

EAST PORTLEMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

East Portlemouth Village Hall, East Portlemouth

Tuesday 7th October 2008 at 7.30pm

OPEN FORUM - Two members of the public attended.

- It was reported that Venus Café had been seen to deposit their waste in the public waste area. The Clerk will follow up.
- Photos of earthenware artefacts found on Rickham Farm and dated 1200BC, were handed over to the Clerk who will inform SHDC Planning to discover whether an archaeological survey will be necessary to accompany the two planning applications which have been made for the farm.

PRESENTATION BY ROS DAVIES OF P3 SCHEME:

Ros explained that there are 3,500 miles of public rights of way in Devon. Wardens roles are to keep the rights of way maintained (in the case of East Portlemouth the warden is Alan Pope). The difference between a footpath, bridle way and unclassified road was explained. The County Council's responsibility is to ensure that the rights of way remain passable. Land owners have the responsibility for maintaining gates and stiles. The County is responsible for the surfaces and the land owner for vegetation growing alongside the footpaths.

- The P3 scheme – the co-ordinator is expected to be in contact with landowners
 - to put up waymarks
 - to oversee the installation of gates
 - to oversee the installation of stiles
- There is a grant and the British Trust of Conservation Volunteers carry out voluntary work to public rights of way.
- In East Portlemouth Parish there are 3 miles of bridleways and 7 miles of footpaths.
- The amount of the grant would be £380 annually. This can be used for the promotion of the pathways, or for equipment or training. The arrangement of work by the co-ordinator does need to be covered by insurance (which the Council probably already has).
- Ros emphasised that the role of co-ordinator does involve a considerable effort.

The Chair thanked Ros for her comprehensive and interesting presentation. The Council will make a decision about whether to join the scheme at the next Council meeting.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Though Cllr. Julian Brazil was absent he had sent an email confirming that the Council's letter to the Harbour Board would be brought forward at the November meeting, when a proposal by the Harbour Master to have a pontoon at Ditchend will also be considered. The Clerk will endeavour to obtain a copy of the proposal.

POLICE REPORT: PCSO Tracey Thorn attended.

- She reported that in the whole of last year six crimes had been reported. So far this year, 19 crimes have been reported. Marine crime has risen sharply and there has been criminal damage to several cars.
- She emphasised that making sure boats and engines are marked using Smartwater chips, is an important security measure.
- There has been a crack down, by Police, on drugs and sniffer dogs are being taken to rural pubs, and publicans are being asked to be vigilant.
- PCSOs will be taking over the Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and the messaging service in the New Year.

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

1. APOLOGIES – Cllr. J. Brazil

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held on 3rd September 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 pilot to have public toilets and street cleaning provided by Stokenham Parish Council has begun.
- The signpost to Ditchend and the repair to railings at the bottom of Ferry Steps are complete.
- After investigation and discussion with nearby parish councils it seems more practical for parishioners to go to the Digital changeover roadshow which will take place in Frogmore Village Hall in January from 4pm to 8pm.
- Following a report of building work and caravans sited at Waterhead, the Enforcement Officer was contacted. He has yet to respond.

5. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

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- The appeal relating to the Old Dairy at Holset will take place on 17th December 2008, at Follaton House at 10.00 am. The Clerk reported that there had been two queries about work being carried out at Waterhead and the siting of three caravans. The Enforcement Officer had been informed.
- Bridleway at West Prawle Farm - following a site visit, it was agreed that the Clerk should send a letter making no comment on the proposed diversion. The need for the works to be carried out without damage to nearby trees was emphasised.

6. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

- Bridleway at W. Prawle. The Chair explained the view of the Countryside Ranger, was that there were no particular concerns. The trees in the area have TPO's and part of the planning conditions was that care should be taken not to damage the trees.
- Rickham Farm – Construction of an agricultural lane. The Planning Officer has asked that a full planning application be made, which will ensure that the Parish Council will be consulted.
- Rickham Farm - Tented accommodation. A planning application had been received but the Planning Officer had asked for additional information. The accommodation was still in place and occupied.
- The Chair had attended the Design & Review Panel which had considered the affordable housing application for Baker's Piece. The Chair had been asked whether there were any allotments in the village and had confirmed that there were not. The Panel Chair requested that the Panel's comments remain confidential until a report is made. This will be made available to Councillors as soon as the Chair receives a copy.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. To approve payment of the following cheques:

Cheque Nos:	100103 - £278.87 – S. Winstanley (September)
	100104- £32.35 – J. Neaverson (reimburse for gift)
	100105 - £200.00 – EPVH (hall rental) 6 months
2. Half yearly statement of finances – The statement had been circulated to Councillors. The Clerk confirmed that expenditure had been as predicted.

3. The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit had been received from the Audit Commission. There had been no amendments or recommendations.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

- SHDC – Letter re. Parish Cluster Meeting – 21.10.08.- 7pm Salcombe Library
- SHDC - Letter re. Budget Consultation Meeting – 12.11.08 – 7pm – Follaton House
- SHDC - Letter re. Development Control & Conservation User Group – 15.10.08 – 2pm – Follaton Hse.
- SHDC – Letter re. Yacht Taxi Service – agenda item for Harbour Board Meeting 3.11.08
- SHDC - Letter acknowledging Council's letter re. Village Farm
- DCC - Letter Detailing changes to the Commons Act
- DCC – Notice of consultations re. proposed sustainable management of non-recyclable waste.

9. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

- Gara – An application has now been made to SHDC concerning a new agricultural road linking the main Portlemouth Road and the Gara turnoff on Rickham Lane. Bunds have been created from spoil from the Gara site at Rickham Farm. The bunds are 4m wide and 1.5m high. The Developers said that Mr. Lewis, the owner of Rickham Farm had assured them that he had a certificate of exemption for the bunding. However, Mr. Lewis told R. House/C. Cox that no such certificate was required for the bunding. There are enormous spoil heaps associated with the development which the developers have said should not need to be taken off the site. The planning department have been notified but no response has been received. It is anticipated that a further planning application will be received for the subsidiary areas of the site. There had been problems with concrete lorries who completely ignored the traffic plan. The site representatives had apologised and promised to try and ensure that this is not repeated, though it is anticipated that numbers of lorries will increase considerably. The issue of concrete overspill had also been raised and it was agreed the R. House make planning aware of both problems. The developers had formally apologised for the disruption. The Chair thanked R. House and C. Cox for their ongoing work monitoring the works at Gara.
- Saltstone - at the next meeting on the 20th October, at Quay House, Phil Norrey will be coming to the meeting to discuss the Boundary Committee proposals with focus on the Community Boards. Any questions for Phil Norrey can be forwarded to County Council.
- Water taxi – J. Neaverson read out a letter he had drafted which had been sent to the Harbour Master. J. Neaverson and J. Gurney will attend the next meeting of the Harbour Board on the 3rd November.
- Marine Hotel – there is a proposal to redevelop the hotel and the proposals can be viewed on www.marinehotelsalcombe.com. J. Gurney will email the link so that parishioners can make comments prior to a planning application being made.
- It is impossible to access the telephone box due to undergrowth. Marcus Nolan offered to have a word with the Waterhouse Trust.
- There is a tree down over the Ferry Steps. Cutting it down is a major undertaking. Clerk will contact Alan Pope for advice/help.
- Pine needles on the slope leading to the ferry steps (Bridleway No. 3) are causing a problem as they are on the steps down from Cross Lane Cottages (Footpath No.1). Clerk to contact Stokenham PC to remove.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 4th November, 2008

SIGNED
L. Lindley Chair

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S. Winstanley Clerk

ACTION POINTS:

1. Clerk to contact SHDC to inform planning about the artefacts found at Rickham Farm. ✓
2. Clerk to follow up on complaint about the Venus Café waste. ✓
3. Clerk to agenda the P3 scheme for the next meeting. ✓
4. Clerk to organise the Digital roadshow and liaise with Frogmore. ✓
5. Clerk to contact Stokenham re pine needles at Ferry Steps & Cross Lane Cottages. ✓
6. Clerk to contact Alan Pope re. tree at Ferry Steps and express the Council thanks for work done. ✓
7. Clerk to send reply to Tim Pollard re. Bridleway diversion. ✓
8. Clerk to try and obtain Design Panel report. ✓
9. Marcus Nolan to contact Waterhouse Trust re. telephone box. ✓
10. J. Neaverson/ J. Gurney to attend meeting of Harbour Board – 3.11.08.
11. C. Cox to attend Saltstone on the 20.10.08; others Councillors may attend.
12. R. House to email planning re. problems with Gara Traffic Plan ✓
13. J. Gurney to email link to access proposals for Marine Hotel. ✓
14. Councillors to liaise re site visit for planning application for Hillside.