

Portbury Parish Council

MINUTES

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

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Weekes (arrived at 7.45pm) Cllr Langdon Cllr Lange
Cllr Randall Cllr Romanski Cllr Longstaff

Chairman: Cllr Phipps

Clerk: Cllr Hale (Minutes taken by Sara Thompson)

Representatives: Mr L Summerfield – Footpaths
Mandy Bishop – NSC

Others: Two members of the public
PC Hughes and PCSO Harris – Avon & Somerset Police (left at 7.45pm)

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

No	Item	Action
PC/10/01	Apologies – PC Jenny Clark	
PC/10/02	Minutes of PPC meeting held 1 st September 2015 – approval RESOLVED that: The Minutes were a true record of proceedings and duly signed.	
PC/10/03	Chairman’s Report (a) Cllr Phipps had attended a beneficial meeting with Cllr Ashton NSC; the discussion had included subjects such as the Sheepway, highway repairs, traffic calming, planning policies with regard to enforcement, holiday lets and equestrian facilities. Portbury Wharf Nature Reserve had also been discussed; Cllr Ashton confirmed that NSC’s objective was to continue to support the reserve, and he felt that there had been a certain amount of unjustified, negative press coverage with regard to NSC taking over the management.	

	<p>Meantime, PPC had received an invitation to attend an open public meeting being held by Friends of PWNR on 09.10.15, it was agreed that a representative from the Council would attend. It was further agreed that the Parish Council supports any initiative that will support and preserve the Nature reserve going forward.</p>	
PC/10/04	<p>Finance (a) Payments for Authorisation - As per the attached schedule. Cllr Weekes declared an interest and abstained from voting.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The payments as scheduled were approved.</p>	
PC/10/05	<p>Crime and Disorder (a) Car crime continues to be a major concern, with break-ins occurring on a regular basis. Unfortunately it would appear that not all incidents have been reported to the police and so their statistics were not reflecting the severity of the problem. PPC would encourage all victims to a make a report so that the police have a more accurate picture of events.</p> <p>(b) Community Speedwatch. PC Hughes requested that thought be given to residents undertaking further Speedwatch campaigns.</p>	
PC/10/06	<p>Parish Plan and Website (a) Parish Plan – Research is still ongoing regarding the credibility of a Parish Plan that does not include for future housing development.</p>	
PC/10/07	<p>Planning (a) Applications Received 15/P/2194/NMA Brook Barn, Caswell Lane. Application for non material amendment to Planning permission 12/P/0374/F. After a brief discussion it was agreed that no objection would be made.</p> <p>15/P/2102/F Russet Chapel, Caswell Lane, Clapton-in-Gordano. Removal of Condition 2 of planning approval 10/P/0754/F (Change of use from workshop to holiday cottage. Erection of pitched roof over existing flat roof rear projection, new roof to front porch, new timber and stone cladding and alterations to window and door openings) to allow full residential use. Cllr Phipps declared an interest and requested that Cllr Hale chair the meeting for this item. A brief history of previous site development was given and it was agreed that, due to the lack of demand for this type of holiday accommodation within the area, no objection would be made.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: No objection to the above applications would be made.</p>	

	<p>(b) National Grid – Awaiting the recommendation of the Planning Inspectorate due for announcement on 19.10.15.</p>	
PC/10/08	<p>Maintenance</p> <p>(a) Mill Lane. A site visit had been held with Shelley Lee NSC regarding the ownership of the land situated between Mill Lane and Hillside. It appeared to be privately owned and so NSC would not be responsible for maintaining the overhanging vegetation.</p> <p>(b) Village Green project – Cllr Phipps was in the process of seeking advice from Portishead in Bloom. This group had been responsible for the design and landscaping of the approach roundabouts to Portishead, and it was hoped that they would be able to offer guidance.</p>	
PC/10/09	<p>Council Administration/Correspondence</p> <p>(a) Newsletter – The draft of the second newsletter had been circulated to councillors for review. PBS would request that Quay Digital submit a quotation for the print run of 600 copies (technical specification as per the first newsletter).</p> <p>(b) Task Monitor – An updated copy had been circulated prior to the meeting. PBS would follow up several outstanding items with NSC.</p> <p>(c) Land adjacent to village hall – Having previously discussed the possibility of leasing this land from the owner, it was agreed to postpone further dialogue until Portbury’s Parish Plan had been finalised, as the contents would reflect the views of residents with regard to open spaces and future development.</p>	<p>PBS</p> <p>PBS</p>
PC/10/10	<p>Transport and Traffic</p> <p>(a) M5 Footbridge. Skanska (HA’s maintenance agents) had recently removed the chicanes at either end of the footbridge to allow for ease of use by a cyclist using an adapted bike. Although the Council fully supports the rights of way for all individuals, it remains concerned that the illegal use of mopeds and scooters will not be hindered in anyway by a physical barrier. It was agreed that before any view is taken, advice would be sought from Sustrans/NSC/HA.</p>	DL
PC/10/11	<p>Community Reports</p> <p>(a) St Mary’s School – Nothing new to report</p> <p>(b) St Mary’s Church - Mrs Marshall advised that the chancel repairs had been completed.</p> <p>(c) Village Hall – Nothing new to report</p> <p>(d) Allotments – Cllrs Randall and Romanski would be hosting an informal ‘get together’ of allotment holders at the next Community Café being held</p>	SR/TR /PBS

	7.11.15. Ideas on how to improve the area would be welcome. PBS to send out invitations.	
PC/10/12	Date and time of next meeting – 3 rd November 2015 at 7.30 pm	

Meeting finished at 9.00 pm

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Signed as a true record of proceedings;

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Date: