

EAST PORTLEMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd February 2016 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors L. Lindley (Chair), J. Hilditch, M. Harris, R. Good, J. Parker.
In attendance – O. Jenkinson

OPEN FORUM— None

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr. J. Brazil

- Planning department continues to struggle with the transition to the new system.
- Local Authority Control Company owned by SHDC & West Devon
- Devolution of SHDC & DCC is due to localism from last Government
- Budget proposals are currently being made with an increase in Council Tax of 1.99% for SHDC
- New Homes Bonus will mean that no more services need to be cut as it is bringing in a profit
- DCC however are suffering heavily from lack of finance
- Road warden scheme isn't working
- DCC Council tax will increase by 3.99%, 2% of which is ring-fenced for adult and social care.
- Parish maintenance and roads will not improve

POLICE REPORT – PC Jane Gerrard by email – there have been no crimes since the last report.

1009. Apologies – M. Hurst

1010. Minutes of the previous meetings held on 5th January 2016.

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the Minutes be signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

1011. Declarations of Interest – None.

1012. Planning & planning matters:

a) 3109/15/HHO – Clay Park Cottage, East Portlemouth Corner to Mill Bay, East Portlemouth, TQ8 8PA.

Householder application for landscaping, external works and external swimming pool.

*Following discussion the PC had **no objection** to the application on the condition that building works would be carried out outside all school holiday times.*

b) 1 Long Park Cottage approved by SHDC planning committee.

1013. Clerk's report – Nothing to report

1014. Chair's report

- Chairman of Chivelstone organized a site for the night landing of Devon Air Ambulance, East Portlemouth should think about whether the parish has a suitable site.
- Coleridge meeting next week, speaker attending to talk about BT Broadband

1015. Financial matters -

- a). To approve payment of the following cheques:
 - 100447 – £21.94 – DALC – 50% contribution to CiLCA textbook
 - 100448 – VOID
 - 100449 – £235.79 - O. Jenkinson (Feb)

Resolved.

- b). Cash at **bank** approx. £13,835.25

1016. Viewing platform updates – None – look at the project again next month.

1017. Sign in bus shelter – J. Hilditch offered to renovate existing sign, if it cannot be renovated will then seek a metal or hardwood plaque.

1018. Discuss possibility of neighbourhood plan – Cllrs discussed the option of a neighbourhood plan but felt that it would not be beneficial at this time. Should PC decide to persue a plan we would ask Chivelstone if they would be willing to join us.

1019. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

To receive updates from Councillors on matters of special responsibility:-

Foreshore owner's liaison – Nothing to report

Coleridge representatives – Meeting next week

Footpaths & hedgerows warden – M. Harris provided the following explanation for the need to resurface the footpath to Ditch End Landing Stage: the main use for the footpath is not recreational at all - the important access it provides is twofold:
1) For local fishermen etc. to access their dinghies - at high tide there is no other way to the Ditch End landing stage where their dinghies are moored
2) The Ditch End landing stage is used by the Salcombe-East Portlemouth ferry when conditions are too rough to use the main ferry hard.

As such easy access is really important to the people of East Portlemouth.

The shelter there is a war memorial, and therefore of cultural importance.

The response from the footpaths officer at DCC was that he is going to try and prioritise repairing this route this financial year. Probably get it resurfaced, there are available funds, and is meeting a contractor next week to look at it with a view to getting a quote.

Highways – Information from contractor in mid January is that the road from Rickham Cross to Rickham will be resurfaced in April/May.

Harbour Liaison – Dredging will be carried out from Kingsbridge down, a total amount equivalent to 4 Olympic sized swimming pools.

1020. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 1st March 2016 at 7.30pm.

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Chair

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O. Jenkinson Clerk