

It was hoped that in the coming 6 months, lessons would be learned and at the end of the period the Parish would have the opportunity to opt out if they wished to do so. At the end of the period, if the scheme is to progress, it was anticipated that the services would be put out to tender. The Clerk at Stokenham will be operations manager for the pilot. No supervisory role had been arranged at present.

The Chair thanked Peter Greening and John Baverstock for attending.

There being no comment from the public:

Meeting resumed – and Councillors considered the pilot.

- In principle, more locally provided services were to be welcomed.
- It was felt that councillors could hardly express a view with so little information.
- It was felt that E. Portlemouth had been put into a position over which it had no control.
- There is an urgent need to establish whether the Parish does have an opt out or not.
- Concern was expressed that the parishes involved (other than Stokenham) had no control over the management of the scheme and that the parishes should be part of a management committee.
- A need to know the existing schedules was highlighted and the Clerk will research.

5 CLERK'S REPORT

- The Clerk reported that reliable information had been received concerning bats occupying the buildings at Village Farm. It appears that there was an obligation on SHDC Planning Department to insist on a wildlife survey before either of the planning applications had been considered. This had not been done and from information she had received so far it was too late to take any action which would effectively monitor the welfare of the bats during the building works. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Planning Department expressing the Council's concerns over the way in which they had dealt with these applications which appeared to have been negligent.
- The Clerk had received an email offering to provide a speaker to explain the digital handover. It was agreed that the Clerk contact neighbouring parishes to ask whether they would wish to share in a joint meeting.
- It was reported that the bin had still not been moved to the steps at Ditchend. The Clerk will find out when this will happen.

6. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

For information only: 20/0911/08/F – Casa di Sole, TQ8 8PU - Withdrawn
 20/0886/08/F – Ferncliff House, TQ8 8PU – Approved
 20/0949/08/F – The Old Rectory, TQ8 8PA – Approved
 20/0925/08/F – Rectory Stables, TQ8 8PA – Approved
 20/0934/08/F – The Malt House, TQ8 8PL – Approved

To be considered at this meeting:

20/1553/08/F – Casa di Sole, TQ8 8PU – resubmission of planning application 20/0911/08/F for new garden studio over existing garage.

After discussion, it was *resolved* to recommend no objection to the application, but to express concern at the difference in the pitch of the extension roof, compared to the existing building.

7. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

- The Chair thanked John Neaverson for the work he did to organise vehicle movements for the Red Arrows demonstration, and all those who had helped on the day – particularly Nick Millard. It was agreed the Clerk arrange a gift for Mr. Millard with John Neaverson.
- The Chair will attend a de-brief with the Police about the arrangements.
- Rickham Farm – a planning application had been received by the 18th August, as required, but it had been incomplete and planning was awaiting a complete application.

- The Chair, Rowena House, Tim Pollard (SHDC) and a member of the Ramblers Association had attended a site meeting at West Prawle Farm to discuss the diversion of the bridleway. No representative of the applicant was present.
- The Scone Hut – dealt with in Open Forum.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. To approve payment of the following cheques:

Cheque Nos:	100097 - £12 -	Coleridge Association subscription
	100098 - £24 -	DAPC training
	100099 - £193.70 -	S Winstanley, July
	100100 - £15 -	Saltstone subscription
	100101 - £12.50 -	Stokenham PC – Training
	100102 - £193.70 -	S. Winstanley, August
2. Current finances – cash at bank £1502.96
3. It was agreed that the Clerk's rate of pay be increased by 2.5% in line with NALC negotiations, backdated to 1.4.08.

9. TO DISCUSS BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSALS with contribution from Cllr. Brazil

Cllr. Brazil detailed the two proposals from the Boundary Committee.

He suggested that in a response to the Boundary Committee, the Council might consider asking how the parish would relate to a unitary authority. How would power be devolved down to the parishes? How the parish council's views would be expressed in the Community Boards where the Council would have no representative and there would be no accountability?

How was it envisaged that such a large unitary authority would be more efficient than the present arrangement? What arrangements had been envisaged for planning to be administered effectively?

He felt that the Boundary Committee was wanting positive feedback and not comments which harked back to earlier proposals.

There was a general discussion – the overall feeling being either neutral or in favour of the status quo. It was agreed that the Chair would draft a letter of response on behalf of the Council.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

- SHDC – Letter informing Councillors Delyth Evans Jenkins appointed as Monitoring Officer.
- SHDC - Letter informing Councillors re. Strategic Housing Land availability.
- SHDC - Letter informing Councillors that trees would be available for planting if for public benefit
- SHDC - Information about meetings re. Boundary Committee Review
- SHDC – Invitation for one representative to attend Conservation & Design Review Panel – Chair to attend.
- SHDC – Local Development Framework – draft – comments invited.

11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

- Peter Reed reported that the problem with money disappearing from the car park box had been solved. The notice asking for voluntary donations had been removed and when he had cleaned and replaced the sign, contributions had once again been made.
- Footpaths – Rowena House reported that Richard Spurway would be willing to attend the October meeting to explain the PP3 scheme.
- Gara – There was little to report but Councillors will hope to report in October.
- R. House has drafted a letter which will be sent to applicants when they receive planning permission. Councillors agreed that the letter should be sent out by the Clerk when a small amendment had been made.
- Jerry Gurney reported that the roof is being blown off the Gara look-out and he has contacted the National Trust.
- Water taxi – several complaints had been received because users of the taxi having been taken over to Salcombe, were then stranded when the taxi did not return to collect them. The Harbour Master had been contacted, but had provided very little helpful information. The matter is to be raised at the Harbour Board meeting on the 3rd November and it was agreed that a letter be sent setting out helpful suggestions as to how the service might be more reliable.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 7th October, 2008

SIGNED
L. Lindley Chair

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S. Winstanley Clerk

ACTION POINTS:

1. Clerk to contact SHDC to discover whether the Parish does have an opt out. ✓
2. Clerk to ascertain what are the current schedules for lavatory cleaning, street sweeping & bin emptying. ✓
3. Clerk to contact Chivelstone, & South Pool re. a joint meeting about digital handover. ✓
4. Clerk to write to Planning re Village Farm. ✓
5. Clerk to chase up the positioning of the bin to the top of Ditchend steps. ✓
6. Clerk/J. Neaverson to organise a gift for Nick Millard. ✓
7. Clerk to send letter to Harbour Board re. the water taxi. ✓
8. Chair to draft letter to Boundary Committee. ✓