

## **EAST PORTLEMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL**

### Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd January 2017 at 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** **Councillors** L. Lindley (Chair), J. Hilditch, M. Harris, R. Good,  
In attendance – O. Jenkinson & Cllr Julian Brazil

**OPEN FORUM** – Two members of public came to express their concern for part of the coastal footpath that is collapsing and covered with vegetation so it is difficult to see it is undermined. They had informed the National Trust.  
Concern was also expressed for the state of the lower road between South Pool and East Portlemouth. There will be a lot of traffic for the Yalton development which may worsen the road.

#### **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT –** SHDC

- Deciding on LACC in February.
- Bed blocking in Derriford hospital is worse in reality.
- Recycling collection is being looked at to establish if improvements can be made as the current mixed recycling has to travel up to the middle of the country to be sorted.
- SHDC have prosecuted more people for fly tipping than other local councils.

#### DCC –

- There is a Highways Enhancement Improvement Fund available but projects need to be completed and invoiced for by mid – March. There is £100,000 available across Devon.
- There is a funding crisis with care for the elderly – DCC can raise council tax by 2% (+3% for elderly care) for the next two years.
- Education funding – Kingsbridge CC & Primary and Stokenham primary are all having their budgets cut. This is out for consultation at the moment.

**POLICE REPORT** – No report. Clerk reported that there had been no crimes in the parish using SHDC crime statistics.

**1126. Apologies** – J. Parker absent due to illness.  
- M. Hurst absent, no apology.

#### **1127. Minutes of the previous meetings held on 6th December 2016.**

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

**1128. Declarations of Interest** – None.

#### **1129. Planning & planning matters:**

a) a) 3612/16/FUL - Land To The West Of Gara Rock Resort, East Portlemouth  
Erection of a satellite cafe, toilet hut, outdoor seating area, external kitchen and associated works. *Following discussion the Council gave No Objection.*

b) 3586/16/FUL - Gara Rock Hotel, East Portlemouth, TQ8 8FA -  
Redevelopment involving change of use from hotel (C1) to create 12 residential apartments (C3) with external alterations including fenestration (windows and doors) and access (steps). Erection of self-contained ancillary staff accommodation. Erection of single storey extensions to main building to create reception area/ office and enlarged restaurant. Operational improvements internally to provide additional facilities comprising of Treatment Rooms, Gym, Games Room and Back of House. Relocation and reconfiguration of existing plant. Improvements to grounds including new landscaping, and other associated works. *Following discussion the Council gave No Objection.*

Decisions (For information only, see SHDC website for more information):

3181/16/TPO – Clay Park Cottage – T1, T2 & T3 Oak Crown reductions – *Tree Works Allowed.*

3379/16/FUL – Waterhead – Retrospective relocation of existing footpath – *Withdrawn.*

**1130. Clerk's report –**

- Clerk reminded the Council members to check their Register of Interest and update if necessary.
- Informed Council of the Highway Enhancement Fund.
- Clerk asked Council to sign single signatory form for online banking – Council unanimously agreed.

**1131. Chair's report –** The Chair would like to bring forward a discussion at the next meeting on service provision for second homes.

**1132. Discuss possible projects for S106 –** Following further discussion the following projects will be put forward – Improvement to Lookout

- Transport funding for school bus for 16/18 year olds
  - Parish Tree Map - survey of trees and ecology
- Discussions continued.*

**1133. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

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

**Foreshore owner's liaison** – Nothing to report.

**Coleridge representatives** – Nothing to report.

**Footpaths & hedgerows warden** – No 22 has no finger post.

- Overhanging vegetation needs cutting back on

Ferry Steps. **\*Clerk to write letter to Village Farm to request it is cut back.**

**Highways** – Nothing to report

**Harbour Liason** – Millbay beach is already a designated Bathing Water and is sampled by the Environment Agency from May to Sept: is the PC interested in acquiring a 'Seaside Award' nomination from Natural England (it's one below a 'Blue Flag')? It wouldn't cost the PC anything but could increase foot traffic – is this desirable? *Council discussed this but decided not to go carry it forward.*

- The number of thefts have dropped right off with the cold weather and I know that the PC are keen to support any measures to maintain this status. The Police are encouraging the fitting of motion activated lights on properties to dissuade illicit activities taking place nearby.

**Phone box** – Nothing to report

**1134. Financial matters -**

a) To approve payment of the following cheques:

100478 - £293.80 – O. Jenkinson (January)

100479 - £350.00 – East Portlemouth PCC

***All Approved.***

**\*Council to discuss increasing Churchyard grant at next meeting.**

b) Cash at bank approx. £16,839.20

**1135. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm.

SIGNED .....  
Chair

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O. Jenkinson Clerk