

Portbury Parish Council

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held 1st December 2009
Village Hall, High Street, Portbury

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Weeks Cllr Tarr Cllr Young Cllr Marshall

Chairman: Cllr Cooke

Clerk: (Minutes taken by Sara Thompson)

Others: 2 Members of the public

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Apologies received from Cllr Summerfield, Rita Summerfield (ROW), Mandy Bishop (NSC), Cllr Meek, Mrs Voisey, PC J Clarke, Mrs Ireland (PVH) and Haydn John

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PC/12/01	<p>Minutes of November's meeting held 03.11.09 signed as a true record of proceedings.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Young Seconded: Cllr Weeks All in favour</p>																																																	
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	<p>All finances agreed</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Tarr Seconded: Cllr Cooke All in favour</p> <p>Comment was made that the St Georges Flower Bank group did a superb job in maintaining the flora within the area. In acknowledgement of their efforts it was suggested that our donation of £50 be increased to £100. A £50 cheque was authorised at tonight's meeting and a further £50.00 donation would be included in January's agenda for approval.</p> <p>As we are approaching the last quarter of the financial year, Cllr Tarr suggested that unallocated funds should be reviewed and discussed at January's meeting.</p>	
PC/12/03	<p>Crime & Disorder</p> <p>(a) Cllr Weeks advised that there had been an attempted burglary in Caswell Lane. Details had been forwarded to the Neighbourhood Watch coordinator.</p>	
PC/12/04	<p>Parish Plan and Website</p> <p>(a) Parish Website</p> <p>Numerous comments had been received from residents commending the council on the new PPC website – thanks to Haydn for his assistance.</p> <p>Councillors to provide personal photos for inclusion.</p> <p>(b) Parish Plan</p> <p>PPC to request an update from Haydn re the parish plan and also to ascertain if funds (ring fenced in the council's reserve account) are needed.</p>	PBS
PC/12/05	<p>(a) Planning Applications</p> <p>Applications – Granted/Refused/Withdrawn</p> <p>09/P/1615/F - 51 Caswell Lane. Erection of 1st floor rear extension with balcony. Granted</p> <p>09/P/1999/F - Unit 12 The Old Calf Shed, Station Road, Portbury. Erection of an industrial unit following demolition of existing fire damaged unit. Application to be reviewed.</p> <p>09/P/1960/LB - Beech Barn. Moor Farm. Erection of a satellite dish. No objection – comment to be Idoxed</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Weeks Seconded: Cllr Tarr All in favour</p> <p>09/P/1936/RM - Newfoundland Way. Reserved matter re landscaping. Application to be reviewed.</p> <p>Proposed public path diversion Order LA20/79 Old Warren Farm. Initial application withdrawn, revised application submitted – Application to be forwarded to Mrs Summerfield (ROW) for observations/comments.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>RW/ALL</p> <p>PBS</p> <p>RW/ALL</p> <p>RS</p>

	<p>(b) Eon Biomass plant PPC responses have been made to relevant parties. The application is to be discussed by NSC at a meeting on 10th December 2009 at the Northern Area Planning Meeting and will hopefully be attended either by Cllr Summerfield or another councillor.</p> <p>PPC had also written to The Rt. Honourable Ed Miliband MP, reiterating the council's concerns regarding this application and a reply was expected in due course.</p> <p>(c) National Grid – Hinckley C Connection The council broadly welcomes the planned new EDF Energy 3600 megawatt nuclear power station, comprising two 1800 megawatt European Pressurised Water Reactors (EPRs), at Hinkley Point C in order to meet forecast electricity demand from businesses and domestic users and as contributing to meeting the UK's carbon reduction targets. It is recognised that the UK cannot meet all its forecast demand from renewable energy sources such as wind, wave and solar power, and that not all of the alternatives are carbon free; indeed some of them, e.g. renewables such as E.on's planned new Biomass wood-burning plant at Royal Portbury Dock and Helius Energy's planned plant at Avonmouth Docks, come with doubtful environmental credentials which are the subject of separate consideration and submissions to the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) and, if appropriate, the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC). We accept however that National Grid (NG) is under a statutory obligation to connect new electricity generators which may come forward under the Government's UK energy policy to the high-voltage transmission network (the national grid).</p> <p>A considered response to the above has been drafted and it was agreed that 'Draft Rev 1' would be submitted.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Tarr Seconded: Cllr Cooke All in favour</p> <p>(d) PPC had been invited to participate in the Core Strategy - Draft consultation. Cllr Weeks kindly offered to coordinate this item as has previously been involved with related consultations.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Weeks would represent PPC</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Cooke Seconded: Cllr Young All in favour</p>	<p>RW</p>
<p>PC/12/06</p>	<p>Parish Coordinator/Task Monitor Nothing to report</p>	
<p>PC/12/07</p>	<p>Correspondence VAN – Autumn Newsletter NSC Community Governance Review Part Two Draft Recommendations – Replies by 14.01.10. NSC (Mike Jones) requires confirmation from PPC that an additional parish councillor (8th) is required. PPC confirm that this request is still valid.</p>	<p>Noted ST</p>

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PC/12/08	<p>Maintenance</p> <p>(a) Allotment Association – No further updates</p> <p>(b) Xmas Tree & decorations. Two trees had been ordered and Mr B Weekes/councillors will erect. Cllr Cooke was currently assessing the feasibility of decorating the tress with battery operated lights.</p>	
PC/12/09	<p>Transport and Traffic</p> <p>(a) 'Beware Children please drive slowly' signs for the village. Cllr Meek is currently discussing various options with NSC (Adam Wood)</p> <p>(b) Portbury lane- Accidents continue to occur on a regular basis. NSC has installed VAS signs on the approach to the 'double bend'. The general consensus of road users is that the signs are too close to the bend and drivers unfamiliar with the road have little time to adjust their speed, it was also felt that the 'trigger' speed was set too high.</p> <p>With winter approaching, the council's concern regarding the safety of this road continues to mount. Salting/gritting in wintry weather is likely to have little or no effect due to the torrent of water that traverses the lane, sweeping all 'de-icer' away.</p> <p>PPC consider the most effective form of speed control would be a physical deterrent such as speed humps or rumble strips; the diversion of surface water would also assist.</p> <p>PPC will continue with its attempts to arrange a tri-party meeting (PPC/NSC/Avon & Somerset Police) with the hope that some form of solution can be found.</p>	
PC/12/10	<p>St Mary's Church and School</p> <p>The church alarm has now been commissioned but a light needs to be replaced.</p> <p>The stolen church roof lead has still not been replaced and a sheet is currently being used to prevent moisture ingress. It is unclear to the council as to how repairs are progressing and what funds are available - Cllr Summerfield is in the process of arranging a meeting with the church to discuss further.</p> <p>Meantime it would be helpful if the council could have a key to the tower and church as this would allow immediate access if required. Cllr Marshall would make a request on the council's behalf.</p> <p>Cllr Cooke thanked Brian Weekes for his assistance with the alarm installation.</p>	VM

<p>PC/12/11</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>Cllr Marshall thanked PBS for preparing/sending the letter of thanks to the volunteers who assisted in the planting of the spring bulbs.</p> <p>Andrea Ireland, the new Chair of PVH asked that the following comments be passed to the meeting. Personally and on behalf of PVH she thanked PPC for the support at the recent PVH AGM and additionally, the tremendous support PPC has given and continues to give PVH, it is very much appreciated.</p> <p>PVH has joined “Pub Watch” to ensure PVH is made aware of local persons who have been barred from licensed premises and therefore must not be served in PVH.</p> <p>Affordable housing: As this was not an agenda item and with two officers of the council absent, it was agreed that it would be inappropriate to hold a vote and therefore council would defer any decision until the January meeting when it would be an agenda item for discussion. In the interim, Cllr Tarr would prepare a draft holding statement for NSC, explaining PPC’s reasons for the delay.</p>	
<p>PC/12/12</p>	<p>Date and time of next meeting – 5th January 2010 at 7.30pm</p>	

Meeting finished at 9.45pm
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