

## EAST PORTLEMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

East Portlemouth Village Hall, East Portlemouth

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7.00pm

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

### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

- Cllr. Julian Brazil reported that SHDC had invested on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2008, £1,250,000 in the failed Icelandic Bank, Icesave. It is not known whether this money is recoverable.
- Residents are now able to buy parking permits for £10 for the year, which entitles them to park without charge, between 4pm and 10am, if a space is available. There is, however a move to increase parking charges, in some cases by 66%.
- A Children's Centre is to go ahead at Kingsbridge Primary School. The concept is that it is intended to fill the gaps for children between the ages of birth and 5. It is hoped to help children who are not at present being supported. It will include health services, the Primary Healthcare Trust, Social Services, Police, Job Centre, accommodation, etc and is being run by Dr. Barnardos.

**POLICE REPORT:** None

PRESENT: **Councillors:** L. Lindley (Chair), P. Reed, C. Cox, J. Gurney, R. House,  
M. Nolan, J..Neaverson  
In attendance: S. Winstanley (Clerk) Cllr. J. Brazil (arrived 7.40pm)

**1. APOLOGIES** - None

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 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:**

- Following a request from a Member concerned that the waste compound beside the public lavatories had become filthy and unhygienic, after several attempts to discover who was responsible for emptying the compound, Chris Lucas, Head of Environment Services had been in contact. He had informed the Clerk that the compound would have to be removed because under current legislation the provision of such an area amounted to the District Council encouraging fly tipping. This was unacceptable because it exposed the District Council to a fine of £50,000 from the Environment Agency. He reported that similar compounds in Salcombe and Dartmouth had been removed for a similar reason. Should the area continue to be used for the disposal of rubbish, SHDC will take steps to discover by whom the rubbish was left and legal action would be taken to fine them for fly tipping. Two members protested at the prospect of losing the compound and it was agreed the Clerk contact Chris Lucas with a view to a site visit or attendance at the next Council meeting.
- The Digital Roadshow has been arranged for the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009, in Frogmore Village Hall, between the hours of 4pm and 8pm.
- Following the last Council meeting, the County Archaeologist had been contacted regarding Bronze Age artefacts found at Rickham Farm. The County Archaeologist said that having examined the two planning applications being considered at Rickham Farm, the works involved would not require an archaeological survey.
- The pilot was working well so far as waste collection and lavatory cleaning was concerned. The arrangement for street cleaning is that street picking will occur weekly, and mechanised sweeping every 10-12 weeks.
- Loddiswell PC has made a substantial increase in its Precept to cover the cost of contracted out grasscutting.

## 5. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

Applications to be considered this meeting:

1. 20/1913/08/CU – Rickham Farm TQ8 8PQ –  
Retrospective application for change of use of land to provide temporary tents  
Following a site visit and after discussion it was *resolved* to recommend refusal of this application. It is inappropriate change of use affecting an AONB, due to concerns over sanitation issues and to concerns over increased traffic.
2. 20/1944/08/F – Rickham Farm TQ8 8PQ  
Retrospective application for the construction of agricultural access track to service Rickham Farm and to provide temporary access to Gara Rock development site for construction traffic and construction of earth bunds to enclose agricultural paddocks using spoil from Gara Rock construction site.  
Following a site visit and after discussion it was *resolved* to recommend approval.  
Comments to be added – the bunds should be planted as a Devon Bank and the track landscaped.
3. 20/1889/08/F - The Old Chapel TQ8 8PE  
Erection of timber garden building  
Following a site visit and after discussion it was *resolved* to recommend approval.
4. 20/1980/08/F - Yalton Kiln TQ8 8PA  
Erection of studio in garden on site of former outbuilding  
Following a site visit and after discussion it was *resolved* to recommend approval.
5. 20/2003/08F – Ditchend, TQ8 8PU  
Replacement dwelling with additional landscaping scheme incorporating open swimming pool and entrance gates  
Following a site visit and after discussion it was *resolved* to recommend refusal due to the visual impact of the proposal in an AONB.
6. 20/1842/08/F – Hillside TQ8 8PE  
Extensions and loft conversion, with exterior cladding  
Following a site visit and after discussion it was *resolved* to recommend approval.
7. 20/1977/08/F – Holset House TQ8 8PL  
Erection of single storey timber framed orangery  
Following a site visit and after discussion it was *resolved* to recommend approval.
8. 20/2061/08/F - Forge Cottage, TQ8 8PN  
Alterations and extension to dwelling  
Following a site visit and after discussion it was *resolved* to defer consideration of the application until the next meeting. The Clerk will ensure the Case Officer is in agreement.

## 6. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

- Bus Shelter – Below the car park by the Ferry Steps, there is a bus shelter which belongs to the Parish Council. The Chair is investigating the possibility of using the shelter to benefit the Parish – perhaps as a viewing area because there is a wonderful view. The possibility of funding is being investigated.

## 7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. To approve payment of the following cheques:  
Cheque Nos: 100106 - £190.00 – EPPCC  
100107 - £58.78 – Audit Commission  
100108 - £39.25 – P. Sallett (PAYE)  
100109 - £207.93 – S. Winstanley (October)
2. Proposal to purchase bulbs for parish. Following discussion it was *resolved* that approximately £30 should be spent on spring bulbs and a working party arranged to plant them.
3. Current finances – cash at bank - £2.918

## 8. PROPOSAL TO LIST THE TELEPHONE KIOSK WITH NATURAL ENGLAND

The Chair reported that the telephone box in the Parish is of the K9 type and could therefore, be listed. It was *resolved* to complete the application forms in an effort to have the box listed. This will not necessarily protect the telephone connection. Clerk to contact Michael Cozens at SHDC for advice.

### 9. PROPOSAL TO JOIN THE BT SPONSORSHIP SCHEME TO ENSURE THE OPERATIONAL FUTURE OF THE TELEPHONE KIOSK

The Chair reported that the telephone connection could be protected if the Parish were willing to sponsor the box, at an annual cost of £500. It was agreed that following further investigation this item would be considered at the next meeting.

### 10. PROPOSAL TO JOIN THE P3 SCHEME

Following discussion it was *resolved* not to join the P3 scheme at present. It was agreed the Clerk should write to Ros Davies expressing the Council's thanks for her presentation and informing her of the Council's decision.

### 11. CORRESPONDENCE -

SHDC Standards Committee – Appointment of Parish Representatives  
 SHDC – Residents Parking Permits  
 SHDC – Budget Consultation Meeting 12.11.08 – 7pm – Follaton House  
 SHDC – email from S. Munday concerning Village Farm planning applications.  
 It was agreed the Clerk should write to Vaughan Farms requesting that they arrange for a bat survey to be carried out.

### 12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

**Coleridge** - The removal of the telephone box at Prawle was reported. K. Carter (SHDC – Landscape & Leisure) made a presentation re. the re-organisation of grass cutting arrangements, using new machines.

**Saltstone** - P. Norrey, (Chief Exec. DCC) made a presentation about how a unitary authority might work in practice, and community boards, in particular. The possibility of Saltstone Group being part of a pilot was discussed. The Group decided that Saltstone should work with DCC and South Hams to set up a community board trial, should the unitary proposal go ahead.

**Parish Cluster** – Forward planning and the Local Development Framework were discussed.  
 Affordable Housing – There were several questions asking why there were not more affordable housing schemes. The view was expressed that the current affordable housing is in fact, not affordable and there is a great need for more social renting.

**Gara** - R. House had contacted SHDC planning concerning the concrete lorries. A letter had been received from J. Zouche suggesting that the Council discuss its concerns with him before contacting SHDC. Mr. Lewis has now left Rickham Farm but Gara were expecting to go ahead with plans which had been agreed. It is very quiet at present but the developers are expecting work to increase considerably. C. Cox and R. House are expecting to have a meeting this month, with the developers. The Clerk is to try to obtain a final version of the traffic plan.

A question was asked whether anyone had any problems with Gara traffic. There had been no complaints but it had been noted that the lorries were not waiting for an escort as they were supposed to.

**Harbour Board** – A resolution had been put forward by the Harbour Master to operate the Yacht Taxi service. He proposed to improve the service and supported the view of the Parish Council. The question was asked whether it was operating as a business or a service. Members accepted the proposal.

The pontoon was not discussed. The Harbour Master said that it was too difficult because of landing on private property but they are contacting the ferry operator to see if the service can be extended.

J. Neaverson requested that a representative from the Parish Council should attend any meeting with the ferry company. J. Neaverson to check the licence conditions for the ferry service. He proposed that a letter be sent to the Harbour Master to thank him for his support.

### 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2008

SIGNED .....  
 L. Lindley Chair

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 S. Winstanley Clerk

**ACTION POINTS:**

1. Clerk to contact SHDC (Chris Lucas) re site visit or report at next meeting ✓
2. Clerk to contact Case Officer re deferring Forge Cottage application ✓
3. Clerk to write letter of thanks to Ros Davies and inform the Council decision re P3. ✓
4. Clerk to contact Jenny Farmer re. phone. ✓
5. Clerk to write to Vaughan Farms re bat survey .
6. Clerk to endeavour to obtain the final version of the Gara traffic plan. ✓
7. Clerk to write a letter of thanks to the Harbour Master re. the yacht taxi. ✓
8. J. Neaverson to check on the terms of the licence for the ferry service.
9. R. House to write to J. Zouche.

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