

St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council

The Parish Office

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Telephone: 01425 482727 email: office@stleonardspc.org.ukwww.stleonardspc.org.uk7th October 2021**To: All Members of the Parish Council****Dear Councillor****MEETING OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL**

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to be held in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards on **Monday 18th October 2021 at 7.30pm** to transact the business as listed on the agenda below: -

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Mr Jonathan Ross, Clerk to Council

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Members will consider potential impact on Climate change on all decisions and if necessary, refer for further guidance.

AGENDA

Public Open Forum immediately after the above items for 5-10 minutes - An opportunity for Members of the Public to ask questions of the Council. Members of the Public are reminded that they must not interrupt the meeting when this item has ended. Please note that the meeting must resume promptly to ensure the conclusion of business. A copy of the public speaking policy is available on our website or from the Clerk.

1. Pecuniary Interests: Members are required to declare any Pecuniary Interests which have not already been included on their Register of Interests form. To consider any written requests for a Grant of Dispensation for items on the agenda.

(Members are respectfully reminded that standing order 13(b) requires a Member with a disclosable interest in an item to withdraw from a meeting for that item.)

2. Apologies: To receive Apologies for absence

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th May 2021 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 18th August 2021 - To approve and adopt the minutes of these meetings.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

5. Correspondence to be noted:

1. Dorset Council are promoting a Rights of Way Improvement Plan Consultation which is aimed at helping DC prioritise its actions in developing and improving the network of Dorset pathways in the future. This is the link for the

consultation <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/rights-of-way-consultation> .

The clerk will advertise this on the parish website and on social media.

2. **Remembrance Day Parade.** All Saints church have invited the Chairman and members to the Remembrance Service at All Saints Church on Sunday 14th November and to lay a wreath. The service will start at 10.45am and should finish about 11.45am. If anyone who has not been before would like to see what happens, there will be a rehearsal for flag bearers in church at 09.30am on Saturday, 13th.

The church has requested an indication of numbers by 5th November. Members interested in attending please let the clerk know by end of October.

Thursday 11th November, there will be a normal Holy Communion service at 10am with an Act of remembrance being held at 11am. Members and residents are more than welcome to attend.

The Clerk has ordered two wreaths for the Chairman to lay on both days.

6. Finance:

1. Internal Audit

1.1 To receive the report from the Internal Auditor, Fair Account for the half year to 30th September 2021.

1.2 Review the effectiveness of the Internal Audit – Members to consider the report and if minded resolve that the system of Internal Audit is effective and meeting the standards required under the current Account and Audit Regulations

2. Payment Schedules

2.1 To retrospectively approve the list of payments for April to August 2021 inclusive.

2.2 To receive and if minded approve the list of payments for September 2021

3. Bank Reconciliations

3.1 To retrospectively approve the bank reconciliations from April 2021 to August 2021.

3.2 To approve the bank reconciliation for end September 2021

3.3 Verification of accounts – Cllr Mrs Marshall verified bank statements with the bank reconciliation for 18th August 2021, all was in order.

4. **Budget Vs Expenditure** – Members to receive the budget Vs expenditure figures for the end of the second quarter.

5. Grants for Outside Bodies

Members to note - Grants for the current year have been paid under the delegated powers of the Clerk under Section 101 of the local Government Act 1972 in accordance with the Council sanctioned precept document approved on 27th January 2021.

Members to agree the payments to be included within the precept for 2022/2023 for the following outside bodies: -

See attached report on Grants and Donations for precept 2022/2023

Greyfriars

Citizens Advice Bureaux – Purbeck and Wimborne and New Forest

Youth Club
Age Concern
RBL wreaths
Ex Services Club Remembrance Day event

Village Hall Grant for 2022/2023

To receive and discuss the grant application from the Village Hall Management Committee for 2022/2023. If minded approving the application. A sum of £10,000 has been requested.

6. Precept for 2022/2023 –

A discussion document for the precept for 2022/2023 has been circulated to Members and if minded to receive input from Members not attending due to COVID risk. Members to direct Clerk accordingly. Members to note that the precept demand can only be sanctioned by full Council it cannot be delegated, the deadline for approval is the last working day of January each year. Members may wish to consider approving the precept with a clause that the Clerk will submit the demand as recommended this evening by the deadline of 31st Jan 2022 provided nothing exceptional occurs subsequently between now and the end of January 2022.

7. Allied Irish Bank (AIB) Withdrawal of Banking Products in Great Britain

We have received notification that AIB intend to withdraw all banking products and services to commercial business customers in Great Britain. All accounts will be closed by 31st December 2021. The Parish Council will therefore have to transfer its funds held in AIB by 31st December 2021. It is proposed that we close the AIB account now and transfer funds to our Lloyds Bank and Santander Bank accounts ensuring that we remain under the £85k threshold set by the FSCS.

7. Clerks Report

1. SID Damage and repair

Whilst the SID was in position outside Ashley Cottages on the Verwood Road it was broken into and the battery stolen. The metal banding securing the battery housing was cut and the padlock bracket snapped off. It has been reported to the police. A new metal banding strap has been purchased and the spare battery installed and secured. Operationally the SID still functions and it has been reinstalled on Woolsbridge Road. Another spare battery is now required at £55. There is a risk that the unit is broken into again and the battery stolen. If this happens then the viability of continuing to operate the SID will need to be discussed. The clerk is in discussion with the Dorset Council SID team to see if additional security measures can be taken.

2. Dog Bin theft, damage and repair

During a recent inspection of copse areas it was found that the dog waste bin at Jubilee Copse has been stolen. In addition, the dog waste bin opposite the post office on the Ringwood Road Service Road has the lid broken off due to rust. Both bins need replacing.

The proposal is to replace the Jubilee Copse bin with the dog waste bin from Braeside Copse and the bin opposite the post office with the bin from outside the parish office.

It is then proposed to install much larger dog waste bins fixed to posts at Braeside Copse and outside the parish office. DWP will supply the larger bins but ask that we pay for the posts and their installation. The cost for two posts plus installation is £500.

In addition, the dog waste bin on the pathway between Bracken Close and St Leonards Way suffers from very heavy usage and will often be full to overflowing when it is emptied. It is proposed that a new larger bin and post be installed here at a cost of £250. The existing bin can then be saved for reuse.

8. Brief Reports from Dorset Council Members

9. Parish Councillors' Reports -To receive reports from Parish Councillors

10. Amenities:

1. Dog warden report. Nothing to report.
2. Playpark. Since the opening of the new playpark an issue has arisen concerning the gravel under the zip wire. The gravel was kept under the zip wire as it was considered a suitable and safe surface for it and replacing it would have increased the cost of the playpark works. On several occasions children have taken gravel and spread it across the new rubber surfacing. This has the potential to damage the new surface and creates a slip hazard. This slip hazard has been commented on in the monthly asset inspections. A short-term solution is that the grounds maintenance contractor visits regularly, using his blower to clear the gravel.

The clerk will report on a proposed long-term solution.

11. Road Name Decision

A new road has been created as part of the new Industrial Estate on the Horton Road. The new road has to be named and the Parish Council has been approached to choose the most suitable road name from either 'Barn Close' or 'Farm Close'. Both names reflecting the areas previous use as a farm.

12. Climate Change. To discuss recent climate change issues.

13. Exchange of information: Next meeting date to be confirmed.