

Portbury Parish Council

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held 1st March 2011
Village Hall, High Street, Portbury

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Tarr Cllr Cooke Cllr Weeks Cllr Marshall

Chairman: Cllr Summerfield

Clerk: Cllr Meek (Minutes taken by Sara Thompson)

Others: Mandy Bishop - NSC
 Roy Ball – Neighbourhood Watch
 Brian Weekes
 One member of the public
 PCSO Charlotte Thompson (left at 7.55pm)

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Apologies received from Cllr Young, Mr John and PC Clarke

No	Item	Action																																								
PC/03/01	Minutes February's meeting held 1.02.11 signed as a true record of proceedings. Proposed: Cllr Cooke Seconded: Cllr Weeks All in favour																																									
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<p>PC/03/03</p>	<p>Crime and Disorder (heard after PC/03/01)</p> <p>(a) PSCO Charlotte Thompson updated the Council with February's crime incidents;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Theft from a property in Caswell Lane 2. Criminal damage – Sheepway 3. Burglary – Caswell Lane 4. Moorgate – Ongoing parking issues 5. Illegal use of scramblers on bridleways/ROW. A particularly upsetting incident has occurred; a horse has been traumatised by a gang on scrambler bikes purposefully revving engines, the horse panicked which led to it kicking out part of a stone wall. The animal's owners advise that it can no longer be ridden. <p>(b) Illegal use of footpaths/bridleways by motorbikes/scramblers. Further to the item above, a resident advises that riders continue to illegally use the paths around the Sheepway/Portbury Dock area. Brian Weekes has visited the site to assess the possibility of modifying the entrance gates to allow for horse riders to gain easy access whilst making it more difficult for motorcycle riders to do so – Brian will report back to the Council with his findings and details of any associated costs.</p>	

	<p>going to be scrapped with the adoption of the localism bill.</p> <p>The core strategy remains much the same but with the introduction of infill villages. Portbury will lose its village fence and will be a settlement completely within Green Belt, and hence the only development that can take place will be based on exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>The purpose of the current consultation is to assess the 'soundness' of the policy. This is to be judged against three criteria, 'justifiable' 'effective' and 'consistent with national policy'.</p> <p>The introduction of the 'localism bill' may alter some of the policy within the core strategy and ultimately the local development framework.</p> <p>Finally councillors present were asked to think about detailed policy issues/concerns that could feed into the next stage – draft Development Management and Site Allocations DPDs.</p>	
PC/03/08	<p>Maintenance</p> <p>Mr Brian Weeks reported a significant amount of vehicle scrap littering Portbury Lane and the Portbury Hundred. It is understood to be the aftermath of vehicle accidents which the recovery teams have not removed. NSC has been informed.</p>	
PC/03/09	<p>Transport and Traffic</p> <p>Sheepway Traffic Calming. Cllr Tarr confirmed that NSC is intending to proceed with the traffic calming scheme adjacent to Moor Gate which PPC have seen and approved. This will not impact on the funds set aside for Portbury Lane safety improvement scheme which is intended to be completed when weather conditions permit.</p>	
PC/03/10	<p>St Mary's School and Church</p> <p>St Mary's church annual parochial meeting will take place on the 30th March 2011</p>	
PC/03/11	<p>AOB (heard after item PC/03/02)</p> <p>(a) Play Scheme Committee. Cllr Cooke advised that the committee had recently visited the proposed site. It was agreed that overgrown vegetation on the fence line needed to be cut back making the play area visible to local residences and that the boundary fence needed to be repaired.</p> <p>Mrs Worthy was currently seeking quotations for playground equipment and had recently spoken to children at the local school to gain an idea of their preferences.</p> <p>(b) Annual Residents Meeting – diary date. It was agreed that the ARM would be held on 14th April 2011. In view of the forthcoming parish elections, Mandy Bishop would liaise with NSC Electoral/Legal departments regarding election notices/timescales and quorate voting procedures should not enough parish council candidates come forward.</p>	MB
PC/02/12	Date and time of next meeting – 5th April 2011 at 7.30pm	

Meeting finished at 9.40pm
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