

Emergency Team

The council is in discussions with the Westcountry Ambulance Service as regards the setting up of a *First Responders Team*.

This team would provide an initial first response to medical emergencies, accidents etc. and will hopefully have a defibrillating machine based here in the parish

If our discussions are successful we would be looking for volunteers. Full training would of course be provided .

Council Meetings

Please remember that any members of the public are very welcome at any of our parish council meetings, your views are important and can be aired during the "public participation" part of a meeting.

If there are any questions or concerns you have and you feel unable to voice them yourself at a public meeting; contact one of your councillors who will be happy to put your views or query forward.

Your Parish Council

Roger Tucker, <i>Chairman</i>	511332
Josephine Trinick <i>Vice Chairman</i>	511270
Warwick Harwood	511235
Julian Brazil	511109
Alan House	511406
Stephen Tucker	511531
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Chivelstone Parish Council Newsletter

Newsletter No 1

January 2005

This is the first edition of our new format newsletter. It is proposed that we produce 4 editions a year and we aim to use the newsletters as a method of keeping parishioners up to date with any changes or happenings which may be relevant. Do please remember that detailed information is still available on the council's notice boards.

Broadband—Latest Information

According to the BT, the Chivelstone exchange will be enabled for broadband internet access by 22nd June this year.

Our new Beat Manager

We are fortunate to have Pc Steve Mutton as our newly appointed Beat Manager, Steve will be attending many of our Council meetings and during public participation part of the meetings will be available for parishioners to raise any police matters of concern.

His Sergeant, Duncan Cameron is also usually reachable at Kingsbridge Police Station and will attend some meetings.

Merger of Parish Councils

In November, the council discussed the reactions from the East Portlemouth Parish Council Open Meeting held on 20th October.

Four Councillors and the clerk attended the meeting. It appeared that East Portlemouth Parish Council is unsure as to what they want. The basic conclusion from the meeting was that they would try harder and carry on.

The Clerk explained that to merge with Chivelstone Parish Council both Parish Councils would have to agree and then put a proposal to the District Council.

Councillors suggested that perhaps a ward system would work if the merger happened but some felt that it could create a “them and us” situation.

The Rev Terry Brighton was at the Public Meeting and had suggested that the District Council could disappear in the future when local government is re-organized again. He felt that if the Parish Councils were bigger then they would be stronger.

Cllr Stephen Tucker proposed that the Chivelstone Parish Council’s preliminary thoughts are that it does not object to the idea of a merger.

Your District Councillor Julian Brazil

Over the next year there are to be wholesale changes to our rubbish collection. The good news is doorstep recycling will be extended to Chivelstone. The bad news is fortnightly collections and wheely bins. As yet the Council does not know how it is going to deal with holiday/second homes. As you know many cottages are let on a weekly basis and so fortnightly collections will lead to chaos. The Parish Council and I have warned South Hams of the consequences. There may also be a problem with the two wheely bins that each household will be given. If you think you may have difficulties with storage or handling the new bins please let me know and I can pass your concerns on to the Council.



As I write this we are still awaiting the final outcome on the Gara Rock plans. What ever the outcome, thank you to all those who have written and turned up to meetings. I think the District Council has got the message loud and clear - local communities come before the wallets of developers - I hope my fellow District Councillors agree.

Finance

Accounts as per December statements

No 1 Account	£280.40
Instant Access Account	£8188.96

The clerk explained that of the total balance £2,924.87 was Parish Council Precept monies, £1,551.10 was Car Parking money, £3,138.39 was the balance of the Parish Plan Grant, and £855 was P3 Grant. The clerk added that Slapton Parish Council had submitted an invoice for the work carried out by Devon County Council for their Parish Plan (£2,203.13).

P3 ~ Parish Paths Partnership

Your council has joined the County Council’s P3 scheme; this means that we have assumed responsibility for the upkeep of the footpaths and bridleways within the parish.

Devon County Council provide us with a grant to cover the day to day repairs and upkeep of our paths and will provide us with further material assistance for major repairs such as renovation of stiles and gates etc.

Cllr Alan House is your contact should you come across anything needing attention on a footpath or bridleway.