

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council
Minutes of the Meeting Held in the Village Hall, Braeside Road,
on Wednesday 29th March 2023 at 7pm

Present: Cllr JB Parker, Chair

Cllr N Hindmarch	Cllr A Davies	Cllr S Marshall	Cllr R Bryan
Cllr B Goringe	Cllr M Goringe	Cllr JW Parker	Cllr B Waugh
Cllr C Johnson	Cllr K Gawler		

In attendance: Mr. Jonathan Ross, Parish Clerk

Public Open Forum:

A member of the public attended the meeting in relation to the item on Dogs on Braeside Park. They didn't address the committee.

234. Pecuniary Interests: No pecuniary interests were declared.

235. Apologies: Apologies were received from: Cllr U Lucas and Cllr M Dyer.

Members voted to accept apologies from those councillors listed. Proposed by Cllr M Goringe, seconded by Cllr B Goringe. Agreed.

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

236. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd February 2023. The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr B Goringe. Agreed.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd February 2023 were adopted.

237. Matters arising from the minutes:

237.1. Proposal to Install a Second Defibrillator. The Clerk informed members that he has obtained some outline costs for a new defibrillator but was waiting for further information from Dorset Council on possible assistance with funding. Members supported his suggestion that this item is added to the CIL project list.

237.2. Support Grant for Ukrainian Families Hosted in St Leonards and St Ives Parish. Members approved a £400 one off grant for the families hosted in this parish. The grant is to be passed to a local Ukrainian support charity based in Ringwood so that it may be administered in the most effective way. Proposed by Cllr M Goringe, seconded by Cllr B Waugh. Agreed.

RESOLVED: Members supported a grant of £400 for those Ukrainian families being hosted in the parish area. The grant is to be administered by a local Ukrainian support group based in Ringwood.

237.3. Tree Surgery Works. The Clerk informed members that the preferred contractor chosen to carry out the works is considered acceptable by the

Dorset Council tree team. The contract has been awarded and work commences on 10th April 2023.

237.4. Grant for Village Hall Batteries. The Clerk and Cllr B Goringe have had discussions with DC technical officers on how best to proceed with this project. As a result, we are applying for an export MPAN and a Smart Export Guarantee to sell energy back to the grid. This will also identify how much power is being generated by the solar panels.

237.5. Proposal to Disband the System of Warding in the Parish. The Clerk updated members on his conversation with the elections team leader at DC. Their guidance was that as a resident can be elected to a position on the PC and live up to 3 miles away then removing warding would not improve the chances of attracting more candidates to be elected. It was also explained that if a by-election took place, then only those residents in the ward concerned could vote as opposed to all residents in the parish. As the PC funds by-elections then it would be cheaper to keep the wards.

238. Correspondence to be noted:

238.1. An email has been received from a resident requesting that Braeside Road be redesignated as a no-through road. Members did not support this request. They did support investigation into whether the speed limit should be reduced to 20mph. Members expressed some concerns regarding the safety of access to the village hall and to Braeside Rec and the childrens playpark. The Clerk is tasked with contacting the DC Road Safety Officer to discuss. Proposed by Cllr M Goringe, seconded by Cllr S Marshall. Agreed. Cllr R Bryan abstained.

RESOLVED: Members did not support the request to redesignate Braeside Road as a no-through road. They tasked the Clerk with investigating whether a 20mph speed limit could be introduced.

238.2. An email has been received requesting a pedestrian crossing and pavement near the footpath exit adjacent to the speed camera on Horton Road. Members were made aware that a request of this nature had been previously refused by DC as it didn't satisfy the criteria for a crossing in that location. For this reason, members did not support the request. They did support the Clerk investigating the feasibility of creating additional pavements in the area. The Clerk is to contact the DC Road Safety officer to discuss. Proposed by Cllr M Goringe, seconded by Cllr S Marshall. Agreed. Cllr R Bryan abstained.

RESOLVED: Members did not support the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Horton Road near to the speed camera. They tasked the Clerk with investigating whether improvements to the pavement provision in that area could be made.

238.3. An email has been received requesting a pavement be installed on Hurn Road which would link to the pavement at Warren Close. Members were understanding of the fact that there is not much pavement provision in that area, but they did not support the request. They considered it would not provide best value for money due to the extreme cost of it and the amount of work involved. They did task the Clerk with investigating whether any overhanging

foliage or vegetation could be trimmed back to give more space to pedestrians on the verge. Proposed by Cllr K Gawler, seconded by Cllr JW Parker. Agreed. Cllr R Bryan abstained.

RESOLVED: Members did not support the request for a pavement to be installed along Hurn Road where it approaches Warren Close. It tasked the Clerk with investigating whether any overgrowing foliage could be cut back to give pedestrians more space on the verge.

238.4. A grant request has been received from the local WI to purchase an indoor set of netball posts. The cost would be in the region of £250. Members were supportive of providing the grant but had concerns over the safety of playing netball in the village hall and storage provision. It was agreed that the Clerk is to liaise with the Village Hall Manager to see if this is feasible. If the grant were used, then the posts would remain the property of the Village Hall. Proposed by Cllr M Goringe, seconded by Cllr S Marshall. Agreed.

RESOLVED: A grant not exceeding £250 is approved for the purchase of two netball posts, to remain the property of the Village Hall – subject to discussions and agreement with the Village Hall Manager. The two netball posts will be gift aided to the Village Hall.

239. Working Group – Use of Braeside Park. The Clerk informed members that the working group to discuss the use of Braeside Park went well and was extremely positive. A report summarising the meeting had been sent to members prior to the meeting. Members supported its findings and recommendations, subject to legal advice. A code of conduct is to be prepared. This will guide users of the park on how to act and respect others using the park. The code of conduct will be advertised on signage, to be situated at all three entrances to the park. Next steps are that the wording of the code of conduct and the design of the signage are to be approved by the working group. When complete, legal advice will be sought from Dorset Council on its content. Following approval, a plan of action to advertise in magazines, social media, on noticeboards and online will be put into action. Proposed by Cllr K Gawler, seconded by Cllr C Johnson. Agreed.
RESOLVED: A code of conduct for the use of Braeside Park and a design for advertising signage is to be prepared. The working group is to approve both and legal advice sought on their contents. Once approved, the Clerk to organise fabrication of the signage and installation. The Clerk is to advertise as detailed.

240. Bus Services to this Parish. Several councillors have raised the issue of poor bus provision to this parish. Members discussed how this could be resolved. It was recommended that The Head of Dorset Travel at Dorset Council be approached and asked if they will meet with parish councillors and the DC Portfolio holder for highways, travel and environment, Cllr R Bryan. This item to be brought back to a subsequent parish meeting to update members on progress.

241. Finance:

241.1. Payment Schedules. Members reviewed and approved the schedule of payments for March 2023. A copy of the schedule appears at Appendix A

to these minutes in the minute book. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr B Goringe. Agreed.

RESOLVED: The schedule of payments for March 2023 was approved.

241.2. Bank Reconciliations. Members reviewed and approved the bank reconciliation for February 2023. A copy of the reconciliation appears as Appendix B to these minutes in the minute book. Proposed by Cllr S Marshall, seconded by Cllr K Gawler. Agreed.

RESOLVED. The bank reconciliation for February 2023 was approved.

242. Clerks Report:

242.1. Update on the Recruitment of a New Assistant Parish Clerk. The Clerk informed members that the recruitment process had been a great success. A new Assistant Parish Clerk had been chosen and they will start in May 2023.

242.2. Purple Haze Planning Application. The Purple Haze planning application concerns the extraction of gravel from an area of Moors Valley which is in the Hampshire County Council area of responsibility. The PC has objected to it as it believes it has a detrimental effect on this parish. An amended application recently submitted appears to directly impact on an area of Moors Valley near Horton Road at a site known as Jacks Garden, opposite the speed camera. This sits within this parish. Members approved the Clerk to liaise with Cllr M Dyer to produce a written response to the application on behalf of the Parish Council.

242.3. Gate on Playpark. The Clerk informed members that the closing mechanism on one of the yellow gates has failed and needs replacing. To conform to playpark standards the gate must close in a set time. It was failing to do this. As a result, the gate was removed several weeks ago. Unfortunately, it is not possible to repair the old gate. A new gate is to be purchased at a price of £778.59+VAT.

242.4. Works to the Scout Area. The Clerk briefed members on proposed works to the scouts outside area that will permit the nursery to use an area behind the scout hut. This area is considered more suitable for noise control and gives direct access to the playpark. It will also allow the current area to be tidied up of all the nursery's play equipment.

242.5. Boundary Lane Vehicle Monitoring. The Clerk informed members that vehicle monitoring of Boundary Lane had been undertaken in October 2022 by Dorset Council. The results indicated that no further action was to be taken. The Clerk has informed the resident who had requested the monitoring.

242.6. Signs at the Entrance to the Village Hall Complex. The Clerk briefed members on a request received from the Tennis Club and the nursery for additional signage to be added to the entrance of the site. Members did not support the addition of two new signs as requested. They resolved to support only having one sign advertising the Bowls Club, Tennis Club and Nursery. Proposed by Cllr B Goringe, seconded by Cllr B Waugh. Agreed.

RESOLVED: No further signage to be permitted at the entrance to the site. In future only one sign is to remain, and this is to be split into three horizontally to advertise the Bowls Club, Tennis Club and Nursery.

243. Brief Reports from Dorset Council Members. Members received a joint report on Dorset Council business from Cllr B Goringe. A copy of which can be found at Appendix C in the minute book.

244. Community Day – Litter Picking. Discussion on this was deferred to the next full council meeting on 26th April 2023.

245. Parish Councillor Reports.

Cllr A Davies briefed members on a recent DAPTC meeting he attended. The topics of that meeting were.

- How to improve attendance at meetings.
- Election processes at the 2024 elections.
- Do Councillors receive DAPTC e-news emails. The Clerk to add all Councillors to the distribution list held by DAPTC.
- Do Councillors receive webinar and briefing details from DAPTC. These should be included in the e-news bulletins. The Clerk to ensure all Councillors receive these in future.
- Feedback received on the ‘working together’ initiative and moves to create some form of charter between DAPTC and Dorset Council.

246. Amenities.

Replacement Jubilee Tree. The Clerk informed members that he has received guidance of when to plant a new tree. It has been decided to plant a replacement tree in the Autumn of 2023.

247. Climate Change. No matters were discussed.

248. Exchange of Information. Next meeting date is Wednesday 26th April 2023.