

Portbury Parish Council

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held 5th March 2013
Village Hall, High Street, Portbury

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Marshall Cllr Chilcott Cllr Hale

Chairman: Cllr Cooke

Clerk: Cllr Meek – arrived at 7.50pm (Minutes taken by Sara Thompson)

Others: Mandy Bishop – NSC
 Brian Weekes
 Les Summerfield
 Haydn John (arrived at 7.45pm)
 Mike Phipps (left at 8.05pm)

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

No	Item	Action																				
PC/03/01	Apologies – PC Clark and Mr Ball																					
PC/03/02	<p>Minutes of February's meeting held 06.02.13 signed as a true record of proceedings.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Cooke Seconded: Cllr Hale All in favour</p>																					
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<p>PC/03/04</p>	<p>Crime and Disorder As neither PC Clarke or Mr Ball were unable to attend the meeting, Cllr Chilcott reported that;</p> <p>a. Three thefts from garages on the Sheepway had been reported. b. Theft of oil from a property on Naish Hill c. A 'near miss' between a motor vehicle and a horse on Caswell Hill – as a result of this incident an enquiry had been made as to whether it would possible to erect several signs advising road users that horses and riders hacked in the vicinity – Mandy Bishop agreed to make enquiries with NSC</p>	<p>MB</p>
<p>PC/03/05</p>	<p>Parish Plan and Website</p> <p>a. Mr John advised that the web site information was up to date.</p> <p>b. Parish Plan – Due to other commitments, Mr John is unable to distribute/collect the questionnaire on which the Parish Plan will be based, and which needs to be given to all households. He did advise however, that he would be able to analysis and collate any information returned. The Council would ensure that the questionnaires are distributed and collected, and would be seeking volunteers to assist.</p>	
<p>PC/03/06</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>a. National Grid (As Mr Phipps wished to contribute to this item but had other commitments during the evening, this subject was discussed after 'Apologies Received').</p> <p>Cllr Cooke advised that he had met with Cllr Ashton (NSC) and representatives from National Grid in February. The purpose of the meeting had been to question NG on their revised, preferred pylon route, which runs adjacent to the M5. When questioned about the lack of consultation, Cllrs found NG's response to be elusive, and that they gave the impression that this would be the final route regardless of any valid objection.</p> <p>To maintain the lobbying against NG's preferred route, PPC had arranged a public meeting to be held 23.03.13 in Portbury Village hall, Dr L Fox MP and Cllr Ashton NSC would also be attendance. The purpose of the meeting would be to plan a strategy for future action supporting the original pylon route, headed up by an action team comprising of technical members and volunteers.</p> <p>Mr Phipps kindly offered his support to the action group. He would be pleased to talk to his colleagues regarding planning principles and strongly felt that the best option would be to make full use of the 'Holford Rules'* and to prove that NG's planned route, along the M5, would contravene several of them.</p> <p><i>*Guidelines on overhead line routeing were first formulated in 1959 by Sir William, later Lord Holford, who was a part-time member of the CEGB. National Grid has reviewed these guidelines, known as the 'Holford Rules', and concluded that they have stood the test of time. National Grid therefore intends to continue to employ them as a basis of the company's approach to overhead</i></p>	

	<p><i>line routeing</i>'.</p> <p>Notice of this meeting would be delivered to all Portbury residents.</p> <p>b. PPC Planning Document – It was agreed that the current Planning Document, available to view on the Council website, would be removed. Cllr Chilcott would edit the contents inline with current NSC Local Plan policies and circulate to Councillors for approval.</p>	SC
PC/03/07	<p>Maintenance</p> <p>a. Potholes – Several potholes had been filled but their finish appeared to be that of a temporary nature. It was suggested that this was possibly a cost/time issue, as NSC's resources were already stretched in highways maintenance due to the severe winter.</p> <p>b. Overhanging trees – Mill Close. This subject has been brought to NSC's attention several times. NSC is going to attempt to confirm ownership, but in the mean time, will cut the trees back where they obscure the street lights</p> <p>c. Dog bin emptying – Brian Weekes, the Council's appointed service provider, agreed to locate the collection bin on his premises – Paul Smart NSC would be advised of Mr Weekes' address details. Meantime, PBS would obtain a list of bin locations within the village from NSC.</p>	
PC/03/08	<p>Council Administration</p> <p>Nothing new to report</p>	
PC/03/09	<p>Transport and Traffic</p> <p>a. Cllr Marshall drew the Council's attention to the difficulties that residents have in reaching the bus-stop on the Portbury Hundred (Portishead bound), as they have to cross two lanes of fast moving traffic. PPC will enquire as to whether NSC will install 'Pedestrian Crossing' warning signs on the approaches.</p>	
PC/03/10	<p>Community Reports</p> <p>a) St Mary's Church – Cllr Marshall advised;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A general tidy-up had been completed. 2. Easter cards were in the process of being printed. 3. A banner, with changeable lettering, advertising church events was being purchased – PPC agreed to fund the lettering required to advertise the church bell dedication service. <p>Proposed: Cllr Meek Seconded: Cllr Cooke All in favour</p> <p>b) St Mary's School - nothing new to report</p>	

	<p>c) Village Hall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A clean up of the car park had been undertaken. 2. Newcombe Estates had been approached with regard to the village hall leasing an adjacent field from them for use as additional parking; unfortunately the conditions that Newcombe Estates would apply prevented this proposal from being progressed. 3. Community Games – After the successful event held in 2012, Mrs Worthy would be organising another one during the summer. 	
PC/03/11	<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Cooke reminded Councillors that the AGM was being held 02.04.13 commencing at 7.00pm. 2. Mr John enquired as to whether the maximum tonnage road sign currently located on the corner of High Street/Mill Lane could be moved to a position so as to prevent vehicles mounting the pavement. It is understood that another resident is currently in communication with NSC regarding a similar issue and therefore it was suggested that the same officer review Mr John's request. 	
PC/03/12	Date and time of next meeting 2nd April 2013	

Meeting finished at 9.10 pm
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