

EAST PORTLEMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 7.30pm

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

OPEN FORUM – A statement was read out concerning planning application 4205/17/HHO - The Old Rectory East Portlemouth TQ8 8PA.

A representative from the Gara Rock development reported that new investors in the site would be making attractive changes to the facilities and they planned to re-open in Summer of this year. 'Mood boards' giving a flavour of the intended changes were kindly left in the Village Hall for local people to view.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT –

County –

- Full council meeting on 15th February to approve budget request for full 3% increase for adult social care and 3% raised cap giving 6% total increase.
- New pilot scheme for retention of growth in business rates following loss of government support grant.
- Slightly more budget allocation for schools.

District –

- Council tax increase will be greater of 3% or £5 per property.
- 2018/19 deficit funded partly through reduction in Local Community Fund and increase in New Homes bonus.
- 2018-2019 toilets at Ferry steps and Mill Bay may close if funding from local business and National Trust not forthcoming and Parish Council do not take on responsibility.
- The Harbour Board meeting on 25 February to be a workshop considering scaling fees to reduce charges to kayakers and paddleboarders and increase charges to larger motorboats.

POLICE REPORT – None.

1. Apologies – Olivia Jenkinson – annual leave

2. Minutes of the previous meetings held on 2nd January 2018.

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

3. Declarations of Interest – None.

4. Planning & planning matters:

4205/17/HHO - The Old Rectory East Portlemouth TQ8 8PA

Householder application for conversion and extension to existing boathouse to form ancillary living accommodation.

Following discussion the Council agreed *Objection* to the application because it represented a precedent of an independent dwelling directly on the waterfront. [NB. The application has been withdrawn.]

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

None

5. Clerk's report – None.

6. Chair's report –

Tried contacting Village Farm agent but no response. Will keep trying.

7. Matters for discussion

- A draft of the information board layout was reviewed; councillors to provide feedback to the Chair who would then collate views and forward them on.

8. Proposal for resolution

It was resolved to authorise the payment of approx. £65 for the 'bus shelter plaque.

9. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

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

Foreshore owner's liaison – Nothing to report

Coleridge representatives – Nothing to report – no meeting

Footpaths & hedgerows warden – Thanks to Mike Harris for strimming the car park and area at the top of the ferry steps.

Highways – The damage to roads from dumper trucks moving loads through the village was raised; the owner to be contacted. It was suggested that the village sign needed replacing; the clerk would be asked to investigate.

Harbour Liason – It was noted that Salcombe was out of step with local harbours e.g. Noss Mayo, Newton Ferrers and Fowey, all of which prioritised licences for full-time residents. Harbour Board to be asked to re-consider.

Dog fouling – Last month a significant increase, particularly in the car park and area at top of ferry steps. Notices will be posted and a further Link magazine report made to emphasise the anti-social nature of dog fouling and the penalties that can be imposed by SHDC.

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>

10. Financial matters -

a. To approve payment of the following cheques:

100507 - £293.80 – O. Jenkinson (February) **Approved**

100508 - £64.20 – M. Harris (re-imbusement for bus shelter plaque) **Approved**

100509 - £60.00 – S. Winstanley (Locum clerk inc travel exps) – locum clerk was unable to attend.

b. Cash at bank as of 30.01.18 - £19,031.43

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 7.30pm

SIGNED
Chair

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O. Jenkinson Clerk