

## EAST PORTLEMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

East Portlemouth Village Hall, East Portlemouth

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 at 7.00 pm

**OPEN FORUM** – Two members of the public attended.

### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

- The SHDC precept is set at 0% increase. It appears that the rate for DCC will be 2.9% increase.
- The East Portlemouth affordable housing application will be considered at the 11<sup>th</sup> March meeting at SHDC.
- SHDC are still offering parking permits for local residents at £10. This will be reviewed at a later date.
- The publication of the Local Government Review is being delayed until the 13<sup>th</sup> February, after which there is a 4-6 week consultation. Following this the Secretary of State can make a decision. It is hoped that this will not involve a delay in the County Council elections scheduled for June.
- Totnes has just commenced on street parking charges.

### POLICE REPORT:

- PC Mutton's area of responsibility has been much reduced and he hopes to see the Council more often.
- Raid on the Pig's Nose – The Police felt that this had been a successful operation but feedback revealed that parishioners felt it had been heavy handed. The Police have met with Chivelstone PC to discuss this. Licensees in the area knew of the intention to carry out the raids which were meant to support them. On the night of the raid on the Pig's Nose, many Police officers had attended as observers. Several people were identified by the Police dog and interviewing them involved the additional Police officers.
- On the far side of the estuary in the basin, several boats have been damaged, set on fire and grounded. The Police have no clue about the culprit. Any help from Parishioners would be helpful. Any unusual behaviour should be reported immediately.

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

1. **APOLOGIES** – M. Nolan

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

- 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:**

- Chris Lucas has received only one communication about the removal of the waste compound
- concerning waste compounds in Worthing. Chris Lucas had said that this was the chosen method of collection in Worthing.
- J. Gurney said that he would email parishioners encouraging them to write to Chris Lucas. The Chair pointed out that representations to Chris Lucas should only be on the basis that they needed help with waste collection.
- The road from Devonshire Bridge had been swept but Stuart Jellings at SHDC said that it was not possible to mechanically sweep the road all the way down to Millbay. The Clerk will check back with him. Stokenham has been informed that cleaning the road is now their responsibility.

## 5. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

For information only: 20/2348/08/F – Arran TQ8 8PU - withdrawn

To be considered at this meeting:

20/0055/09/F - Upalong, East Portlemouth TQ8 8PU

Extend and refurbish existing boat store

Following discussion it was *resolved* to support the application with the comment that the materials and design could be improved particularly if the roof were slate.

Gara Development.

There is to be a public meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> February with the developers.

It was agreed that R. House should contact D. Kenyon to explain that the Council will consider all aspects of the Gara Development including a new application, at the March meeting of the Parish Council on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

## 6. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

The Chair announced the death of Josephine Trinick. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 2.30pm at Chivelstone Church. The Chair will attend.

## 7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. To approve payment of the following cheques:

Cheque Nos: 100114 - £19.20 HMRC

Current finances – £2140.81

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE - SHDC Letter from D. Kenyon re. affordable housing scheme.

Letter from Waterhouse Housing Trust re help towards providing allotments.

Some interest had been expressed in allotments but it had not been taken forward. It was agreed that Councillors investigate the provision of land and identify parishioners who are interested.

## 9. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

### Gara

- A planning application has been received to incorporate new hotel bedrooms into the roof of the west wing, with some alterations to the external appearance of west wing plus amendments to parking layout.
- New planning application to be considered at March meeting after the developers' open public meeting due at village hall on 26-2-09.
- The liaison committee will also meet developers and report back.
- No plan yet submitted re landscaping/development for east section of the site, which includes a large area under a temporary spoil heap.
- RAH confirmed that Parish Council will be invited to view a sample wall of the proposed stone-facing material under the approved planning permission, and comment about this together with render colour. Architect and Dave Kenyon of SHDC due to attend this site visit too.
- Dave Kenyon had passed on our comment that the received render sample too bright. Parish Council agreed no need to comment on other detailing, such as windows, dormers.
- Parish Council welcomed detailed native hedge and wildflower planting scheme and maintenance proposals in landscape design for the approved permission.
- Work on site currently suspended. When container offices taken off site, transport vehicles damaged hedges and caused mud along road from site entrance to Rickham Cross.
- ACTION: RAH to request developers to arrange mud to be cleared from road. RAH to email Council thanks to Dave Kenyon and update him on Council's February deliberations.
- The no through road to Gara is overgrown. Clerk to contact Highways.

**Affordable Housing**

- Over the weekend the Chair was asked to attend a meeting at SHDC to discuss the delay in considering the application for affordable housing. It was a useful meeting for the applicants and the Planning Office. There was very little to report except that the application will be considered at the March meeting.
- Points were discussed about the Planning Officers concerns.
- No comment had yet been received from Highways.
- There will be a site visit on Friday by the Planning Office..

**Rickham Farm**

The toilet block has still not been removed  
The portacabin has not been removed  
The sewage facilities have not been dismantled

**Tree planting**

There will be a tree planting event at Alan Stapleton's (Meadow Barn) at the end of February.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2009**

SIGNED .....  
L. Lindley Chair S. Winstanley Clerk

**ACTION POINTS:**

1. Clerk to speak to Stuart Jellings concerning cleaning the road to Millbay ✓
2. Clerk to contact R. Crombie re. Rickham ✓
3. R. House to contact D. Kenyon re. Gara details and new application ✓
4. Clerk to contact Highways re road down to Gara. ✓