

Portbury Parish Council

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held 7th August 2012
Village Hall, High Street, Portbury

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Tarr Cllr Marshall Cllr Chilcott Cllr Young

Chairman: Cllr Cooke

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

Others: Brian Weekes
Haydn John
Mr Ball
Eight members of the public

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

In view of the localised flooding that occurred in Portbury Village on the 4th August, several residents attended the meeting to voice their concerns. Although this was not an agenda item, due the severity of the downpour and the associated damage, time was allocated for these concerns to be heard and a 'plan of action' to be put forward.

Event – Localised flooding in Portbury High Street, adjacent streets, village hall car park and small 'land slide' on Failand Lane.

Concerns – Lack of manpower to assist in damage limitation and clear-up, village High Street remaining open to traffic, lack of sand bags etc.

Action point – A residents' meeting will be held, with Cllr Chilcott representing the Council to facilitate and lead discussion on the production of a Flood Emergency Resilience Plan. Items such as an 'emergency pyramid contact list', legal entitlements and the purchase of auxiliary equipment will be discussed for incorporation in the Plan. It was agreed that an invitation to attend this meeting is extended to the police and NSC, as they are the authorities who will be able to give advice on certain issues

Residents who had attended the meeting to specifically discuss the above topic left the room at 8.20pm and the parish council meeting resumed.

No	Item	Action
PC/08/01	Apologies received from Cllr Weeks, Mandy Bishop, PC Clark and Les Summerfield	

PC/08/02	<p>Minutes of July's meeting held 03.07.12 signed as a true record of proceedings.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Meek Seconded: Cllr Marshall All in favour</p>																																									
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PC/08/04	<p>Crime & Disorder</p> <p>(a) In the absence of a police representative, Mr Ball updated the Council with July's crimes figures;</p> <p>Attempted theft – Horse Race Lane</p>																																									
PC/0805	<p>Parish Plan and Website</p> <p>a) Mr John had attended a PVHSC meeting, updating members as to the progress of the parish plan. The concept of the Plan had been well received and volunteers forthcoming.</p> <p>b) Mr John reminded the Council that topical information was always welcome so that the parish council website remained current.</p>																																									
PC/08/06	<p>(a) Applications received</p> <p>12/P/1264/F Land Off Portbury Hundred, Change of use from agricultural land to a mixed use of agricultural land and equestrian use including the erection of stables with a tackroom and hay store facility and a winter turnout area – application to be reviewed</p> <p>12/P/1267/F A-Gas (UK) Ltd, Banyard Road, Variation of conditions 2 and 3 of planning permission 12/P/0087/F – application to be reviewed</p> <p>12/P/1113/F Land off Failand Lane All weather arena 40m x 25m. Portbury Parish Council has no objection in principle to this application, but note that no details of the material listed as 'top surface' is given. Should this be of a non-organic material, in the interests of preserving the agricultural integrity of the land, would it be possible to condition the approval with an obligation by the applicant for its removal in the event of the facility becoming redundant. <i>(comments submitted pre meeting against a quorate electronic vote)</i></p>	Idoxed																																								

	<p>12/P/1194/F Land off Caswell Hill Change of use to equestrian and erection of 3nr stables with ancillary storage. Portbury Parish Council (PPC) has no objection in principle to the proposed pony paddock and stables. However it has concerns over the siting of the stables with reference to visual amenity within the Green Belt, given the topography of the ground. The view from it is spectacular and conversely the structure would be clearly visible from that which is viewed, the significance of which has played a major part in another application on adjacent land (11/P/0977/F).</p> <p>Similar concerns arise over the concrete hard-standing for the stables and yard in that the application fails to specify the details of the concrete and as well as providing a permanency of the development, depending on structure, a precedent could be created for future conversion. All recent stable applications in outlying rural fields have been of a temporary construction and hence cannot be used as justification for future development within the Green Belt. PPC would seek reassurance that this concreted area in no way creates a precedent for diversification or conversion.</p> <p>PPC would ask for conditions of a waste management system to include NO BURNING of waste on site.</p> <p>Reasons for decision Equestrian conversion is permissible development within the Green Belt. (<i>comments submitted pre meeting against a quorate electronic vote</i>)</p>	<p>ldoxed</p>
	<p>12/P/1154/F Land off Caswell Hill Provision of gated access, create track, erect secure shed, remove excess hard surface. Portbury Parish Council (PPC) welcomes the recognition of the lack of suitability of the current siting of the containers and the proposal to move them to a new location with timber cladding more appropriate within Green Belt in a rural area.</p> <p>However this application fails as an attempt to legalise that which already exists by seeking a 50% increase in size,(Fig 4.Elevations), aggravating a situation already accessed by North Somerset Council (NSC) as being 'excessive for the size of the holding and premature given the early stage of development of the enterprise.' Contrary to NSRLP retained policy RD/1.</p> <p>As the forestry has yet to be established there is no proven need at this stage of the business's evolution to justify any structure and certainly no proven need for a structure of this magnitude. As the location is in Green Belt, special circumstances are required to support a development of this type and PPC would agree with NSC in its original adjudication when refusing application 11/P/0977/F. 'No very special circumstances have been demonstrated that outweigh the harm caused.' Contrary to NSRLP RD/3 and National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 88.</p> <p>Application 12/P/1154/F does not appear to differ in any considerable way to justify a change in NSC's initial judgments, it still represents a new building in the Green Belt. (<i>comments submitted pre meeting against a quorate electronic vote</i>)</p>	<p>ldoxed</p>
	<p>12/P/1237/F 9 Mill Lane, Portbury Erection of a single storey rear extension. No objection.</p>	
	<p>Proposed: Cllr Young Seconded: Cllr Tarr No objection</p>	

PC/08/07	<p>Parish Co-ordinator /Task Monitor</p> <p>a) Standards Sub Committee – Council representative. Cllrs Cooke and Meek volunteered their services. NSC to be advised.</p> <p>b) North Somerset Town and Parish Council Charter - This document is currently 'pre consultation stage', Cllr Tarr will review and advise Councillors of any items that he feels will require consideration and/or comment.</p> <p>c) LGBCE Electoral Review briefing to parish councils – The LGBCE is currently reviewing local authority electoral arrangements, administrative boundaries and structure; their aim being to try to ensure that each councillor represents approximately the same number of electors. Any impact on Portbury is unknown at this stage but a consideration of the LGBCE may be to extend the East Portishead ward boundary so that it incorporates the parish.</p> <p>d) Register of Interests – All Councillors have been issued with the relevant section of the Localism Act for review.</p>	<p>PBS</p> <p>ST</p>
PC/08/08	<p>Maintenance</p> <p>The following items to be drawn to the attention of NSC Streets and Open Spaces;</p> <p>a) Litter bin located A369 lay by – request to be emptied</p> <p>b) Caswell Hill/Lane – pot hole still to be filled</p> <p>c) Caswell Lane – Repaired hydrant cover. Request for area to levelled.</p>	<p>PBS</p>
PC/08/09	<p>Transport and Traffic</p> <p>a) Personnel from Gordano Services have again been directing traffic to allow vehicles to exit the services onto Jct19 roundabout. The safety implications of this must be considered and therefore the police and NSC have been informed of these activities.</p>	
PC/08/10	<p>Community Reports</p> <p>a) Village Hall car park gate. The person who has been locking the gate has been identified and members of the PHVSC will attempt to resolve this matter.</p> <p>b) St Mary's Church – The estimated cost of repairs to the chancel is in the region of £100K. The Church Commissioners will donate 37% of costs but the remainder would need to be raised locally.</p> <p>c) St Mary's School – The new head teacher had attended the school fete and was welcomed by all.</p> <p>d) Village Hall –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paul Alan Construction is currently on site making repairs to the guttering 2. The Community Café has just celebrated its 1st birthday and over the course of the year has raised funds of £300 3. A Community Sports Day is being held 8/9th September and is being organised by Sharon Worthy 	

PC/08/11	AOB a) AED Information (defib) – It was agreed that to allow the Council to consider this item, further information regarding a costing proposal is required.	
PC/08/12	Date and time of next meeting 4th September 2012	

Meeting finished at 9.00pm
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