

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 at 7pm

**Present:** Cllr N Reeder, Chaired meeting

Cllr A Davies	Cllr M Dyer	Cllr S Cousins	Cllr C Johnson
Cllr T Monkcom	Cllr S Marshall	Cllr N Hindmarch	Cllr B Waugh
Cllr JB Parker			

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

**56. Pecuniary Interests:** No pecuniary interests were declared.

**57. Apologies:** Apologies were received from: Cllrs B Goringe and JW Parker.

Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr S Cousins, agreed.

**RESOLVED: The apologies received from those councillors listed were accepted.**

**58. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024.** Members raised the issue that at this meeting it had been requested that Horton Road and Provision of Broadband be added as standing items to future agendas. The Clerk had not included them. Following discussion, it was agreed that these two items would be added to future agendas. The minutes were then agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr C Johnson, seconded by Cllr A Davies. Agreed.

**RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 were adopted.**

**59. Matters arising from the previous minutes.** None.

**60. Correspondence.**

**60.1. Request for Pedestrian Crossing.** The Ringwood Waldorf School has requested a pedestrian crossing be installed near to the school. This is because of safety concerns for pupils and walkers who cross the A31 exit slip road near to its junction with the Verwood Road. Members discussed the benefits of installing a crossing along the slip road but expressed concern that there is a bend in the road at that location. They supported the request but asked that adequate signage is installed to make drivers aware of the crossing. The clerk will raise a request for a pedestrian crossing with Dorset Council. Proposed by Cllr A Davies, seconded by Cllr C Johnson. Agreed.  
**RESOLVED: The request for a pedestrian crossing near to the Ringwood Waldorf School is supported.**

**60.2. Request for a Grant from the Computer Café.** The Computer Café, which operates from the Village Hall, has made a grant request of £680 to the

PC to fund the installation of a Starlink internet connection. They have indicated that the current broadband speed is too slow to satisfactorily run the computer café. Members were concerned that the amount requested was very high and represented only one quote. Members did not support the request. They have requested at least two further quotes are provided from separate suppliers and an assessment as to whether there are any alternatives to Starlink broadband. Members also requested confirmation of who would be able to use the broadband if it was installed.

## 61. Clerks Report.

- 61.1. Future CIL projects.** The Clerk updated members on the six current CIL projects. The CIL Project Working Group meeting arranged for 6pm 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 to discuss future CIL projects was cancelled and a new date is to be arranged.
- 61.2. Adopting a .gov.uk domain and emails.** The Clerk said that the new .gov.uk domain has been set up. Members will now have their personal devices set up to receive the new emails.
- 61.3. Speed Restriction in Village Hall Car Park.** The Clerk said that this will be installed on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August.
- 61.4. Ditch Clearance Works in Braeside Glade.** The Clerk said that these works were to go ahead in August. A discussion with the contractor indicated that these works would be needed every 4 to 5 years.

## 62. Finance:

- 62.1. Payment Schedules.** Members reviewed and approved the schedule of payments for June 2024. A copy of the schedule appears at Appendix A to these minutes in the minute book. Proposed by Cllr C Johnson, seconded by Cllr JB Parker. Agreed.  
**RESOLVED: The schedule of payments for June 2024 was approved.**
- 62.2. Bank Reconciliations.** Members reviewed and approved the bank reconciliation for June 2024. A copy of the reconciliation appears as Appendix B to these minutes in the minute book. Proposed by Cllr S Marshall, seconded by Cllr JB Parker. Agreed.  
**RESOLVED. The bank reconciliation for June 2024 was approved.**
- 62.3. Monthly Budget Report.** Members noted the monthly budget report. The clerk explained the breakdown of several financial items in the report. It was agreed that for future reports the financial breakdown of each line item would be provided in an separate report.

**63. Dorset Councillor Reports.** Members received Cllr B Goringe's Dorset Council report. Included in the report was an item concerning the 'Big Conversation'. This is an initiative from DC where residents will be encouraged to tell the council how they are performing and what they want in the future. Members were concerned that this initiative hadn't been advertised well and most residents wouldn't have heard about it. The clerk was asked to promote it where possible. The clerk was

also asked to keep members informed of all newsletters produced by Dorset Council and DAPTC.

**64. Parish Councillor Reports.** Cllr JB Parker said he had attended the DC Planning Meeting in Wimborne which discussed the planning application for 1 Cherry Tree Close. He was disappointed that the application had been granted by the committee despite significant objections from the PC.

**65. Exchange of Information.**

**65.1.** Members agreed to form a Working Group to discuss how future improvements to broadband speeds can be achieved for residents. The clerk will contact members to identify who will join the working group.

**65.2.** Next meeting of Full Council is at 7pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024. The date for the CIL projects working group to meet is TBC.

**65.3.** The clerk informed members that on a recent Saturday a large tree fell onto Lions Lane blocking the pavement and half the road. The tree was situated near to the gravel track leading to Lions Hill, on land not belonging to the PC. The clerk together with the PCs grounds maintenance contractor cut up the fallen tree, moved all the debris to a safe place and tidied the area, which allowed the pavement and road to be reopened.

Meeting finished at 8.35pm

Chair