

## **EAST PORTLEMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**PRESENT:**     **Councillors** L. Lindley (Chairman), J. Hilditch, M. Harris & S. Wonnacott  
                  In attendance – O. Jenkinson

**OPEN FORUM** – None

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

County –

- Full Council meeting to be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, will report decisions next month.
- Meg Booth has now been made the permanent head of Highways department.
- New school funding means Devon has done slightly better than previous year, however the county is still £268 per pupil behind the national average.

District –

- Harbour Board meeting was held last week – EP Forum encouraged, inform J. Brazil of when it will happen and he will attend.
- S106 – at the executive meeting on 14 September members discussed a request for funds by the Waterhouse Trust. They have deferred a decision and welcome feedback on the matter from the Parish Council.
- The proposed 'One Council' consultation finishes this Sunday. On 31<sup>st</sup> October at 4.30pm a decision will be made alongside West Devon. Any comments from the Parish Council should be forwarded to John Tucker.

**POLICE REPORT** – None

**1214. Apologies** – J. Parker

**1215. Minutes of the previous meetings held on 5th September 2017.**

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

**1216. Declarations of Interest** – J. Hilditch declared a personal interest in agenda item 8.

**1217. Planning & planning matters:**

2940/17/VAR – The Spinney, East Portlemouth

Application for variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 20/0622/12/F. Following discussion the Council gave objections to to the application for the following reasons:

*The amendments result in overlooking into properties below due to the forward location and height of the proposed construction.*

*Approved planning 20/0622/12/F required a 3.6m hedge above the adjacent road. To maintain the conditions of the previous consent this will require at least an additional 0.5m of height.*

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

None

**1218. Clerk's report** –

J. Parker has kindly offered to source a sign for the defibrillator.

### 1219. Chair's report –

- Fiona van Es is arranging a site meeting at the viewpoint.
- Waterhouse Trust has requested a sum from Gara Rock S106 funds in order to reduce borrowing and interest charges to assist with further affordable housing development. It was felt that if the request was granted there would need to be conditions. **\*L. Lindley to draft a letter to SHDC Executive expressing councillors' views.**

### 1220. Matters for discussion

- Funding for transport of 16-18 year olds to place of education or training for work. Draft document drawn up by L. Lindley was reviewed. All felt it satisfactory in providing a basis on which to provide funding.
- SHDC Merger – One Council – Councillors discussed the proposal and concluded that there were no clear benefits for the Parish or residents in the South Hams. They agreed, unanimously, to make clear to SHDC that this Parish Council does not support the proposal.

### 1221. Proposal for resolution

Resolve to agree the East Portlemouth Parish Council scheme for providing funding to 16-18 year olds within the parish towards transport costs travelling to and from their place of education or training. **Resolved based on the following proposal:**

The Parish Council will subsidise the travel costs, either in whole or in part, of 16-18 year olds living in the Parish in order to help local families benefit from financial support and to fill the gap left by Devon County Council policy, for a trial period of 2017/2018. To avoid discrimination and promote equality, the policy ensures:-

- All 16-18 year olds who live in the parish and travel to attend full-time or part-time education or training for employment are eligible.
- The amount of the grant for 2017/2018 is £300.
- It applies to all 16-18 year olds who live in the parish regardless of the financial position of themselves, their parents or carers.
- The amount of grant offered may vary from year to year but will be the same fixed amount for all 16-18 year olds in any one year.
- The details of any payments made under this scheme will remain confidential to the family and the Parish Council.

### 1222. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

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

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

**Coleridge representatives** – 'One Council' consultation meeting – discussion was held but attendees felt there had been no solid conclusion as to why SHDC were considering this move. There was a unanimous show of hands against the proposal.

**Footpaths & hedgerows warden** – Ferry steps have been cleared again, a great job has been done. **\*Clerk to clarify with Highways who exactly has been clearing them.**

**Highways** – via email from J. Parker - I have been in touch with Chris Cunningham regarding the damaged verge on the turning above Clay Park, and have reminded him that they promised to make it good once the build was completed. He assures me that this is planned to happen just before the October half term holiday.

**Harbour Liason** – Nothing to report

**Dog fouling** – Has definitely been less of a problem, which is great. There are, however, still a few inconsiderate people who think there is no need to clean up after their dogs.

**Anyone wishing to report dog fouling please use the following link and fill in the form.**

**SHDC aim to clear the waste within 48hrs.**

<http://old.southhams.gov.uk/dogfouling><http://old.southhams.gov.uk/dogfouling>

**1223. Financial matters -**

a) To approve payment of the following cheques:  
100476 - £293.80 – O. Jenkinson (October)

***Approved.***

c) Cash at bank as of 27.09.17 - £20,499.54  
(2<sup>nd</sup> precept payment has been received)

**1224. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 7th November 2017 at 7.30pm

SIGNED .....  
Chair

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O. Jenkinson Clerk