

**ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL**

Meeting of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7pm  
Held in the Russell Room, Village Hall

Present: Cllr J B Parker, Chair

Cllr A Davies

Cllr M Dyer (left at 7.52pm)

Cllr K Gawler

Cllr B Goringe

Cllr M Goringe

Cllr J W Parker

**In attendance:** Mrs Ann Jacobs, Assistant to the Clerk.

**Public Open Forum:** No public attended the meeting.

**36. Pecuniary Interests:** No pecuniary interests were declared.

**37. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr B Waugh; Cllr N Hindmarch; Cllr U Lucas; Cllr R Bryan; Cllr C Johnson and Cllr S Marshall. Members voted to accept apologies from those Councillors listed. Proposed by Cllr B Goringe, Seconded by Cllr J W Parker. This was agreed unanimously.

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

**38. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 -** The Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr J W Parker, seconded by Cllr A Davies. This was agreed, Cllr B Goringe and Cllr M Goringe abstained as they had not been present.

**RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 pages 1,5, were adopted.**

**39. Matters Arising:**

- Min. 20 VHMC grant paid
- Min. 21 & 22 AGAR – despatched to Auditors receipt received awaiting response. Due to Play Park spend an Intermediate Audit is required.
- Min. 22 Insurance renewed.

**40. Correspondence noted:**

- Homewatch Street Corner Meeting at Victory Oak 16/07/22 12-2pm. Cllr Davies; Cllr J W Parker; Cllr B Goringe; Cllr M Goringe and Cllr M Dyer indicated that they intend to attend the event.

**41. Finance:**

**1. Payment Schedules -** Members reviewed and approved the schedule of payments for May (revised) and June 2022 . Copies of the schedules appear as Appendix A to these Minutes in the Minute Book. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr J W Parker. This was agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED: To approve the schedule of payments for May 2022 (revised) and June 2022.**

**2. Bank Reconciliation:** Members reviewed and approved the bank reconciliation for end of May 2022. A copy of the reconciliations appears as Appendix B to these Minutes in the Minute Book. Proposed by Cllr K Gawler, seconded by Cllr A Davies. This was agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED: To approve the bank reconciliation for end of May 2022.**

- 42. Allotments:** The Assistant Clerk gave a brief verbal report on a recent request for an allotment from a resident of one of the numerous mobile homes. It is currently Council policy to direct applicants to Kingston Lacey which will continue as the only option at present. The Assistant Clerk gave a brief overview of past attempts to meet demand.

Members discussed future provision and a number of suggestions were made these included using CIL money to purchase land in the Parish ideally agricultural land would be needed. Braeside Glade was suggested as a potential site if it would be big enough and the land suitable. Contact with the Somerley Estate was another option as the land at the end of the trailway is currently being leased by Highways during the work on the A31 from the Estate. Dorset Councillors present were asked if Allotments could be considered under a S106 type agreement whenever any new large development proposal was considered for the area. More information on each was required to consider the suggestions formally.

**43. Clerks Report:**

1. Works to Playpark: The aerial runway has now been resurfaced with a rubberised surface and landscaping has been finished. Grass seed has been applied as there is no water source available. Work appears to be complete.
2. Update on Rialtis accounts software – training undertaken, catch up of 3 months underway. April and May are complete.

**44. Brief Reports from Dorset Council Members:**

Cllr B Goringe circulated his report prior to the meeting a copy appears as Appendix C. Cllr R Bryan was attending the LGA Conference in Harrogate so was unavailable.

**45. Parish Councillors' Reports -**

- Cllr A Davies reported on his attendance at the Jubilee Day Celebrations organised by the VHMC. Cllr A Davies congratulated the VHMC for all their hard work which had resulted in a very successful event thoroughly enjoyed by the whole community and brought them together. Members concurred. Cllr M Goringe thanked the Council for the grant money which had enabled them to book better acts which resulted in a better attendance. The success of the event far exceeded their expectations and had also raised awareness of the facilities available in the Parish. The bottles provided by the Council had also been received well. The VHMC hoped to hold a community day event again in the future.
- 7.52pm Cllr Dyer left to attend the Verwood Council meeting as Dorset Councillor for the area.
- Chair, Cllr J B Parker: Dorset Council meeting with Parishes 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 with DC Councillor Cllr D Walsh - Summary of the meeting attended by the Chair:  
There appeared to be a slightly hostile atmosphere for DC Officers and some present seemed unwilling to listen to the issues and pressures that Officers were under. In 2021 Dorset was in the top 2% for the number of planning applications received in the Country. There has been a great deal of change in the Planning Department resulting in a lot of excess work. The new planning portal has resulted in 5.5 million documents having to be transferred to the new system, covering 47 years of history. Nationally there is a recruitment challenge for recruiting new staff as there is a labour shortage. Communication appears to be a big issue since the loss of the East Dorset tier, we do not always get feedback or reasons for applications being granted or declined contrary to our consultation response. Cllr Parker had emphasised that the Parishes won't get better if they do not get the explanations. Even our own DC

Councillors are not informed when an application is decided under delegated powers. Cllr Walsh explained that the meeting was a first step towards improving the relationship between the LPA and Parishes and Towns. The need for feedback was stressed. Mr M Piles appeared to take this on board.

Cllr Goringe responded that there are now only three officers remaining in the LPA from our EDDC area the rest are new or Contractors who do not know the area. Cllr B Goringe suggested that the Parish writes directly to Mr Piles in these situations. Enforcement was also an issue.

Neighbour hood Plans: 51 are now approved a DC Officer, Hilary Jordan, is available to advise Parishes if interested in progressing. Cllr J B Parker said that the balance of cost in both money and effort, needs to be weighed against the benefit.

#### **46. Amenities:**

1. A complaint has been received about the condition of Spinney Copse, relating to fly tipping of garden debris and encroachment of paths. The email has been acknowledged. This will be discussed with the Lengthsman and Clerk on his return. Members suggested that some form of physical demarcation might be required.
2. Cllr Davies reported that the bin on Horton Road, under the tree adjacent to the bench needs resetting. The new dog bins are working well at the site but the red bin in the corner access point close to St Ives Park is overflowing and may have been forgotten. To be raised with DWP. Noted.

**47. Climate Change:** Cllr R Bryan will update the Parish at the next meeting. Dorset Council are producing guidance for Parishes as to how they can make improvements.

#### **48. Exchange of information:**

1. Next meeting date is 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022
2. Cllr K Gawler – Resurfacing work signs seem to indicate that the residents will be land locked. The signs are vague.
3. Cllr J B Parker reported that a number of sites of woodland are now up for auction, the one at the start of Matchams Close has recently been bought by a nearby resident. As has the site one lower down the access road.
4. A resident has reported that the 38 bus is to cease. This will be queried.
5. Cllr Davies reported that the hedge along the boundary of 74 Woolsbridge Road is collapsing into the pavement and needs tidying up, and asked if the Lengthsman could do this.
6. Cllr J W Parker reported that he had written to the developer of 74 Woolsbridge Road concerning the pavement boundary and the general condition of the site which was becoming a dumping ground for miscellaneous building materials.

**Meeting closed at 8.23pm**

**Chair**