

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 27th September 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 N Reeder

Cllr JW Parker

Cllr M Dyer

In attendance: Mr. Jonathan Ross, Parish Clerk

Public Open Forum. Six members of the public attended. Their spokesperson addressed the meeting with their concerns about a person parking many vehicles in Azalea Close and on local roads causing a nuisance. The person is allegedly selling the vehicles and working on the vehicles whilst they are on the road. The effect of this is that residents can often not find a parking space outside their home, they can't turn their vehicles around at the end of the cul de sac because of the number of vehicles parked there and the area is considered to be a constant mess from the vehicles and there is excessive noise created when the vehicles are moved during silent hours.

120. Pecuniary Interests: A pecuniary interest was notified by Cllrs B Goringe and M Goringe concerning Item 131.1 'The Village Hall grant'. The two councillors are on the management committee of the Village Hall. They will not take part in the discussion or vote on this item.

121. Apologies: Apologies were received from: Cllr B Waugh, Cllr S Marshall and Cllr N Hindmarch. Members voted to accept apologies from the councillors listed. Proposed by Cllr JB Parker, seconded by Cllr K Gawler. Agreed.

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

122. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 30th August 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 30th August 2023 were adopted.

123. Matters arising from the minutes. Omar Group Regal Homes, Woolsbridge Industrial Estate. The Clerk updated members on discussions with the company regarding movement of vehicles on Horton Road. The company confirmed that they regularly notify Dorset Police of their load movements as they are required to. Unless they are over 5 metres wide (most are not) they do not require a police escort, but will have front and rear escort vehicles. Horton Road must be used to access Ashley Heath roundabout due to weight restrictions on Woolsbridge Road. Members were concerned with the time of day that these movements take place. The Clerk was asked to write to the MD

of the company and ask if more consideration could be given to moving their vehicles during non-peak times.

124. Correspondence.

124.1. The Chair has written to the resident who requested the 20mph limit in Braeside Road. It explains that Dorset Council will not support the request as the characteristics of Braeside Road do not meet the criteria stipulated in the DC 20mph policy.

124.2. Several residents attended the meeting and raised the issue of excessive parking of cars in Azalea Close by an individual and the nuisance this is causing. It was alleged that the person is operating a car selling business from a property in Azalea Close. Members discussed possible solutions. The Clerk was tasked with writing to DC Planning Enforcement to ask them to look into the alleged vehicle selling business and also to write to DC Environmental Health reporting that the person is working on and repairing vehicles on the road.

125. Future CIL Funded Projects. The Clerk presented members with a list of possible projects. These were obtained by conducting a consultation with residents asking for their ideas. The consultation was carried out online on social media and from an article submitted by the PC in the local magazine. Members discussed the projects. It was suggested that a working group be set up to evaluate the projects and report back to full council in 2024 with recommendations. Cllrs JB Parker, JW Parker and C Johnson volunteered to form the working group.

126. Reserves Committee. As recommended by the Reserves Committee and supported by full council, the Clerk contacted Dorset Council and requested advice and guidance on setting up a reserves and investment strategy and policy. Dorset Council could not give the PC any assistance. It is therefore proposed that the Clerk prepares a report on the various ways in which other parish councils have formulated their reserves and investment strategies. The report will present various options which will be discussed by the Reserves Committee and recommendations made to full council in 2024.

127. Works to Function Room. Members approved the award of the contract to a contractor for the sum of £1060. Proposed by Cllr C Johnson, seconded by Cllr K Gawler. Cllr R Bryan voted against. Agreed.

RESOLVED: The contract to extend the existing cupboard in the function room is to be awarded to a contractor for the sum £1060.

128. New IT Support Contractor. The Clerk informed members that a new company called 'Rejuvenate' has been contracted to provide IT support for the PC.

129. Amenities. None.

130. Finance:

130.1. Payment Schedules. Members reviewed and approved the schedule of payments for August 2023. A copy of the schedule appears at Appendix A to these minutes in the minute book. Proposed by Cllr JB Parker, seconded by Cllr M Goringe. Agreed.

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

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

RESOLVED. The bank reconciliation for August 2023 was approved.

130.3. Budget Report. Members noted the annual budget report. The Clerk informed members that at the moment there are no significant financial risks and the annual budget is not expected to overspend.

130.4. External Audit. Members resolved to accept the external auditors report from BDO LLP for the financial year 2022/2023 and noted that there were no findings or matters arising. The AGAR External Auditors Report and Certificate and Notice of Conclusion of the External Audit for year-end 31st March 2023 has been posted on the noticeboard and the website. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr JB Parker. Agreed.

RESOLVED: The External Auditors report for Financial Year 2022/2023 was accepted.

130.5. Cyber Insurance Renewal. Members reviewed and approved the annual cyber insurance renewal quote of £417.36, due on 13th October 2023. Proposed by Cllr R Bryan, seconded by Cllr JB Parker. Agreed.

RESOLVED: The annual cyber insurance renewal quote of £417.36 was approved.

131. Grants to Outside Bodies:

131.1. Grant for the Village Hall Management Committee for 2024/25.

Members agreed in principle to make provision in the 2024/25 budget for an £11,500 grant to the Village Hall Management Committee. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr K Gawler. Agreed.

RESOLVED: It was approved in principle to make provision in the 2024/25 budget for a grant of £11,500 to the Village Hall Management Committee.

131.2. Other Grants. Members approved the award of £250 to the Ex-Services Club to support their remembrance service lunch buffet and to donate £200 to the RBL for two wreaths which are laid at remembrancetide. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by A Davies. Agreed.

APPROVED: To award £250 to the ex-services club to support their remembrance service lunch buffet and to donate £200 to the RBL for two wreaths to be laid at remembrancetide.

All other financial matters concerning grants are deferred to the next full council meeting on 25th October 2023.

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

Members approved adoption of the minutes for Planning Committee held on 17th August 2023. Proposed by Cllr K Gawler, seconded by Cllr A Davies, agreed.

RESOLVED: To adopt the minutes of the planning meeting held on 17th August 2023.

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

134. Parish Councillor Reports. None.

135. Exchange of Information. Members were informed of the burnt-out vehicle that was left near to Horton Road recreation area. The vehicle was a stolen private ambulance. It was removed by a recovery company and the area cleaned and tidied by the parish council.

Meeting finished at 8.50pm

Chair