

## EAST PORTLEMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

East Portlemouth Village Hall, East Portlemouth

Tuesday 3rd June 2008 at 7.30pm

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

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 Stacey Thorne

1. **APOLOGIES** – None

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 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 Clerk reported that West Charleton and Kellaton Post Offices were listed for closure.
- No telephone boxes in the neighbourhood were listed for closure.
- The venue for the Village Farm Appeal had changed once again and would be held in the Village Hall, the current application had been refused and it was expected that no representative from Highways would be present at the Appeal due to sickness.

5. **ELECTION OF OTHER OFFICERS:**

It was agreed that Councillors should carry out the following roles:

Planning committee - all councillors

Tree Warden, Footpaths, Hedgerows & Banks - R. House, J. Gurney

Emergency planning officer – J. Neaverson

Foreshore owners' liaison – J. Gurney

Grass cutting rota – M. Nolan

Village Hall representative - .P Reed

Saltstone representatives - C. Cox

Coleridge representative - L. Lindley, P. Reed

Emergency plan co-ordinator - J. Neaverson

Harbour Authority liaison - J. Neaverson

Gara Rock Development Liaison - R. House & C. Cox

6. **PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS**

Applications considered at this meeting:

- 20/0886/08/F - Ferncliff House, TQ8 8PU  
Alteration and extension to dwelling  
Following a site visit it was *resolved* to support the application.
- 20/0911/08/F - Casa Di Sole, TQ8 8PU  
Construction of garden studio room over existing garage  
Following a site visit it was *resolved* to recommend no objection to the application, but concern was expressed about the materials proposed for the roof and its profile.
- 20/0925/08/F - Rectory Stables TQ8 8PA  
Re-submission of application 20/2313/07/F for conversion and extension of redundant stables to dwelling  
Following a site visit it was *resolved* to support the application.
- 20/0934/08/F - The Malt House, Holset Court, TQ8 8PL  
Rooflights to serve proposed loft conversion  
Following a site visit it was *resolved* to support the application.

- 20/0949/08/F - The Old Rectory, TQ8 8PA  
First floor extension to store to provide self contained  
Granny annexe  
Following a site visit it was *resolved* to recommend no objection  
with the condition that the property remain as one dwelling.
- 20/0950/08/CLE West Prawle Farmhouse TQ8 8PW  
Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of farmhouse  
as two dwellings  
Evidence was given that Points 1-9 of the applicant's  
submission were correct. The foundations were started in 1989  
but the house was not completed until 2003 since which time it  
has been occupied as a single dwelling by a farmer, being a  
period of five years.

## 7. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

- The Chair reported that after meetings with the Regatta Committee, and several calls from the Police, concerning the Red Arrows Display, she had written to the Regatta Committee setting out what would be necessary for safety and traffic flow in East Portlemouth. Two weeks had passed and she had received no reply. The Police have warned that if safety measures are not in place, they would advise against the display taking place.  
Discussion followed when it was generally agreed that East Portlemouth should be pro-active in trying to ensure that the traffic flows smoothly. John Neaverson agreed to put forward a plan. The display should be an agenda item for the July meeting.
- The Waterhouse parking field has been closed due to users failing to pay for parking and because of the condition of the field due to adverse weather. Isabel Waterhouse is considering whether to re-open the field, having suffered abuse from some users.  
Parking will be an agenda item for the July meeting. It was agreed that John Neaverson would meet with Isabel Waterhouse to discuss some way of keeping open the parking which is so important for the village in the summer months.
- The Chair recommended that Parishioners ring up and complain when the litter bins are overflowing (01803 861234 and ask for Environmental Services). The Clerk will write to ask to have a bin placed at the top of Ditchend Steps as had been agreed.

## 8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. It was *resolved* to approve payment of the following cheques:  
Cheque Nos: 100093 - £193.70 – S. Winstanley (May)
2. Current finances: The reconciled figure for the cash at bank is £2009.69

## 9. HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

- Housing Needs Survey had been received by the Council and the Chair expressed thanks to Sue Hitchcock for her work. A view was expressed that there might be a greater need than the Survey seemed to show, were people from nearby to be included. It was agreed the Survey be used as a reference point for future consideration of affordable housing needs.

## 10. BOUNDARY COMMITTEE PROPOSALS

The Chair reported that a meeting to discuss the proposals being put forward to the Boundary Committee had been arranged by Kingsbridge Town Council, which had been attended by herself and R. House. It had been attended by approximately 20 representatives of nearby parishes. J. Brazil had pointed out that any amalgamation would result in the loss of jobs of some executive officers and they were pushing their own proposals. He suggested Councils should act when the proposals the Boundary Committee were known which should be at the beginning of July. The general feeling had been that there was a wish to remain 'rural' as opposed to being incorporated in an urban authority.

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE -

- DCC – letter received asking for support to prevent Post Office closures
- SHDC – letter asking for support for the District Council's proposals

- Waterhouse Housing Trust – letter received complaining that Councillors had sought to interfere in the make-up of the Trust. This had been circulated to all Councillors, none of whom recognized themselves in the allegation. The Chair had replied expressing dismay and pointing out that if Trustees felt intimidated they had recourse to the support of the Police.

**12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

- R. House and C. Cox had a positive meeting with the developers Liaison Manager for Gara Rock. R. House had accompanied the Manager, Jimmy Zouche on a trip around the roads to demonstrate the problems which might be encountered. The starting date for construction was anticipated for the middle of June. The Council wished to record that meetings with the developers representative, Jimmy Zouche, had been very positive.
- R. House had received a complaint about the overgrown footpaths and she had once again called and left a message, but yet again had no response. Some landowners had very kindly strimmed the banks adjoining their property.
- It was agreed that R. House would investigate the PP3 footpath scheme.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2008**

SIGNED .....  
L. Lindley Chair

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S. Winstanley Clerk