

## EAST PORTLEMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

East Portlemouth Village Hall, East Portlemouth

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at 7.30pm

**OPEN FORUM** - Five members of the public attended.

James Bremridge drew attention to a document which Waterhouse Housing had drawn up, hopefully to answer Parishioners' concerns regarding the scheme for affordable housing. It is hoped to have a planning application for consideration in early summer with the intention of building over the winter months in order to cause as little disruption to the village as possible.

At present, Devon CC is regarding the scheme as a commercial development and demanding a contribution of £800 per house. It was hoped this would be resolved.

Isobel Waterhouse said that it was expected that the document would be added to in the future. She was asked why Waterhouse Housing was planning to build new houses instead of buying up houses which came on the market, such as one which is adjacent to one of her existing properties. James Bremridge explained that the cost of that house was in excess of half a million pounds, whereas they were expecting to build the affordable homes for approximately £70,000 each. Further, would be tenants needed to have accommodation with security of tenure.

A comment was made regarding the make-up of the Trust. James Bremridge explained that this was a matter for Isobel, the founding Trustee.

He also explained that the Trust had endeavoured to keep as many options open as possible so that it may be possible for tenants to build up some equity but their ownership could never go beyond 49%.

A question was asked about the right of way down to Fishermans because the path is in need of repair. Rowena House will consult with Alan Pope and endeavour to find out ownership.

The subject of large lorries was raised. A complaint had been made about lorries in convoy going to some developments in the village. PCSO Thorne reported that South Pool PC is considering sending a letter to known developers showing which route they should use. It was agreed the Clerk would contact the Clerk of South Pool to join them in this initiative.

A question was asked about when the report on the Housing Needs Survey would be available from South Hams District Council. It was pointed out that SHDC were not undertaking the survey and that the Housing Needs Enabler undertaking the work was doing so independently of any council authority. It was hoped that the report would be available in a month or so.

### POLICE REPORT:

PCSO Thorne reported that it is expected the Police will hand over parking enforcement to SHDC on the 5<sup>th</sup> May. The Clerk is to contact Ian Hosking at SHDC to ascertain what arrangements had been put in place for East Portlemouth.

PCSO Thorne reported that a meeting was to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> April to discuss arrangements for the Red Arrows display in Salcombe.

She reported that in 2007 there had been 6 reported crimes in the village. So far in 2008, there have been 5, most of which were minor. There have been several marine crimes in Salcombe and it was suggested parishioners be aware of this.

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Julian Brazil reported that SDDC was recommending a South Devon Authority to the Boundaries Committee and that DCC was recommending a single unitary authority for the whole of Devon, making three unitary authorities including Plymouth and Torbay.

PRESENT: **Councillors:** L. Lindley (Chair), P. Reed, C. Cox, J. Gurney R. House,  
M. Nolan, (left the meeting at 8.30pm) J. Neaverson  
In attendance: S. Winstanley (Clerk), Cllr. J. Brazil (arr. 8.15pm) PCSO Tracey Thorne

**1. APOLOGIES – None**

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

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 date for the Appeal for the Village Farm application has been changed to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2008 – commence at 10 am.
- The Red Arrows are to display on the 9<sup>th</sup> August at Salcombe and there is to be a meeting on 15.4.08 with the Salcombe Town Council and the Police to consider the traffic implications, in Salcombe at 2pm – venue to be advised. The Chair is to attend and any other councillors who wish.
- The Clerk requested that a risk assessment be made on the benches and war memorial prior to the next meeting when it would be necessary to minute that a risk assessment had been made.
- A query was raised about the provision of a bin at the top of Ditchend Steps. The Clerk will chase this up. The Chair will speak to Environmental Health because bins near the Venus Café are already overflowing.

**5. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS**

For information:

Application No. 20/0238/08F - Waypark, TQ8 8PA  
Demolition of existing garage/store & lean to extension  
and erection of detached double garage- Permission granted

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 – Permission granted

To discuss a traffic management plan for the Gara Rock development. – The Chair reported that when a previous application was approved, the Council had produced a travel management plan which she had circulated and had amended the document to include comments she had received from Councillors.

There was discussion about whether a representative of SHDC be invited to attend the meeting with the developers. It was agreed the Clerk contact SHDC Planning to invite a representative to attend.

A query was raised about whether the Council should consult neighbouring parishes and the Chair confirmed that the neighbouring villages will be kept fully informed.

The Chair will send a copy of the document to the developers prior to the meeting and request a copy of any draft plan they have, including a building programme. Discussion at the meeting will include not just traffic arrangements, but construction plans also.

J. Neaverson, P. Reed and the Chair will be present at the meeting with the developers.

The Chair said that this would be the first of many meetings.

**6. CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

All comments already included in Open Forum.

**7. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. To approve payment of the following cheques:

Cheque Nos: 100082 - £58.75 – Audit Commission  
100083 - £27.50 – P. Sallett for PAYE  
100084 - £142.86 – S. Winstanley (March)  
100085 - £5.50 – HMRC  
100086 - £110 – E.P.V.H.C. (Hire of Hall)

2. Current finances: The reconciled figure for the cash at bank is £1475.21

**8. CORRESPONDENCE** - Coleridge Bus, SHDC TPO

**10. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

- Saltstone Group - It was reported that the group may be disbanded and asked whether the Clerk had received a letter concerning this from Saltstone – which she had not. A representative had come from the South Hams Public Space Strategy Group to speak. Open spaces were to be reduced and the remainder upgraded in an effort to achieve a cost saving of £500,000.
- Pathways – No response had been received from Alan Pope about queries which had been raised with him previously – particularly the finger post at the top of Ditch End steps and the broken hand rail.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- The Chair reported that the Annual Meeting of the Coleridge Association is on the 13<sup>th</sup> May and felt that a representative of the Council should attend. This clashes with the Council's planned meeting.
- After discussion it was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting be held in the Village Hall on the 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2008. The meeting might start early when the agenda had been arranged. Refreshments will be provided.

SIGNED .....  
L. Lindley Chair

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S. Winstanley Clerk