

# Portbury Parish Council

## MINUTES

**Minutes of the meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010**  
**Village Hall, High Street, Portbury**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Cllr Weeks Cllr Cooke Cllr Tarr Cllr Marshall Cllr Young

**Chairman:** Cllr Summerfield

**Clerk:** Cllr Meek - Minutes taken by Sara Thompson

**Others:** Mandy Bishop NSC  
Mr R Ball – Neighbourhood Watch  
PCSO Graham Roberts – left at 8.49pm  
Brian Weekes  
NSC – Louise Eddins & Catherine McCoy – Recycling Implementation Team

4 Members of the public

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Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Apologies received from Haydn John and PC Jenny Clark

No	Item	Action
PC/05/01	<b>Minutes</b> of April's meeting held 06.04.10 signed as a true record of proceedings. Proposed: Cllr Cooke      Seconded: Cllr Weeks      All in favour	
PC/05/04	<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>  (a) PCSO Graham Roberts introduced himself to the meeting – Graham would be replacing PCSO Julie Lewis as one of the local beat officers. (b) Mr Ball advised the council of the monthly crime statics which were low but highlighted the following; <b>Moorgate</b> – Increased patrols appear to be having a positive impact on the anti-social behaviour that was occurring. <b>Sheepway</b> – Reports of inconsiderate parking at the allotments had been made	

	<p>and so PCSOs had been directed to monitor the situation.</p> <p><b>HGVs</b> – PC Clark had been in contact with NSC to discuss the signage with regard to HGVs inadvertently entering Portbury Village when looking for Portbury Docks. Large, highly visible signs are available and could be placed immediately at the A369/High Street Junction. After a brief discussion, the council decided this was an option that should be further investigated.</p>	<b>PC</b>																
<p><b>PC/05/02</b></p>	<p><b>NSC Waste Recycling Presentation</b> – Louise Eddins and Catherine McCoy Introduced themselves to the council. They were attending the meeting to give an update on procedures that NSC had implemented in view of the forthcoming launch of the 'Recycling Revolution'. The initiative to drive this scheme forward was not only the positive impact that it would have on the environment but also to reduce the every increasing costs incurred during waste disposal.</p> <p>Previously, random tests on the contents of 'black bags' showed that at least 30% was of an organic nature which could have been recycled. The separating of this, coupled with tins, cardboard, bottles etc, would significantly reduce the actual amount of non-recyclable waste being sent for landfill and thus reducing costs.</p> <p>Residents would be encouraged to separate their household waste and would be provided with various containers; a wheelie bin for non-recyclables, a food waste bin and a green recycling box. As not all containers would be collected on a weekly basis, all households would also be provided with a calendar advising them of dates. Unfortunately this element of the implementation had not gone as smoothly as planned as many homes were still without calendars; a situation that was being urgently addressed by NSC.</p> <p>The expectation of NSC is that most homes will use these containers but a minority will still be able to use the 'black bag' method of disposal. This would be dependent on several factors but was mainly related to residents' storage capabilities rather than the residents' ability to manhandle the containers to the point of collection. A resident who attended the meeting highlighted the issue; they had appealed against a container collection as they are elderly and cannot physically push the wheelie bin up a slope to the collection point. A NSC representative had attended the property but was not swayed by the resident's argument and therefore the appeal was not granted, Catherine advised the council that she would review this case.</p> <p>Another cause for concern is that of aesthetics. Using Portbury village as an example, much of which is built on slopes, many wheelie bins would have to be permanently sited at the front of houses. An otherwise pretty, well maintained village would be marred by row after row of plastic containers leading to the charm of the village being diminished.</p> <p>A general discussion followed, with Catherine and Louise leaving the meeting at 8.20pm</p>																	
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	<p>June's meeting.</p> <p>(b) Pot holes – various locations. Several potholes remain unfilled whilst others that have been do not appear to be flush with the top surface - Mandy Bishop to speak to Adam Wood NSC.</p> <p>(c) Litter Bin A369/High Street Lay-by. A bin has been lent to the council by NSC, the placement of which would hopefully encourage people using the lay-by to dispose of their rubbish in a considerate manner. As it is on loan, PPC will have to empty it and this task has been taken by Mr Weekes who will include it as part of his monthly maintenance schedule.</p> <p>(d) The council took this opportunity of thanking Mr &amp; Mrs Weekes for their efforts in maintaining the village areas.</p>	<p><b>SY /JM /RW</b></p> <p><b>MB</b></p>
<b>PC/05/09</b>	<p><b>Transport &amp; Traffic</b></p> <p>The Junction 19 upgrade work is programmed to commence at the end of 2010. Nigel Ashton has suggested a presentation of the scheme be available for all local councils with the venue at Portbury.</p> <p>Frank Cox is arranging a meeting to discuss the Portbury Lane and Sheepway traffic issues in June to hopefully include changes in the 2011 woks programme.</p>	
<b>PC/05/10</b>	<p><b>St Mary's School and Church</b></p> <p>Three Councillors attended the PCC annual meeting which was very informative. PPC welcomed the presentation of accounts covering 2008 through to 2010. We expressed concerns on the delays in church roof repairs which occurred last July after lead theft. The secondary water damage during the worst winter for 30 years had added considerably to the costs. PPC reiterated our commitment of continued support to the church and encouraged a closer liaison and working relationship.</p>	
<b>PC/05/11</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>None</p>	
<b>PC/05/12</b>	<p><b>Date and time of next meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010 at 7.30pm</b></p>	

**Meeting finished at 9.45PM**  
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