

ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held in the Russell Room, Village Hall, Braeside Road,
on Wednesday 26th July 2023 at 7pm

Present: Cllr B Goringe, Chair

Cllr A Davies

Cllr JB Parker

Cllr K Gawler

Cllr C Johnson

Cllr R Bryan

Cllr M Goringe

Cllr B Waugh

Cllr S Marshall

Cllr M Dyer

In attendance: Mr. Jonathan Ross, Parish Clerk

Public Open Forum. Three members of the public attended and spoke about their concerns for road safety on Braeside Road. Their concern is the excessive speed of some vehicles. They considered that most of these vehicles use Braeside Road as a rat run from the A31 and the majority are thought not to be local residents. They requested that some form of traffic calming is introduced or that the speed limit is reduced from 30mph to 20mph.

66. Pecuniary Interests: No pecuniary interests were declared.

67. Apologies: Apologies were received from: Cllr N Hindmarch and Cllr JW Parker. Members voted to accept apologies from the councillors listed. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr K Gawler. Agreed.

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

68. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th June 2023. The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr JB Parker, seconded by Cllr M Goringe. Agreed.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th June 2023 were adopted.

69. Matters arising from the minutes.

Update from Cllrs on meeting with the Dorset Council Road Safety Manager regarding 20mph speed limits on Braeside Road and Sandy Lane and road safety concerns on the Victory Oak estate.

Cllr Bryan informed members that he had met with the DC Road Safety Manager to discuss the various road safety concerns.

Regarding reducing the 30mph speed limit on Braeside Road to a 20mph limit. It was the opinion of the Road Safety Manager that the characteristics of the road did not meet with the criteria laid down in the DC 20mph Policy and therefore he did not support the request. There followed much debate on this. It was agreed that Cllr Bryan would have further discussions with the road safety officers and report back to the next meeting.

Further discussion took place regarding Sandy Lane and Victory Oak and is detailed at Minute 80.

70. Co-option to fill the Vacancy in the West Ward. The Clerk reported that posters had been erected advertising the vacancy on noticeboards and on the website. Two applications were received: from Mr N Reeder and Mr D Lewis. It was confirmed that both applicants declared they were qualified to apply and signed the declaration. Members voted for their preferred applicant and Mr N Reeder won a majority vote. Members approved the co-option of Mr Nigel Reeder to be a Councillor for the West Ward. Proposed by Cllr B Goringe, seconded by Cllr S Marshall, agreed, unanimous.

RESOLVED: Councillors supported the Co-option of Mr Nigel Reeder to be a Councillor for the West Ward.

NB. Cllr N Reeder read out and signed the declaration of acceptance of office form, witnessed by the Parish Clerk and he then joined the meeting.

71. Correspondence. None.

72. Future CIL Funded Projects. The Clerk informed members that he has submitted a consultation document for publication in the 'My Directory' magazine, August edition. The document asks residents to consider suitable CIL funded projects and to write to the clerk with their ideas. This document will also be posted on social media.

73. Town and Parish Council Meeting. The Clerk informed members that he attended this meeting on 19th July 2023 in Dorchester. The Clerk gave members an update on the topics discussed at the meeting, which were:

73.1. Elections in 2024. Elections will take place on 2nd May 2024. All Parish Councillors retire and need to re-stand. Further briefings will be given nearer the date.

73.2. Dorset Council Planning. DC are preparing to trial a new national planning portal. They will require assistance from town and parish councils in testing the new portal (NB The Clerk has requested he be involved in the testing program).

73.3. Climate Change Initiatives. Dorset Council are involved in a considerable number of initiatives and will be offering assistance and guidance to parish and town councils on climate change matters.

74. Amenities. None.

75. Climate Change. Discussion took place regarding Dorset Councils future initiatives and the possible assistance they can give the parish council.

76. Finance:

76.1. Payment Schedules. Members reviewed and approved the schedule of payments for June 2023. A copy of the schedule appears at Appendix A to

these minutes in the minute book. Proposed by Cllr C Johnson, seconded by Cllr K Gawler. Agreed.

RESOLVED. The schedule of payments for June 2023 was approved.

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

RESOLVED. The bank reconciliation for June 2023 was approved.

76.3. Budget Report. Members noted the new format budget report, which will now be a monthly report. The Clerk was tasked with preparing a commentary to explain the budget report each month and to highlight any variances.

77. To adopt the Approved Minutes of the Following Committee Meetings:

Members approved adoption of the Planning Committee minutes held on 15th June 2023. Proposed by Cllr K Gawler, seconded by Cllr JB Parker, agreed.

RESOLVED: To adopt the minutes of the planning meeting held on 15th June 2023.

78. Dorset Councillor Reports. A report was presented by Cllr B Goringe. It can be found at Appendix C to these minutes.

Cllr R Bryan informed members that Dorset Council has been awarded a grant from the Government to work with the Environment Agency in carrying out a study of sea defences. He also said he was meeting with hydrogen suppliers and was involved in discussions about alternative fuels.

79. Parish Councillor Reports. None.

80. Exchange of Information.

80.1. Cllr R Bryan informed members that the DC Road Safety Manager supported the PCs request for a 20mph speed limit on Sandy Lane near to the school. A survey will be required to establish the characteristics of the road and whether it meets the necessary criteria to be made a 20mph road. He also suggested carrying out a survey to assess the road safety concerns at Victory Oak. Each survey will cost £275. The Chair approved the PC funding both surveys at a total cost of £550.

80.2. Cllr R Bryan informed members that the Road Safety Manager supported the PCs request for extending the current TRO on the Ringwood Road Service Road where it meets Woolsbridge Road. The proposed TRO will now be evaluated and scored according to set criteria.

80.3. Next meeting of Full Council is on Wednesday 30th August 2023.

Meeting finished at 8.55pm

Chair