

EAST PORTLEMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th March 2017 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors R. Good (V.Chairman), J. Hilditch, M. Harris, J. Parker
In attendance – O. Jenkinson

OPEN FORUM – Two members of public came to listen to the meeting.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – from Cllr J. Brazil

SHDC

- Council tax will be increased by £5
- Joint Local Plan
 - This is the planning bible – strategic vision is for numbers of homes to rise to 27,000 by 2034. Mainly on Plymouth fringe.
 - Previously 'unsustainable' villages are now considered 'sustainable' for 10 houses. This leaves room for developers to question the definition of 'sustainable' in villages not listed in the plan.
 - There are contradictions in the plan, if only five houses are built, they don't need to provide affordable housing.
 - East Portlemouth is not listed in the plan.

DCC –

- Council tax will rise by 5% (2% usual + 3% social care)
- Overspend in education budget means Council are having to claw back £33/pp in each school. Some schools will get extra funding but at the cost to another school.
- Devon MP's may vote against Government over the education funding for the county.

M. Harris asked Cllr Brazil about priority of moorings for local residents. Cllr Brazil encouraged the parish to get a forum together who can then be represented at the Harbour Board meetings.

J. Parker queried development parking issues.

L. Lindley asked Cllr Brazil about the funding for community projects and about the service provision for second home owners and about restriction on new second homes – see Minutes below.

POLICE REPORT – PCSO Paul O'Dwyer –

- No crimes in last month.
- £600 worth of crab was stolen from Ditchend. This in crime figures is registered under Salcombe as owner lives in Salcombe.
- Received report that sea wall was collapsing through 101 call, investigated but could not find the collapsing wall.
- While looking for sea wall, spoke with foreman of Clay Park about parking on roads.
- Also spoke with foreshore owners and CCTV on tall boats overlooking pots could be beneficial.
- *Lookout for a white VW caddy van acting suspiciously*
- Marine Crime Operation being initiated.

1147. Apologies – No apologies

1148. Minutes of the previous meetings held on 7th February 2016.

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

1149. Declarations of Interest – None.

1150. Planning & planning matters:

a) 3714/16/FUL – Goodshelter House, East Portlemouth, Devon, TQ8 8PA.

Retrospective application for construction of wooden viewing deck in sycamore tree.

Following discussion the Council recommended No Objection.

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

b) 0057/17/VAR - The Spinney – conditional approval

1151. Clerk's report –

- Joint Local Plan can be commented on for 6 weeks from 15th March.

1152. Chair's report – M. Hurst has left the Council so we now have to vacancies on the Council. ***Clerk to send poster and inform SHDC.**

1153. Discuss service provision for second homes – Cllr J. Brazil provided information on the current service provision for second home owners.
Refuse collection - second homes currently pay 100% council tax, however if the home is available for more than 26 weeks it can fall under business rates and therefore receive 100% rate relief. SHDC could charge business rate second homes for refuse collection but they do not at the moment! There are 1300 business rated homes in the South Hams at the moment.

New second homes covenant – SHDC supports the St Ives ruling however the Joint Local Plan doesn't mention it. The Parish ideally need a planning statement and need community support. It may require a referendum but it could coincide with the DCC election. ***L. Lindley to draft a planning statement for next meeting.**

1154. Discuss possible projects for S106 – Cllr J. Brazil made it clear that what we can apply for is the Community Investment Fund rather than S106 funding. Council are still in discussion and planning for the projects.

1155. 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 – Nothing to report - ***Clerk to email formal thanks to DCC for cutting back overgrown vegetation.**

Highways – J. Parker queried building parking with Cllr J. Brazil. PCSO Paul O'Dwyer also spoke about the issue (see Police report).

Dog fouling has become a serious problem along the road to Mill Bay with owners leaving dog faeces regularly on the edge of the road where people walk. J. Parker has bought signs herself to try to tackle the problem. A notice will go in the Link magazine to press the issue further.

Harbour Liason – Nothing to report but queried moorings for locals, see District Cllr report.

Phone box – *R. Good will try again with quote.

1156. Financial matters -

a) To approve payment of the following cheques:

100481 - £50.00 – EPPC (additional funding for churchyard)

100482 - £293.80 – O. Jenkinson (March)

Approved.

c) Cash at bank as of 28.01.17 - £15,901.63

1157. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 4th April 2017 at 7.30pm.

SIGNED
Chair

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O. Jenkinson Clerk