

EAST PORTLEMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

East Portlemouth Village Hall, East Portlemouth

Tuesday 6th January 2009 at 7.00pm

OPEN FORUM – One member of the public attended.

A member of the Waterhouse Trust thanked the Council for allowing the comments of parishioners to be heard at the last meeting. The Trust had noted comments made by Members and wished to inform the Council on the following points:

- The sewerage system will be of the Klargest type and a small layby will be constructed to enable the system to be emptied. This will also make it safer for pedestrians.
- Landscaping – the speed hump will be removed and a drainage channel installed. The Trust have been advised that car lights will not shine into any nearby properties.
- Loss of privacy – the orientation of the houses will be slightly altered so that they do not overlook any other properties.
- Nothing will be planted on the road to the south but on the northwest side hedging will be planted which will first be agreed with planners prior to any work being carried out.
- It is expected that the application will be heard on the 11th February, 2009.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: None

POLICE REPORT: None

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

1. APOLOGIES – P. Reed, Cllr Brazil

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held on 2nd December 2008.

It was proposed, seconded and *resolved* that the Chair should sign the Minutes as a true and correct record with the following amendments made to item 5 amendment to bullet point

- It is an exception site *which is outside the Rural Area Development Plan.*
- additional bullet point
- It meets one of four criteria for an exception site

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

4. CLERK'S REPORT:

- Following correspondence with the Planning Manager, Stephen Munday, an assurance had been received that a Wildlife Impact Assessment at Village Farm, would be carried out.
- Following a request, the road from Devonshire Bridge had been cleared. Councillors reported that the road at Goodshelter to Millbay was still heavily soiled. The Clerk will contact Highways.
- The next Coleridge meeting scheduled for January, had been cancelled.

5. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

For information only:

1. 20/1977/08/F – Holset House TQ8 8PL – Permission Granted
2. 20/1980/08/F - Yalton Kiln, TQ8 8PA – Permission Granted
3. 20/2061/08/F - Forge Cottage TQ8 8PN – Application withdrawn
4. 20/1944/08/F - Rickham Farm TQ8 8PQ – Permission Granted (bundling – track withdrawn)
5. 20/1913/08/CU – Rickham Farm TQ8 8PQ – Permission Refused (tenting accommodation)

To be considered at this meeting:

20/2348/08/F - Arran TQ8 8PU

Construction of a parking & turning area

Following discussion it was *resolved* to recommend no objection. It was suggested that the work should be undertaken outside the peak holiday periods.

6. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

- Bus Shelter – The Chair explained that she had now discovered the deed showing that the Parish owned the bus shelter. In order to change the use of the bus shelter it would be necessary to obtain the agreement of the Waterhouses, who donated the land. She is investigating the possibility of obtaining funding to improve the area.
- Telephone box – The Chair explained that following the problems experienced by Chivelstone, the telephone box was not at present under threat. Experience showed that there would be lengthy warning should the box be threatened at which time the Council could immediately go ahead with endeavouring to list the box with Natural England.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. To approve payment of the following cheques:
 Cheque Nos: 100112 - £207.93 S. Winstanley (December)
 100113 - £27.00 S. Winstanley (to reimburse for book)
2. To set the Precept for 2009/10. Following discussion, it was *resolved* to set the Precept at the same level as 2008/09, i.e. £4,500.
3. Current finances – cash at bank - £2.160.

- 10. CORRESPONDENCE** - SHDC Cancellation of Parish Cluster Meeting.
 SHDC Devon Home Choice Consultation 12.1.09, Follaton House, 2-4pm.

11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Gara

- Rob Dixon, the Gara Rock hotel developer, told the liaison committee on 11.12.08 that due to financial pressures the developers wanted to increase the number of hotel bedrooms to 20 from 14 by adding room in the west wing, notably in the roof space. There were no longer plans to reduce the number of apartments from 14 as previously stated by Jimmy Zouche and reported to the Parish Council in November.
- RD expected the developers would put in a fresh planning application in early 2009 with an unspecified increase in the roof height of the west wing to accommodate the extra bedrooms.
- RD said the developers currently lacked bank funding to fit out the hotel and were seeking partners for this side of the development. Current planning permission required them to complete the bar, restaurant and other common facilities before the developers can sell the apartments.
- Building work was expected to continue in early 2009 although Cllr. Cox reported at the PC meeting that work had not started as anticipated by RD on 5.1.09.
- Jimmy Zouche said lorries would be issued with new Gara construction traffic signs and others would be available on site to address the on-going issue of the lack of signage in lorries delivering to the site. The site manager would conduct spot checks on incoming vehicles to ensure compliance with the sign requirement of the Travel Plan.
- Jimmy Zouche said an additional traffic warning sign would be erected at Rickham Cross to say "Beware of Children" with information on the times when children could be expected to be en route to and from the school bus.
- Rob Dixon said the Environment Agency had expressed concerns about potential contamination of the bunding with building material.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 3rd February, 2009

SIGNED
 L. Lindley Chair
 S. Winstanley Clerk

ACTION POINTS:

1. Clerk to arrange for the road from Goodshelter to Millbay to be cleaned. ✓
2. R. House to contact D. Kenyon re. the finish to Gara site. ✓
3. Chair to amend the forecast figures and circulate to Members.