

- 4. CLERK'S REPORT** – Plymouth University were to send out questionnaires to Councillors and Clerks with a view to finding out more about the work of the Councils. Information had been received from the Audit Commission to inform Parish Councils that the holding of referenda regarding the EU constitution is not Parish business and payment for the expense would be ultra vires.

5. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

APPLICATIONS 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.

After discussion the following points were made:

- Though the application was for some hotel accommodation, the use of the building could be changed in the future.
- The new east wing will be very prominent and the building mass has been significantly increased and is 38% bigger than the existing permitted development.
- The height of the west wing is 3m higher than the approved development.
- Stone facing of the east wing would diminish its impact.
- A temporary bench mark had originally been used which explained the difference in the height of the floor levels from the 2005 application.
- It was confirmed that DCC Highways have asked for a travel plan and method statement.
- The Parish Council was concerned that SHDC/DCC Highways should apply strict conditions to protect hedge banks during construction, including a requirement for active traffic management by the developers to prevent the use of unsuitable and narrow lanes by HGVs and other large vehicles going to and from the site. The Parish Council also requested SHDC to consider whether any damage to trees, hedges and banks should be repaired at the cost of the developers and this work be completed at the behest of the public authorities, rather than depend upon private arrangements with landowners.

It was *resolved* to recommend the application for approval. (3 votes in favour, 2 against, 2 abstentions).

20/0108/08/F Ager Point, E. Portlemouth
Re-instatement of damaged slipway

Following a site visit it was *resolved* to recommend no objection to the application.

6. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

The Chair reported that she has had meetings with the Rural Housing Enabler concerning the affordable housing survey. South Pool, Chivelstone and East Portlemouth will be surveyed next week. It is the Councils' responsibility to commission the survey (which has been done) and to distribute the surveys. Details of the survey will be displayed locally bringing it to the attention of the Parish which is to be delivered to every property from the 18th February, the closing date being the 22nd March. The Chair will enquire whether it is possible to have a one week extension to include Easter Week. The Chair outlined some of the contents of the questionnaires.

An opinion was expressed that any affordable housing should be for tenants from the near locality.

South Pool, Chivelstone and East Portlemouth have not yet had a Housing Needs Survey. Of 143 houses, 64% are second homes. 52 homes are permanently occupied and 77 people live in the village.

It was suggested that active encouragement by Councillors would help ensure that the questionnaires are completed.

It was suggested that extra copies should be sent to second home owners.

The Chair reported that a letter had been received concerning the Local Action for Rural Communities programme. The Chair suggested that Alan Stapleton be invited to come and inform the Council about the details of this programme at the next meeting.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 1. It was *resolved* to approve the following cheques for payment:
 Cheque No 100076 – £142.96 – S. Winstanley
 100077 - £190 - E. P. Parish Church Council

- 2. Current finances: The reconciled figure for the cash at bank is £1958.78

8. CORRESPONDENCE

A Letter of thanks from CAB had been received.
A letter re new planning & compulsory purchase by DCC regulations had been received.

10. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Coleridge Association –

- Refuse collection day may be changing again
- Recycling sacks are mixed up on collection
- There is consternation that there is a plan afoot to close some public toilets during the winter in a cost saving manoeuvre.

Footpaths

- There is a possibility that finances will be available during this financial year to repair the steps. R. House reported that she had not written the agreed letter because she has been in consultation.
- Holset Lane has become so seriously damaged that it is almost impassable without a 4x4. It was agreed a letter be written to DCC.
- From Millbay Road to Goodshelter the road is extremely dirty.

Website

- It was agreed that training for the website would be paid for.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
11th March 2008

SIGNED
L. Lindley Chair

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S. Winstanley Clerk