

4. CLERK'S REPORT

- The Clerk reported that the finger post for Ditchend Steps had been ordered and that the post which is out of the ground opposite Venus Cafe will be replaced.
- The bin for the top of Ditchend is expected to be put in place during July.
- A request had been made by the Footpaths Officer for comments on a plan to put a notice at Waterhead. It was agreed that this would be beneficial if it prevented off road bikers from using the track.
- The Clerk reported that Venus Café had obtained a temporary alcohol licence for the 8th, 9th & 10th of August (the Red Arrows display weekend). It was explained that only the Police could object to a temporary licence, that such a licence could be applied for, for up to 4 days on twelve occasions in a year. The view was expressed that bearing in mind the enormous effort the Parish had made successfully to oppose the alcohol licence application, this temporary licence was a great disappointment. It was also felt that all the reasons which were put forward then, still applied. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Licensing Department, with copies to the Foreshore Owners Association and the Police.

5. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

For information only: 20/04/08/F - Village Farm, E. Portlemouth TQ8 8PE
Planning Permission Refused.

The Chair reported that the Appeal against the previous application for Village Farm had been granted but that the Grant contained most of the conditions for which the Parish Council had asked and contained the expectation that the Parish would monitor the situation over the next three years. The Chair circulated the Inspector's report.

6. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

- The Chair reported that she would be attending a Planning Masterclass on the 8th July. The Clerk will also attend.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. To approve payment of the following cheques:
Cheque Nos: 100094 - £193.70 - S. Winstanley (June)
 100095 - £46.00 – HMRC
 100096 - £48.00 – K. Abrahams Audit
2. Current finances – cash at bank £1816.05
3. Audit report – The Clerk reported that the internal audit had been carried out and the accounts signed off. The return had been sent off to the Audit Commission for the external audit.

8. RED ARROWS DISPLAY – to consider arrangements

- John Neaverson will continue with arrangements but communication with the Regatta Committee is not good. There seems to be confusion about the road closures. A meeting which had been arranged for this week, has been cancelled.
- John had contacted the police and they will only be attending emergencies. However, it was hoped that a police vehicle may be sited at the top of Ferry Steps, along with the Coastguard and perhaps an ambulance.
- John had discussed parking with PC Steve Mutton. Traffic will go to New House and be directed down Rickham Lane towards the back of the church. Will Pack has designated a field for parking at Twin Gates. On departure, traffic will be directed to turn left down to the church where it will be directed right, up the hill. No traffic will be allowed to turn left at the church. No traffic coming from Frogmore will be able to go along the tidal road.
- Personnel – the Packs will provide parking attendants. John said that there would need to be personnel at Lee Lane End, Rickham Cross and at the triangle outside the church. The Chair agreed to provide yellow jackets as necessary. John asked whether any councillors would be able to help, without success, and said that he would ring round to try and drum up support.
- It was felt that the Regatta Committee should help with the cost of signage. It was agreed that Will Pack will charge £3 for parking and he will keep £1 of this. A decision will have to be made regarding any surplus.
- JN will contact Southpool Parish Council to find out what parking arrangements they are making.
- The Chair expressed thanks to John for all the work he has done.

9. WATERHOUSE PARKING FIELD – To discuss arrangements

- The Council meeting was suspended while James Bremridge, on behalf of Isabel Waterhouse, reported that planning permission for the parking is for 8 weeks over the Summer. The charge is £3 per day. The field will be opened for parking as soon as it appears to be necessary.
- Wheel clamps may be used in an endeavour to regulate parking.
- James Bremridge will be present as much as possible and measures to ensure payment will be taken. Contact will be kept with the parking attendant at Millbay.

The meeting resumed and John Neaverson added that lines will indicate parking bays in the field to try and formalise parking.

10. CORRESPONDENCE - None

11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

- Peter Reed reported that there is a problem with money disappearing from the car park box. This week he had emptied the box of just £6 whereas he would have expected the amount to be £60. He is monitoring the situation and endeavouring to find out how the problems is arising.
- Saltstone – The recent meeting had been the AGM and there was a discussion about why the Group had been so inactive. There is a move to re-invigorate the Group. It was proposed that a speaker be sought to discuss the Boundary Committee proposals.
- Footpaths – Rowena House has received the paperwork for the PP3 scheme. A small grant would be available but this would only be sufficient to buy, say, a strimmer. Volunteers would be needed to operate it and they would in turn need to attend a day long course and obtain a certificate, in order to carry out the strimming. It was agreed that the scheme would be an agenda item for September meeting, which would allow time to discover whether Highways would make any improvements. Richard Spurway would be invited to speak at the meeting to enable councillors to be informed about the scheme.
- Gara – There is an issue regarding the right of way being diverted, however, since this appeared to be less than 10m it was probable that it came within what is acceptable. It was acknowledged that the signage which the developers had erected is very effective. It was agreed to ask the owner to keep the gate clear of vegetation.
- R. House has drafted a letter which will be sent to applicants when they receive planning permission. This will be circulated to councillors for comments and when approved will be sent out by the Clerk to applicants granted permission.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2nd September, 2008

SIGNED
L. Lindley Chair

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S. Winstanley Clerk