

Portbury Parish Council

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held 6th April 2010
Village Hall, High Street, Portbury

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Weeks Cllr Cooke Cllr Tarr Cllr Marshall Cllr Young (arrived at 7.38pm)

Chairman: Cllr Summerfield

Clerk: Minutes taken by Sara Thompson

Others: Mandy Bishop NSC
Mr R Ball – Neighbourhood Watch
Haydn John
PC Clark (left at 8.00pm)
Brian Weekes

2 Members of the public

Meeting commenced at 7.32pm

Apologies received from Cllr Meek and Mr Ball

No	Item	Action
PC/04/01	Minutes of March's meeting held 02.03.10 signed as a true record of proceedings. Proposed: Cllr Tarr Seconded: Cllr Weeks All in favour	

<p>PC/04/02</p>	<p>(a) Accounts for Authorisation</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>PBS – Administration/Coordinator April 10</td> <td>800.00</td> <td>140.00</td> <td>940.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Speed Gun donation – Avon & Somerset Police</td> <td>238.90</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>238.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Cooke – Xmas tree lights/fittings</td> <td>8.45</td> <td>1.49</td> <td>9.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brian Weekes – Repairs to noticeboard. Salt bin maintenance</td> <td>32.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>32.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brian Weekes – Repair to middle bridge Sheepway</td> <td>38.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>38.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David James – Playing field lease. April to June 10</td> <td>212.50</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>212.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Southern Electric – Maintenance 4th quarter</td> <td>43.88</td> <td>7.68</td> <td>51.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bristol Wessex Water. Oct 09 to March 10</td> <td>20.48</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>20.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>George Carr – Brush cutter and safety wear</td> <td>445.76</td> <td>64.27</td> <td>510.03</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Summerfield Expenses March 10 – Mileage</td> <td>23.87</td> <td>0.93</td> <td>24.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 100px;">Telephone</td> <td>10.37</td> <td>1.82</td> <td>12.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 100px;">Parking</td> <td>3.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>3.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allianz Parish Insurance</td> <td>528.60</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>528.60</td> </tr> </table> <p>(b) ALCA membership - £302.67. After a brief discussion it was decided that the Council would not renew its membership for the forthcoming year.</p> <p>(c) Donation request – Portbury resident requesting financial assistance re. summer course fees. The council were impressed by the initiative shown by the young person and although it is a worthy cause, the council consider that a donation to an individual would be an inappropriate use of public funds. Cllr Tarr to draft a reply .</p> <p>(d) Youth Bus support for 2010 – Cllr Cooke advised the meeting that the bus had not been to Portbury recently as there was no driver available. He would report back to the council with an update at the earliest opportunity.</p>	PBS – Administration/Coordinator April 10	800.00	140.00	940.00	Speed Gun donation – Avon & Somerset Police	238.90	0.00	238.90	Cllr Cooke – Xmas tree lights/fittings	8.45	1.49	9.94	Brian Weekes – Repairs to noticeboard. Salt bin maintenance	32.00	0.00	32.00	Brian Weekes – Repair to middle bridge Sheepway	38.00	0.00	38.00	David James – Playing field lease. April to June 10	212.50	0.00	212.50	Southern Electric – Maintenance 4th quarter	43.88	7.68	51.56	Bristol Wessex Water. Oct 09 to March 10	20.48	0.00	20.48	George Carr – Brush cutter and safety wear	445.76	64.27	510.03	Cllr Summerfield Expenses March 10 – Mileage	23.87	0.93	24.80	Telephone	10.37	1.82	12.19	Parking	3.00	0.00	3.00	Allianz Parish Insurance	528.60	0.00	528.60	<p>ST</p> <p>PC</p>
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<p>PC/04/03</p>	<p>Crime & Disorder</p> <p>(a) PC Clark advised the council that during the night of 24.03.10, five cars had been broken into whilst parked in Fennel Road, a house had also been burgled.</p> <p>(b) 31.03.10 – Two vehicles and an outbuilding on the Sheepway had been broken into.</p> <p>(c) Moorgate – The police are aware of the anti-social behaviour being displayed by youths in the area. The bus shelter has been damaged on several occasions and newly planted daffodils have been pulled up. With regard to the bus shelter, it has been suggested that the solid back panel be replaced with a transparent one and the seat removed, as this may act as a deterrent to people wishing to damage the shelter. Ultimately, if the vandalism continues, the shelter may have to be removed in its entirety.</p>																																																					
<p>PC/04/04</p>	<p>Parish Plan and Website</p> <p>(a) Parish Plan – As previously advised, the draft questionnaire will be ready for the Residents’ meeting in May. A request for local coordinators will be made as, due to previous commitments/work, Mr John is unable to offer the time needed to consolidate and review replies.</p> <p>(b) Website – The site is regularly updated and working well.</p>																																																					

	<p>(c) Waste Recycling update – Cllrs Tarr and Cooke had attended a meeting hosted by NSC. They were disappointed to find that some of guidelines, presented in 2009, had changed and that there were now to be fewer exceptions regarding the use of multi bin household recycling.</p>	
<p>PC/04/05</p>	<p>Planning (a) Applications Withdrawn/Refused/Granted 10/P/0120/F - Unit 12 The Old Calf Shed. Erection of industrial unit for B1 and B8. Granted. 09/P/2171 RM Phase 2 Reserved Matters of Appearance Granted 09/P/2130/RM. Area 5 The Ashlands. Submission of reserved matters. Granted 10/P/0002/F. Change of use from agricultural to allotments. Withdrawn</p> <p>10/P/0334/RM - The Ashlands. Submission of Reserved Matters. Appearance and landscaping. No objection</p> <p>10/P/0341/F - Unit 1 Bradley Road. Alterations to north elevation inc installation of doors, windows and entrance canopy. Cllr Weekes will review the application but, at this stage, it appears to be non contentious. RW</p> <p>10/P/0430/F - The Paddock, Horse Race Lane. Provision of a Mechanically, propelled circular horse exerciser - no objection</p> <p>10/P/0488/F – Land adjacent to Elm Tree Farm. Construction of car parking area (8 cars) and access track to facilitate allotments. Cllr Weekes will prepare a draft submission for council approval; several comments will be as previously submitted. RW</p> <p>(b) Hinkley Connection – Invitation from IPC to meeting being held 18.05.10. A representative from PPC will attend this meeting, however the council holds concerns that in accepting an offer to attend a meeting organised by the IPC, the independence of the IPC's position as the determining authority (or as the authority making recommendations to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change if the relevant National Policy Statements have not been published before the application is made) will be compromised and will expose National Grid and the Infrastructure Planning Commission to the possibility of a judicial review. The IPC cannot be an advocate for the applicant and judge, jury and executioner of its own decisions.</p> <p>(c) Caswell Lane – Motorcycle Circuit. It was apparent that councillors hold differing views as to the impact that event days were having on the local community. It was agreed that before further discussion took place, facts should be established; compliance to non-regulated events, noise control, future planning approval (if any), licensing etc. Mandy Bishop will coordinate responses from NSC so that PPC would have a complete overview for future discussion. MB</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>RW</p> <p>RW</p> <p>MB</p>

PC/04/06	<p>Parish Coordinator/Task Monitor Approval and adoption of standing orders dated 06.04.2010 – subject to the following additional inclusions; Freedom of Information, Code of Conduct re. Individual Councillors and Extraordinary Parish Meetings.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Cooke Seconded: Cllr Young All in favour</p>	
PC/04/07	<p>Correspondence CPRE – Village of the Year</p>	Noted
PC/04/08	<p>Maintenance (a) PPC can proceed with the planting of trees in the verge by the Tree House lay-by, complimented, if possible, by a wooden bench. Cllr Tarr to liaise with Mr Weekes. (b) The council is delighted to see that NSC has installed a directional fingerpost at the bottom of Caswell Lane. (c) Mr John advised the council that the drains either side of the bus shelter on Mill Lane were blocked – Mandy Bishop to contact Adam Wood, NSC.</p>	ST MB
PC/04/09	<p>Transport & Traffic (a) As the council does not consider that the issue of speed restrictions (Portbury Lane/Sheepway) to have been resolved, PPC will write to Frank Cox requesting that these items be given due consideration during the preparation of NSC 2011 maintenance budgets.</p>	ST
PC/04/10	<p>St Mary's School and Church (a) Update on church roof repairs. Jo Hawker (churchwarden) has advised that the revised cost of the roof repairs is now £12,100. The insurance company will pay £5,000 and the church is able to allocate £7,400 The Architect has inspected the internal damage to the plaster near the main altar and considers that it can be repaired, the church are awaiting a quotation.</p> <p>Cllr Marshall also advised that the church accounts were now up to date and would be presented at the forthcoming AGM.</p>	
PC/04/11	<p>AOB – Tonight's meeting was held under 'set time per item' conditions. It appears to have been successful, with discussions being focused and the agenda being completed within the allocated two hours.</p>	
PC/04/12	<p>Date and time of next meeting – Parish meeting 4th May 2010 at 7.30pm Annual Residents' meeting 12th May 2010</p>	

Meeting finished at 9.30PM
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