

**St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council  
Planning Committee Meeting  
Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 6pm  
Held in the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards**

Members present: – Cllr JW Parker - Chair, Cllr N Hindmarch, Cllr A Davies, Cllr JB Parker, Cllr C Johnson, Cllr S Marshall

**In attendance:** Mr Jonathan Ross, Parish Clerk.

**Public Speaking.** Several members of the public attended and addressed the committee with their concerns on the 184 Ringwood Road planning application. They felt that the amendments to the plans did not address any of the original concerns. It was reiterated that the proposed access/egress so close to the slip road and the petrol station would create a significant danger to road users and pedestrians. In addition, they felt there was insufficient parking for the proposed 15 flats even though the number of parking spaces met with Dorset Councils parking policy.

**102. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:** None

**103. Apologies for absence:** Cllr B Waugh, Cllr K Gawler, Cllr R Bryan.

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

**104. Planning Applications:**

**184 Ringwood Road, 3/21/1115/FUL, demolish existing residential buildings and erect block of 15 apartments with parking, bin and cycle stores (amended application).**

**Parish Council's response:**

The PC doesn't believe any of the changes to the original application make any difference at all to its acceptability.

Therefore, the PC's original objection still stands.

It wishes to remind DC that the main concerns are the significant danger the access/egress to the flats will bring to road users and pedestrians. The closeness to the petrol station and its location in the slip road and by the turning into Garden Lane will present an extremely dangerous stretch of road. Vehicles travelling at 50mph on the A31 arterial road, which can get extremely busy, will come in to contact with vehicles turning into and out of Garden Lane, the flats and the petrol station all within the space of a few metres. It is a concern to the PC that there is a disparity between the National Highways comments and DC highways comments.

What is of great concern is the lack of parking for the flats. 15 spaces for 15 flats may fulfil DC's parking policy quota but there is likely to be considerably more cars than that. There is nowhere for them to park other than Woolsbridge Road – which will increase the danger of collision with vehicles exiting the A31 at speed. Garden Lane has no on street parking.

**105. Exchange of Information:**

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 provided sufficient business.

Meeting closed at 6.40pm

**Chair**