

Portbury Parish Council

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held 6th January 2015
Village Hall, High Street, Portbury

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Weekes Cllr Hale Cllr Marshall

Chairman: Cllr Cooke

Clerk: Cllr Meek (Minutes taken by Sara Thompson)

Others: Mr Summerfield
Mandy Bishop NSC
Mr Phipps
Two representatives – Portbury WI (left at 8.00pm)
One member of the public

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

No	Item	Action																				
PC/01/01	Apologies – Received from PC Clark																					
PC/01/02	<p>Minutes – The Minutes of December’s meeting held 2nd December 2014 signed as a true record of proceedings.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Cooke Seconded: Cllr Meek All in favour</p>																					
PC/01/03	<p>Finance</p> <p>(a) Payments authorised</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">PBS – Administration/Coordinator December 2014 S/O</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">795.00</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">0.00</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">795.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SSE – 3rd quarter 2014/15 maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">43.88</td> <td style="text-align: right;">8.78</td> <td style="text-align: right;">52.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matthew Bryant – Lime Tree pollard</td> <td style="text-align: right;">870.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">870.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Proposed: Cllr Hale Seconded: Cllr Cooke All in favour</p> <p>Prejudicial/Personal Interest Payments</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Brian Weekes – Maintenance December 14</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">221.00</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">0.00</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">221.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K & E – Village Green cut</td> <td style="text-align: right;">48.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">48.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Cllr Weekes declared an Interest and abstained from voting</p>	PBS – Administration/Coordinator December 2014 S/O	795.00	0.00	795.00	SSE – 3 rd quarter 2014/15 maintenance	43.88	8.78	52.66	Matthew Bryant – Lime Tree pollard	870.00	0.00	870.00	Brian Weekes – Maintenance December 14	221.00	0.00	221.00	K & E – Village Green cut	48.00	0.00	48.00	
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	<p>Proposed: Cllr Meek Seconded: Cllr Hale All in favour</p> <p>(b) Precept meeting – It was agreed that the meeting would be held on 20th January 2015 at Adcroft House, commencing at 8.00pm.</p> <p>(c) Playing Field Lease – David James, agents for Newcombe Estates, had advised that the playing field lease would be subject to a rent increase of £102 pa. Councillors agreed that this was acceptable.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Cooke Seconded: Cllr Meek All in favour</p>	
PC/01/04	<p>Crime and Disorder</p> <p>(a) Although unable to attend the meeting, PC Clark had advised the Council that during December, a property on Elm Tree Park had been broken in to and an amount of cash stolen.</p>	
PC/01/05	<p>Parish Plan and Website</p> <p>(a) Website – Nothing new to report</p> <p>(b) Parish Plan – Nothing new to report</p>	
PC/01/06	<p>Planning</p> <p>(a) Applications Received</p> <p>14/P/2700/HHPA – 15 High Street. Prior approval request for the erection of a single storey rear extension. No objection</p> <p>14/P/2627/F – Racecourse Quarry. Variation of conditions 5 & 6 of planning permission 14/P/0110/F. No objection</p> <p>14/P/2518/F – 1 Caswell Lane. Erection of extensions, balcony and conservatory. Although the Council do not object to this application in principle, concern was raised with regard to the design of the proposed balcony which would overlook an adjoining property. MP to draft a reply stating same.</p> <p>14/P/2561/F – Field off Caswell Hill. Change of use from agricultural to equestrian use with erection of stable block. The Council have major concerns regarding this application and the impact that it would have on the landscape. Its location is clearly within the Green Belt and therefore should be subject to policy RD/3. MP to draft an objection reply.</p> <p>(b) National Grid Hinkley to Seabanks Connection</p> <p>Mr Phipps advised that;</p> <p>19.01.15 – The contents of Planning Inspectorate’s preliminary meeting being held on this date would be closely scrutinised to ensure that NG have not</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>MP</p>

	<p>presented information which has not been made previously available for stakeholder consultation.</p> <p>24.02.15 – Written representations may be resubmitted with more detailed contents.</p> <p>Option A and B Pylon Routing Corridor - Portbury would seek clarification as to whether the Planning Inspectorate’s decision can include for the A and B options to remain in the application, or if they will be the body which makes the A or B decision.</p>	
PC/01/07	<p>Maintenance</p> <p>(a) Dog bins – Residents are reminded that dog waste removed from their own gardens can be disposed of in their own black wheelie bins for NSC collection, and that the village dog bins should not be used for this purpose.</p>	
PC/01/08	<p>Council Administration</p> <p>Nothing new to report</p>	
PC/01/09	<p>Transport & Traffic</p> <p>Nothing new to report</p>	
PC/01/10	<p>Community Reports</p> <p>(a) St Mary’s School – Nothing new to report</p> <p>(b) St Mary’s Church – The Christmas service and concerts had been will attended.</p> <p>(c) Village Hall – Portbury Social Club. Volunteers are being sought to fill the roles of Chair and Treasurer.</p> <p>(d) Allotments – Nothing new to report</p>	
PC/01/11	<p>AOB</p> <p>(a) Women’s Institute Bee Garden. The Chair of Portbury’s WI and Area Secretary introduced themselves to the Council and explained that, to acknowledge the WI’s centenary year, Portbury’s members wished to actively support a WI campaign and had selected ‘SOS for Honeybees’ as theirs. The Honeybee population is in decline and so the aim of the campaign is to promote the bee’s importance as pollinators and to raise awareness of their plight. By cultivating a bee garden within the village, it was hoped that these aims would be achieved in Portbury. With this in mind, the WI requested that</p>	

	<p>the Council give permission for the garden to be located on the village green, against the High Street wall.</p> <p>After a brief discussion, and with no objections being raised, it was agreed in principle to grant their request.</p> <p>(b) Although planning permission would not be required, Mike Phipps advised the Council that he would be carrying out work on his own property which included extending in to the roof.</p> <p>(c) It has been noticed that the donkeys grazing in the field adjacent to the M5 roundabout/A369 had caused extensive damage to the fence and that, in due course, they could escape on to the highway. Cllr Marshall would contact the owner to advise them of the Council's concerns.</p>	VM
PC/01/12	Date and time of next meeting – 3rd February 2015 commencing at 7.30pm	

Meeting finished at 9.10 pm

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