

Other matters - Designated Councillors monitor highways, footpaths and hedgerows and the beaches, and liaison with the village hall and the harbour authority and report back to our monthly meetings.

Roads - The condition of many roads is still of great concern. Heavy lorries using the bottom road are adding to the damage. Please help by using the DCC website or telephone DCC on 0845 155 1004 to report road damage, particularly potholes; the more the complaints the more likely action will be taken.

Future plans

Renovation of the phone box – there is work to be done urgently and then the village can decide on its future use.

Look-out – recreational use of the site of the old bus shelter.

Possible funding of 16-18 travel – depending on other sources available.

Impact of new building – particularly second homes and their impact on housing stock and council services for local people.

Last year we looked at the possibility of offering Devon Air Ambulance a night landing Helipad. Several parishioners kindly came forward to offer landing sites but sadly none were of quite the right size and condition.

For Information - After this brief Annual Report the Council we shall break for refreshments and then meet to elect our Chairman and Vice-Chairman, as well as officers responsible for aspects of the PCs activities, for the forthcoming year. A short Parish Council meeting will follow.

Finally, my grateful thanks to councillors for their contribution, and to everyone who has supported the work of the Council this year, particularly our clerk Olivia Jenkinson. It has been a privilege to serve as parish councillor and chairman this year.

Questions? No questions were asked.

Lindsey Lindley, Chairman, East Portlemouth Parish Council

Items brought up by Council and parishioners:

- Trees at Mill Bay – Council been asked by SHDC for information. Trees came down 18 months ago. This has highlighted the need for an updated map of TPO's. ***Clerk to write letter to owners of Bay House, Kingsgrove & Mill Bay Cottage.**
- Road to Yalton is being seriously damaged by development traffic - ***Clerk to contact Adam Keay for site meeting, J. Parker will meet with him.**
- Steps down to beach alongside ferry slip are deteriorating – could be owned by SHDC.

County Council Report – Julian Brazil

- Roads by law have to take up to 44 tonnes, re road to Yalton.
- Currently it costs £60million to maintain the roads in Devon, but the Council are only spending £40million, therefore the roads are deteriorating every year by a value of £20million.
- The road through Halwell and Totnes Cross is set to be resurfaced, at a cost £500,000. The work will be carried out between 7pm & 7am to minimise disruption to road users as much as possible.
- Head of Highways has left and standing in temporarily is Megan Booth, but there is hope she will stay permanently.
- New company Skanska have now taken over from South west Highways.
- Julian is asking for PC's to be told when pot hole repairs will be happening so they can be more involved in the process.
- 3% increase in Council Tax for Adult Social Care
- Schools have suffered cuts of £30/per pupil. The review has failed. Money will be taken from some schools to pay others.

District Council Report – Julian Brazil

- LACC is not now going forward.
- Council now considering commercial property investment. Will borrow £80million to purchase property outside the South Hams. Parishioners are advised to lookout for reports on this and how people can comment. Will be on the March/April agenda. Best way to get your thoughts across is to write letters to the press.

- Rubbish collection is being reviewed – weekly food collection in a 2ft caddy, with collection for large brown wheelie bins being charged at £40/year. Scrutiny meeting happening on 18th/19th May.
- Joint Local Plan – a lot of villages now deemed 'sustainable' to receive 10 houses a year. If villages allow 5 houses or less there is no need for social housing.

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1170. Election of Chairman

L. Lindley was proposed and seconded, there being no other nominees, she was elected Chairman. L. Lindley signed the Declaration for Acceptance of Office.

L. Lindley informed the Council that R. Good has resigned from the Council and thanked him for his time on the Council.

1171. Election of Vice Chairman – There were no nominees for this role. If a Vice Chairman is needed a member of the Council will step in to fill the role temporarily.

1172. Apologies – None

1173. Minutes of the previous meetings held on 4th April 2017.

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

1174. Declarations of Interest – None.

1175. Matters in abeyance

- Second home refuse collection
- New second home covenant

Deferred to next meeting

1176. Clerks report – Internal audit has been completed and has been reported as being satisfactory.

- Street scene department are going to ring to discuss dog poo bins ***Clerk to chase.**
- Emailed Harbour Board Chairman to express an interest for An East Portlemouth Harbour Forum – he will let the board and Harbour Officer know. ***L. Lindley to write to Chairman to express importance of an EP Harbour Forum cc. Adam Parnell.**

1177. Chair's report – covered in APM report.

1178. Planning & planning matters:

- Village Farm, East Portlemouth, Salcombe, Devon, TQ8 8PE
Prior notification of proposed base station installation – Vodafone Ltd

1179. Discussion items

- Dog fouling - ***Map of dog poo bins needed *L. Lindley to research dog poo bag dispensers *Clerk to liase with SHDC**
 - To mark potholes or not
 - Progression of lookout and phone box ***J. Parker & S. Wonnacott to seek quotes.**
- All items deferred to next meeting when additional information will be available.*

1180. Financial matters -

- Approve End of Year Accounts ***L. Lindley to publish accounts on website**
- Approve Annual Governance Statement
- Approve Accounting Statements

a,b & c all approved

- To approve payment of the following cheques:
 - 100487 – £126.00 – P. Davis
 - 100488 - £293.80 – O. Jenkinson
- Cash at bank as of 25th April 2017 - £16,191.14
Includes 1st precept payment

1181. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Review Cllrs responsibilities for the following:

Foreshore owner's liaison – NTR

Coleridge representatives – NTR

Footpaths & hedgerows warden – NTR

Highways – NTR

Harbour Liason – NTR

Lookout – NTR

Phone box – NTR

SIGNED

Chair

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O. Jenkinson Clerk