St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council

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Temporary Cessation of Parish Council Meetings

Since the beginning of the Covid 19 pandemic the Parish Council has not been permitted to meet face to face to for its Full Parish Council meetings. Instead, government legislation allowed the Parish Council to meet virtually and make lawful decisions.

This legislation ended on 6th May 2021 and has not been extended by the government. As a result, the Parish Council is not able to meet virtually and make lawful decisions. The Parish Council has decided it does not feel safe returning to face to face meetings at the moment. It has therefore approved the Clerk having emergency delegated powers to make decisions on behalf of the Parish Council. This is part of a phased approach in returning to face-to-face meetings.

This means in the short term there will be no further official Full Parish Council meetings. The situation will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

Parish Councillors will discuss business topics at a Parish Council Discussion Group and make recommendations on those topics to the Clerk. The Clerk will then make the necessary lawful decisions in line with their delegated powers.

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Jonathan Ross, Parish Clerk

<u>Parish Council Discussion Group to be held on Wednesday 23rd June 2021 at 7pm to discuss the following list of topics.</u>

The meeting will be held virtually on Zoom.

1. Correspondence to note:

Letter from Lord Lieutenant of Dorset encouraging Parish Council's to be involved in the 'Queens Green Canopy' challenge.

2. To review the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Full Council which took place on 5th May 2021.

3. Finance:

- 1. To review and approve the schedule of payments for May 2021.
- 2. To review and approve the bank reconciliation for end of June 2021.



- 4. Climate Change Members to discuss climate change issues.
- 5. **Clerk's Report** To receive a report to update Members in relation to:
 - a) Asbestos Survey
 - b) Legionella Survey
 - c) Youth Club
- 6. Parish Councillors' Reports -To receive reports from recent meetings.
- 7. Report from Dorset Council Members
- 8. Amenities:
 - 1. To receive recent local amenity matters.
 - 2. Play Park Refurbishment Project Clerk to update Members on progress.
 - 3. New dog warden appointed
- 9. **Resumption of Face-to-Face Meetings**: To discuss the return to face-to-face meetings.
- **10. Adoption of the new LGA Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020.** To discuss the adoption of the new model Code of Conduct.
- 11. **Improvements to Parish Office**: The Clerk to present a report on proposed safety and security improvements to the Parish Office.
- 12. Exchange of information: Next meeting date to be confirmed.