

## ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Full Council  
Minutes of the Meeting Held in the Annexe, Village Hall, Braeside Road,  
on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7pm

**Present:** Cllr B Goringe, Chair

Cllr JB Parker	Cllr K Gawler	Cllr C Johnson	Cllr JW Parker
Cllr R Bryan	Cllr M Goringe	Cllr N Hindmarch	Cllr S Marshall
Cllr M Dyer	Cllr B Waugh	Cllr N Reeder	

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

**Public Open Forum.** Several members of the public attended and spoke about their concerns for the safety of Horton Road. They raised many issues which they considered impacted on the safety of the road. In general, these were: Excessive speed of vehicles, the size and volume of large vehicles using the road, overtaking and the numerous hazards along the road specifically by the One Stop, Moors Valley and the many side roads that exit on to the road.

As this was not an agenda item members could not discuss this in detail, but they accepted that further discussion was necessary. The Chair agreed that this should be placed on the next Full Council agenda to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

**249. Pecuniary Interests:** None

**250. Apologies:** Cllr A Davies. Members voted to accept apologies from the councillor listed. Proposed by Cllr C Johnson, seconded by Cllr JB Parker. Agreed.

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

**251. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.** The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr C Johnson, seconded by Cllr JB Parker. Agreed.

**RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 were adopted.**

**252. Matters arising from the minutes.**

**252.1. At Full Council on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 members supported the installation of a vehicle charging point in its car park.** The Clerk presented further details on this initiative, which involves entering into a contract with the charging service provider and Dorset Council. The project would use 6 parking spaces for two electric chargers. Members had several concerns about the contract, possible penalty clauses and the loss of 6 parking spaces. The Clerk was tasked with clarifying these details and will brief members at the May Full Council meeting.

**253. Correspondence.**

**253.1. Somerley HWRC Possible Closure.** Hampshire County Council has informed residents that the facility may close as a result of changes it is making to its recycling facilities in Hampshire. Members discussed their concerns over the possible closure. Main concerns were: The environmental impact and additional cost as residents would be forced to travel further to dispose of their recycling and the loss of an extremely well-used local facility. It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to HCC expressing their concerns and request that the site is kept open. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr JB Parker. Agreed.

**RESOLVED: The parish council will write to HCC expressing its concerns about the closure and request that it is kept open.**

## **254. Clerks Report.**

**254.1. Future CIL Funded Projects.** The Clerk updated members on the six projects.

**254.1.1. 2<sup>nd</sup> SID.** The project has been initiated. The Clerk is to contact the DC Road Safety Officer to discuss a new SID initiative which could be obtained through the Police Commissioners grant fund.

**254.1.2. Bus Shelters.** No further work at this time.

**254.1.3. Signpost at Entrance to Village Hall Complex.** The post has been purchased and delivered, the signs have been designed and are to be manufactured. The metal arm supports have been purchased and are to be powder coated.

**254.1.4. Orchard and Wildflower Meadow.** We are waiting to meet the arboricultural consultant to discuss options.

**254.1.5. Defibrillator.** The PC has purchased a defibrillator using match funding from London Hearts. They will fund half the £1500 cost of the defibrillator. Ringwood Rotary have agreed a grant of £1000 to the PC. The defibrillator has been ordered. It will be placed on the One Stop wall. One Stop have agreed to carry out the installation works free of charge. Once installed it will be added to the NHS 'Circuit' list of local defibrillators.

**254.1.6. Playpark Communication Board.** The communications board has been ordered.

**254.2. Grant to Scouts.** The PC has given the scouts a grant of £2100. Unfortunately it was unsuccessful in its bid to Dorset Council for a capital grant to assist the scouts. It was proposed that the PC donate any underspend in this year's financial budget to the scouts, to assist them in completing their refurbishment works to the heating system. Proposed by Cllr N Hindmarch, seconded by Cllr C Johnson. Not agreed. 4 votes for and 5 votes against.

**254.3. Tree Warden.** The Clerk presented a draft Terms of Reference for the Tree Warden post. It was requested that the wearing of safety clothing should be added. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr M Goringe. Agreed.

**RESOLVED: The draft Terms of Reference with the addition of wearing safety clothing were approved.**

**255. Finance:**

**255.1. Payment Schedules.** Members reviewed and approved the schedule of payments for January 2024. A copy of the schedule appears at Appendix A to these minutes in the minute book. Proposed by Cllr K Gawler, seconded by Cllr JB Parker. Agreed.

**RESOLVED. The schedule of payments for January 2024 was approved.**

**255.2. Bank Reconciliations.** Members reviewed and approved the bank reconciliations for January 2024. A copy of the reconciliation appears at Appendix B to these minutes in the minute book. Proposed by Cllr K Gawler, seconded by Cllr S Marshall. Agreed.

**RESOLVED. The bank reconciliation for January 2024 was approved.**

**255.3. 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.

**256. St Leonards and St Ives Neighbourhood Plan.** Members discussed the briefing they received on neighbourhood plans from two Ringwood Town Council councillors. This item will be brought back to the council on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 for further discussion.

**257. To adopt the Approved Minutes of the Following Committee Meetings:** Members approved adoption of the minutes for the Planning Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024. Proposed by Cllr JB Parker, seconded by Cllr K Gawler, agreed.

**RESOLVED: To adopt the minutes of the planning meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024.**

**258. Dorset Councillor Reports.** Members received a report presented by Cllr B Goringe. It can be found at Appendix C to these minutes.

**259. Parish Councillor Reports.** Cllr M Goringe informed members that the recent Quiz Night held in the Village Hall was very successful and raised £2500 for their funds. The Village Hall are also hopeful of obtaining a grant to refurbish the ceiling in the Russell Room.

**260. Exchange of Information.**

- 260.1.** It was asked whether the parish council has any allotments that residents could use. The PC doesn't have any allotments. Instead, they refer residents to the Kingston Lacey Allotments society who allow people to use their allotments irrespective of where they live.
- 260.2.** It was mentioned that the advisory roadworks signs on Woolsbridge Road were confusing. DC Highways will be asked for clarification.
- 260.3.** Members were encouraged to look at the Dorset Council Local Transport Plan and make comment, it is available at [Local Transport Plan 4 \(LTP4\) - take part in our survey - Dorset Council](#) until 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024.
- 260.4.** Dorset Council have been shortlisted as council of the year. They are the only unitary to be shortlisted, all other nominated councils are districts or boroughs.
- 260.5.** Dorset Council have purchased ten additional road sweepers. This will enable them to routinely sweep all roads on a quarterly basis.
- 260.6.** The next meeting date is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Meeting finished at 9pm

Chair