

Portbury Parish Council

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held 6th March 2012
Village Hall, High Street, Portbury

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Weeks Cllr Tarr Cllr Marshall Cllr Thomson

Chairman: Cllr Cooke

Clerk: Cllr Meek – (Minutes taken by Sara Thompson)

Others: Brian Weekes
Mr R Ball
Mandy Bishop NSC
Five members of the public
Les Summerfield
Mrs S Worthy

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Apologies received from Cllr Young and PC Clark

No	Item	Action
PC/03/01	<p>Minutes of February's meeting held 07.02.12 signed as a true record of proceedings.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Cooke Seconded: Cllr Meek All in favour</p>	
PC/03/02	<p><u>Play Scheme</u></p> <p>Mrs Worthy advised the Council that they were awaiting delivery of gravel so that a path, running to the play area, could be laid. The cost of the gravel would be no more than £500 and a cheque was retained by Cllr Meek for payment purposes, as cash on delivery was required.</p>	

PC/03/03	<p><u>Accounts</u></p> <p>(a) Payments for Authorisation</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><u>Nett</u></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><u>VAT</u></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><u>Gross</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>PBS – Administration/Coordinator March 2012</td> <td style="text-align: right;">795.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">795.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fountains – dog bins December 11</td> <td style="text-align: right;">16.20</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3.20</td> <td style="text-align: right;">19.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NSC – Paperless parishes hardware</td> <td style="text-align: right;">100.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brian Weekes – Maintenance Feb 12</td> <td style="text-align: right;">91.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">91.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Proposed: Cllr Cooke Seconded: Cllr Tarr All in favour</p>		<u>Nett</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>	PBS – Administration/Coordinator March 2012	795.00	0.00	795.00	Fountains – dog bins December 11	16.20	3.20	19.20	NSC – Paperless parishes hardware	100.00	0.00	100.00	Brian Weekes – Maintenance Feb 12	91.00	0.00	91.00	
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PC/03/04	<p><u>Crime and Disorder</u></p> <p>Mr Ball updated the Council with February's crime statistics;</p> <p>(a) A road rage incident occurred on the High Street on the 22nd of February and the police are seeking independent witnesses.</p> <p>(b) Poaching appears to have occurred in the Sheepway area and deer carcasses have been found in the Nature Reserve.</p>																					
PC/03/05	<p><u>Parish Plan and Website</u></p> <p>Nothing new to report</p>																					
PC/03/06	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>(a) Applications Withdrawn/Granted/Refused</p> <p>11/P/2292/F Holford Lodge Erection of a single storey rear and side extension – Retrospective Granted</p> <p>11/P/1749/F Racecourse Farm, Portbury Lane. Change of use of existing stables to 3 Holiday flats and 2 office units. Granted</p> <p>(b) Current Applications</p> <p>12/P/0330/F Land adjacent to 15B Caswell Lane Change of use from agricultural land to equestrian including the erection of a new stable, ménage and associated facilities. (Cllr Marshall declared an Interest). Having reviewed the application, it appears that the structures will be built from timber and that the proposed location is not considered to be obtrusive, with the ménage itself being layered equestrian sand on a synthetic base. The Council do not object to this application and will advise NSC accordingly, however a request will be made to seek assurance that the 'run off' from the ménage directly into a stream will not have any detrimental effect on the environment.</p> <p>Proposal to support this application</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Weekes Seconded: Cllr Tarr All in favour</p> <p>(c) Enforcement Notice served in respect of Land at Elm Tree Farm Sheepway Mandy Bishop advised the Council that the enforcement notice had been put in abeyance pending the decision of the recently lodged planning applications.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>																				

	<p>A-Gas Banyard Rd, Portbury West – Applications 12/P/0087/F & 12/P/0091/F (Due to the hastily arranged site meeting for the 5th March, this item was not on the agenda)</p> <p>An ‘objection’ to the above applications had been previously made by the Council prior to a site visit arranged by the applicant’s agents and NSC. Cllr Weekes had represented PPC and was reassured of A-Gas’s commitment to the Portbury site, with a continuation of existing business. Reassurance, from North Somerset, had also been given that B2 permission will be tailored specifically to suit that existing business, both within the original site and the new site at unit 3, thus protecting nearby residents from any future diversification without further additional planning permissions. With this understanding, and an examination of the processes and activities conducted on the site, PPC now feels able to withdraw its previous objection. However there was still some concern about noise and the council felt that a conditioned time restraint, with working hours restricted from 7.00am to 10.00 pm would give additional reassurance as the company grows.</p> <p>(d) NSC Planning Event held 21.02.12/CPRE Localism Workshop held 05.03.12 – Cllrs Weekes and Marshall attended these events on the Council’s behalf. The purpose of the meetings was to introduce the ‘Neighbourhood Planning’ policy and principles.</p> <p>Initial observations suggest that the preparation and implementation of this policy will be costly. Input from all areas of the community will be required and the final document will have to generally conform to the strategic policies in the Local Plan. Once completed, the draft Neighbourhood Plan will be assessed by an independent body and, if acceptable, will be the subject of a referendum for adoption purposes.</p> <p>Further details can be obtained from www.n-somerset.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning</p> <p>NSC Draft Tenancy Strategy/Affordable Housing Delivery Plan – Cllr Thomson advised that this item was still under review.</p> <p>(e) Hinkley Point C Strategic Community Forum – 28 February 2012. Cllr Tarr had represented the Council at this event. Unfortunately the meeting was not particularly positive. Several community representation groups and councils feel that consultation is not ‘genuine’, and that the National Grid has not given the underground routing option full consideration. PPC will continue to attend the forums, the next being 27.03.12, as it is felt that it is best to continue to offer input and seek the best possible routing for the Portbury area.</p>	ldox
PC/03/07	<p><u>Parish Coordinator/Task Monitor</u></p> <p>(a) Cllr Tarr and PBS had reviewed the Task Monitor and there were no items requiring attention. ‘Long term’ items such as the Biomass station were to be placed on a separate register.</p>	

PC/03/08	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <p>(a) Pot holes were currently being filled by NSC.</p> <p>(b) Cllr Cooke reported that he had a joint meeting with Adam Wood and a resident regarding the drains in Portbury Lane and the potholes on Portbury High Street. Ten drains were identified as requiring attention and Adam is arranging to have them dug out, emptied and visited by the gully cleaner. The potholes are to receive a temporary patch, to be followed up with partial resurfacing.</p> <p>(c) Cllr Weeks reported that a section of road outside of a property on Caswell Lane was in a poor state, with the edge crumbling into the verge – PBS to report.</p>	PBS
PC/03/09	<p><u>Transport and Traffic</u></p> <p>(a) Route 66 bus - .All were in agreement that it is a vast improvement on the old 692 service and exceeded our expectations. Feedback from members of the public also support that view.</p>	
PC/03/10	<p><u>Community Reports</u></p> <p>St Mary's Church/School and Village Hall</p> <p>(a) St Mary's School -The headmistress, Mrs Sharpe, has announced that she will be leaving the school, a letter giving fuller details is awaited.</p> <p>(b) St Mary's Church - An open Garden weekend is being held over the weekend 28th/29th April, at present nine residents have come forward.</p> <p>(c) PVH - It appears that the information regarding PVH leading the Jubilee celebrations in the parish is erroneous, following some earnest discussion, PVH are going to discuss the matter and advise PPC accordingly.</p> <p>(d) Youth Service – Cllr Cooke reported on his recent meeting with NSC and other interested parties. Funding is always going to be a major challenge, NSC have given £4,600 and also a share of £250,000 both as one off payments, noting that bids for a share of the of the fund is open to all youth organisations in North Somerset, including organisations who were not previously funded. Portishead T.C. have put a donation of £35,000 into the youth centre to help cover the immediate need, but the longer term funding needs to be spread over a number of sources, including commercial organisations. The centre management committee will form the core fund raising team, but the viability of the scheme will depend heavily on volunteers to staff the building. PC will attend further meetings to gauge what if anything Portbury can offer, although at present it appears to be very little.</p>	
PC/03/11	<p>AOB</p> <p>(a) Allotments - there are no complaints at present regarding tidiness, however the matter of grass cutting and general tidying outside of the individual plots needs to be monitored.</p>	

	<p>(b) AGM - 7.00 pm 3rd April In the Village Hall.</p> <p>(c) ARM – Cllr Cooke to check on available dates for a Thursday in May and advise by e-mail.</p>	
PC/03/12	Date and time of next meeting – 3 rd April 2012 at 7.30pm	

Meeting finished at 10.00pm
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