

Portbury Parish Council

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held 2nd February 2016
Village Hall, High Street, Portbury

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Weekes Cllr Langdon Cllr Romanski
Cllr Randall Cllr Longstaff

Chairman: Cllr Phipps

Clerk: Cllr Hale (Minutes taken by Sara Thompson)

Representatives: Mandy Bishop – NSC
Les Summerfield (footpaths)
Mrs B Bennett – North Somerset Local Access Forum (left at 8.45pm)

Others: Nine members of the public

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

No	Item	Action
PC/02/01	Apologies – None Received – Cllr Phipps will ascertain whether Cllr Lange is able to attend future meetings.	
PC/02/02	Village Green Improvement Project Residents had been invited to attend the meeting to offer their initial thoughts on ways that the village green could be improved. Numerous ideas were discussed with the main points being; Path – The path should remain but options for the choice of surface should be reconsidered, grasscrete for example. War Memorial – The general preference appears to be that improvements should be made to the immediate area to the rear, such as a paved area with bench; the option of moving the name plaque remains possible but needs more exploration and discussion with the Church. Toddlers' area – It was agreed that provision for a toddlers is not sufficient in the village and options for location of a play area should be considered. Opinions were divided about whether this could be	

	<p>located on the green. Seats – Existing seats require refurbishment and the addition of a semi circle bench around the Lime tree was welcomed. Centre of Green - The general opinion is that this area should remain open with additional shrubs and trees being planted around the boundary.</p> <p>Dogs - To consider dogs being restricted from being exercised on the Green.</p> <p>Cllr Phipps thanked residents for their input and advised that this item would be included on May's ARM agenda for further discussion. Seven members of the public then left the meeting.</p>	
PC/02/03	<p>North Somerset Local Access Forum</p> <p>Mrs B Bennett attended the meeting to introduce herself and to give a brief overview of LAF. LAF is an independent, statutory group that advises on access to the outdoors such as Rights of Way; recent project involvement included the Strawberry Line, Metro West and the coastal path between Clevedon and Weston-Super-Mare.</p> <p>Mrs Bennett was advised that on several occasions it was noticed that horses were being ridden on pavements within the village, she kindly offered to remind riders that this was an illegal activity when she next attended a meeting of the local equestrian club.</p>	
PC/02/04	<p>Minutes of PPC meeting held 12th January 2016 – approval Minutes of PPC Finance meeting held 19th January 2016 - approval</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The Minutes were a true record of proceedings and duly signed.</p>	
PC/02/05	<p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>Cllr Phipps was pleased to confirm the Planning Inspectorate's decision to select option B as the pylon route for the Hinkley C to Seabanks connection, which circumnavigated Portbury Village. Residents planned to hold an event at the village hall on the 7th February commencing at 7.30pm to celebrate – all welcome. A thank you and invitation would also be sent to Dr Fox MP and Cllr N Ashton, as their help in securing this decision had been invaluable.</p> <p>Portbury's Neighbourhood Plan consultation had commenced, and was open for public comment on the matter of the area of coverage of the plan until the end of February.</p> <p>The West of England Joint Spatial Strategy Consultation had been replied to with the following key points being addressed; growth, market conditions and target figures. We had also commented that all options for delivery of the</p>	

	<p>plan should be kept open as it is unlikely that one single option, from those articulated in the draft, would deliver all the objectives of the plan.</p> <p>Further to the resetting of the VAS signs on Portbury Lane, further adjustments had been made and now both signs had triggers set at 40 mph.</p>	
PC/02/06	<p>Finance</p> <p>(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/02/07	<p>Crime and Disorder</p> <p>Nothing new to report</p>	
PC/02/08	<p>Parish Plan and Website</p> <p>(a) Website – Nothing new to report</p> <p>(b) Parish Plan – Ongoing – Cllr Phipps will be circulating an updated draft shortly</p>	
PC/02/09	<p>Planning</p> <p>(a) Applications Received - No applications received</p> <p>(b) National Grid – Please refer to the Chairman’s report above</p> <p>(c) 15/P/2812/F The Old Diary. The Council was advised that the applicant had submitted amended plans to NSC after the consultation expiry date of the 27.01.16. Cllr Phipps to investigate further.</p>	MP
PC/02/10	<p>Maintenance</p> <p>(a) The Priory Public House. Delivery lorries were gouging ruts in the road surface when ascending the ramp into the car park, Cllr Phipps to address this issue with the pub management.</p> <p>(b) Station Road – It has been noticed that the newly laid surface is breaking up around the ironworks. Mandy Bishop to report back to NSC.</p>	MP MB
PC/02/11	<p>Council Administration/Correspondence</p> <p>(a) Task Monitor –M5 Footbridge replacement barriers. NSC had submitted a proposal to Highways England which had been approved. PBS to request a copy for councillors’ review.</p> <p>(b) Portbury Docks Court House Farm – The Council had been advised that Royal Portbury Docks were planning to store cars on land at Court House Farm, and that they would be submitting an application to NSC to ascertain</p>	PBS

	<p>the requirement of an Environmental Impact Assessment. Councillors agreed that this should indeed be a necessity so that concerns such as light pollution could then be addressed. Cllr Hale agreed to indicate our views at the forthcoming port liaison meeting.</p> <p>(c) Parish Wharf Nature Reserve – Correspondence had been received enquiring at to the Council’s views on the transparency of the reserve management transfer to NSC from AWT. Cllr Phipps had circulated a draft reply which explained that PPC had not been party to discussions but that any priority would be to ensure the longevity of the reserve.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The contents of the letter were approved</p>	
PC/02/12	<p>Transport and Traffic</p> <p>(a) Cllr Romanski reported the sighting of another HGV attempting to negotiate the High Street/Mill Lane corner, and he requested that appropriate signage be located on the A369 warning lorries not to enter the village. It was suggested that Cllr Phipps request that revised signage would be included in the traffic calming scheme that John Painter NSC would be presenting to the Council at March’s council meeting. It should be noted also that the signage needs to be in the right place; the entrance to High Street is too late as lorries have already committed to a turn by the time they would see this.</p>	
PC/02/13	<p>Community Reports</p> <p>(a) St Mary’s School – Nothing new to report</p> <p>(b) St Mary’s Church – Nothing new to report</p> <p>(c) Village Hall – Nothing new to report</p> <p>(d) Allotments – Nothing new to report – but an item about this will be included in the Newsletter</p>	
PC/02/14	Date and time of next meeting – 1st March 2016 at 7.30 pm	

Meeting finished at 9.15 pm

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Signed as a true record of proceedings;

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Date:

