Dorset County Council at that time was that there was insufficient footfall in that area to justify a crossing. It has since been established that a full traffic survey was not carried out at that time and that the advice was based on traffic measurements taken further down the Horton Road. Cllr Bryan is to discuss this with the ITS Team Maintenance Manager at Dorset Council and report back with recommendations to the next Full Council meeting on 27th January 2021.

**194. Finance:**

1. Members reviewed and approved the schedule of payments for November. A copy of which appears as Appendix A with these Minutes in the Minute Book. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Marshall, seconded by Cllr Mrs M Goringe. Agreed.

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

2. Members reviewed and approved the bank reconciliation for end of October. A copy of which appears as Appendix B with these Minutes in the Minute Book. Proposed by Cllr K Gawler, seconded by Cllr Mrs K Neale. Agreed.

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

**195. Precept 2021/2022** **–** Members reviewed the budget vs expenditure figures to date. It was agreed in principal to increase the precept by 3% over last year. This decision is subject to ratification at Full Council on 27th January 2021. Members agreed in principle to submit a precept demand of £97,658. Agreed unanimously. Proposed by Cllr N Hindmarch, seconded by Cllr R Bryan.

**RESOLVED:** **It was** **approved in principal to increase the precept by 3% over last year subject to ratification at Full Council on 27th January 2021. Members agreed in principal to submit a precept demand of £97,658 subject to ratification at Full Council on 27th January 2021.**

**196. 2021 Census Update -** Members received a briefing on next year’s Census by Cllr Gawler. He explained that it will be the first Census that will be conducted online. The government will advertise and promote it and the Parish Council can assist with this. Cllr Gawler and the Clerk will work together to promote this over the coming months.

**197. Clerk’s Report –** Members received a report from the Clerk on the virtual meeting options available to avoid a recurrence of the unpleasant issues experienced at the recent planning committee. Discussion took place on the options available and whether MS Teams should be adopted as the platform for virtual meetings instead of Zoom. In addition, the security of using Zoom was questioned and concerns were raised that it may not be suitable for parish meetings. The Clerk was tasked with investigating the requirements and cost of using MS Teams and to liaise with Cllr Mrs K Neale over training.

**198. Planning meetings –** Members resolved to adopt the approved minutes of the following meetings: 5th November 2020 Proposed by Cllr J Parker and seconded by Cllr Mrs K Neale. Agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED: To adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee for 5th November 2020**

**199. Parish Councillors’ Reports - To receive reports from Parish Councillors**

**including: -**

1. DAPTC – The Chairman attended the AGM on 14th November 2020. This was a virtual meeting with over 80 attendees.

2. Members were advised that the Speedwatch campaign is suspended until 15th January 2021.

3. The Chairman raised the issue of leaf litter on the pavements and roads. The Clerk said that DWP have confirmed that they are in the process of removing leaves, but the work is extensive and will take time.

**200. Report from Dorset Council Members –** Copies of reports from Cllr B Goringe and Cllr R Bryan had been circulated prior to the meeting and were noted. Copies appear as Appendices C and D, respectively.

**201. Amenities:**

1.Dog warden report – nothing unusual to report from the inspections.

2. The Clerk reported back following his tasking to look at initiatives on how to deal with the increasing number of people not picking up after their dog. He has carried out the following:

1. Conducted a Facebook campaign to obtain feedback and ideas on how to address dog fouling.
2. Purchased sticky signs to be placed around the parish on lampposts.
3. Arranged to meet with DWP to identify possible new bin locations, discussing whether the current bins in the correct place and would larger bins be more effective.
4. Arranged to meet with Dorset Council Rangers and the Dorset Dogs team to discuss new ideas, initiatives and options.

The Clerk will report back to the next meeting with recommendations.

3. Other amenity matters – nothing to report

4. Play Park Refurbishment Project – The Clerk gave members an update on progress. Actions so far:

1. Expressions of interest sent out to framework companies. Six companies have indicated an interest.
2. Drawings prepared by Clerk and sent to interested companies to prepare outline designs for discussion.
3. Feasibility discussions held with several companies.
4. Consultation work in progress. A consultation document has been prepared and shared with school groups, scouts and guides groups and parents and guardians. Feedback and comments have been requested in magazine articles and on Facebook.
5. Several grants have been applied for.

**202. Exchange of information**:

1. Next meeting to be held on 27th January 2021.

2. Members discussed receiving a magazine through the post addressed directly to them as Councillors, to their home address. A concern was raised that personal addresses were openly available on the website.

3. Cllr Mrs S Marshall raised the issue of fly tipping in the local area.

4. Cllr Mrs S Marshall raised concern at people continuing to park in the Glade where the vehicles are causing disruption and a hazard. The Clerk confirmed that photo evidence is being captured and will be shared with DC highways officers to aid them in their assessment of potential TROs. Cllr Bryan said he will discuss this with DC officers. He also said that motorists who have been identified as moving traffic cones in order to park may be subject to enforcement action.

**Meeting closed at 20.52pm**

**Chairman**