

EAST PORTLEMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

East Portlemouth Village Hall, East Portlemouth

Tuesday 8th January 2008 at 7.30pm

OPEN FORUM -

PRESENT: **Councillors:** L. Lindley (Chair), P. Reed, C. Cox, J.Gurney, R. House, J..Neaverson In attendance: S. Winstanley (Clerk),

Five members of the public attended.

1. The lower road by Devonshire Bridge, between Goodshelter and Southpool is covered by debris.
2. A question was raised concerning the colour of the rendering of the proposed Gara Rock application. Opinions differed as to whether white or a colour were preferable.
3. Concern was expressed about public vehicular access to the Gara Rock site. It was reported that historically the gates to the site had been locked during the winter. In the design statement, the parking at the site has been provided for persons using the complex. In a separate application, provision has been sought to park in the field adjacent between March and October.
4. Concern was expressed about access to the look-out throughout the year.
5. There has been a considerable increase in the bulk of the proposed building by the addition of the cottages on the east site. A view was expressed that white render would make the wing even more visible which would be unacceptable.

POLICE REPORT

P C Mutton was unable to attend but sent the following Police Report:

- There has only been one crime reported since 1.9.07 and that was theft of sport clothing from the beach at Millbay.
- Parking offences such as double yellow lines will be decriminalised in April and authority passed to SHDC. Police will still be able to deal with obstructions but double yellow lines will only be able to be enforced by South Hams. I intend to get to the meeting in February if you wish to discuss this further.
- No further police matters. I would still encourage anyone who wishes to speak to me to contact me by telephone or email at Kingsbridge Police Station and I will make time to come and see you personally. Tel: (0845 777444 ext 4233)

1. **APOLOGIES** – M. Nolan, Cllr. J. Brazil, PC Steve Mutton

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** held on 4th December 2007

It was proposed, seconded and *resolved* that the Chair should sign the Minutes as a true and correct record.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

4. **CLERK'S REPORT** – The new Electoral Register had been received.

Notice of a Sustainable funding seminar was read out.

Head of Property Services SHDC had telephoned to confirm that he was actively considering whether lighting the landing stage was possible.

It was hoped that a rubbish bin at the top of the steps would be provided.

After discussion it was agreed that John Neaverson be delegated to negotiate the possibility of lighting being provided by the landing stage with SHDC.

5. **PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS**

For information only:

20/1732/07/F	-	Barns at West Prawle Farm	–	Permission granted
20/2408/07F		Way Park TQ8 8PA		Permission granted
20/2313/07F		Rectory Stables, TQ8 8PA		Permission granted

APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED:

20/2627/07/F - Gara Rock Hotel, TQ8 8PH – Re-submission of planning application 20/1253/07/F for redevelopment of existing site into 14 bedroom suites, 19 self contained holiday apartments, restaurant bar, swimming pool, staff and ancillary infrastructure, car parking and associated works

A general discussion took place and each Councillor expressed a view.

The following points were made:-

- The plans submitted did not show a comparison of the height of the proposed building as compared to the demolished building or that of the permitted development. The Planning Officer has asked for revised drawings.
- The developers have once again included the road in their application when in fact it is not owned by them and is a public road. A desire for a turning space was expressed.
- A condition of any permission should be that the developers pay for appropriate HGV notices to be erected and that the reparation of any damage to the hedge rows (which is regarded as inevitable) and the roads, should be borne by the developers.
- A plan for the whole site is desirable.
- It is essential that sewerage arrangements do not result in any unpleasant smells.
- The east wing should be stone faced.
- Some part of the parking should be designated for local use.

6. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

The Chair reported that she had a very positive meeting with the Rural Housing Enabler regarding a Housing Needs Survey.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. It was resolved to approve the following cheques for payment:

- Cheque No 100073 – £142.96 – S. Winstanley
- 100074 - £7.60 - Inland Revenue
- 100075 - £12 - P. Gosling

2. Current finances: The reconciled figure for the cash at bank is £2469.18

8. PARISH WEBSITE

1. Andy McMullin has sent a comprehensive email detailing the website as it exists. By comparison with other Parish websites, the Chair felt that it compared very favourably.
2. It was resolved that the website be retained.
3. Appointment of webmaster – Peter Reed volunteered but will look at the software before confirming that he will take over. Thanks were expressed for his interest.
4. It was resolved that the Clerk write a letter on behalf of the Council, expressing grateful thanks for the very great amount of work necessary to set up the website and the expertise he brought to the task.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

A Letter from Devon & Cornwall Constabulary detailing changes to arrangements for traffic diversions for local events.

10. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

- Village Hall Committee have received a letter from Vaughan Farms concerning the boundary and work to redevelop the WCs will start next week.
- Footpaths – Alan Pope has said that there is no budget in the current financial year, for the replacement of the handrail and the replacement of the sign post at the top of the steps but that this would be considered in the 2008 budget.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12th February 2008

SIGNED
L. Lindley Chair

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S. Winstanley Clerk

