

Portbury Parish Council

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held 7th March 2017
Village Hall, High Street, Portbury

Present:

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

Chairman: Cllr Phipps

Clerk: Minutes taken by Dawn Drower

Representatives: Les Summerfield – Footpaths (arrived 7.35p.m.)
Mandy Bishop – NSC

Others: Two members of the general public

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

No	Item	Action
PC/03/01	Apologies Received – None	
PC/03/02	Minutes of PPC's monthly meeting held 7 th February 2017 RESOLVED that: Minutes were agreed and signed off by Chair.	ALL
PC/03/03	Chairman's Report Prior to the meeting, Cllr Phipps had circulated a report for review to councillors prior to meeting: - Cllr Phipps commented on crime and disorder, Parish Plan, planning and enforcement, maintenance, administration, transport and traffic. All are covered in the relevant sections.	

<p>PC/03/04</p>	<p>Finance (a) Payments for Authorisation - As per the attached schedule.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The payments as scheduled were approved.</p> <p>Cllr Phipps reported that all finances were in order.</p>	
<p>PC/03/05</p>	<p>Crime and Disorder (a) Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Phipps reported that the first NW circular has been sent out to the new mailing list. No comments have been received so far.</p> <p>Cllr Phipps reported that there have been two traffic incidents – a moped was noted driving over the footbridge, its number was reported to the police, and a speeding car had its number reported to the police. In both cases PPC’s liaison officer undertook to make sure the individuals were warned. In the case of the moped this underlines the value of the new camera on the footbridge. Cllr Phipps commented that it is worthwhile for any councillor or resident to report such incidents to the police. Place, time and registration number must be recorded for this to have any impact. Cllr Phipps will remind residents of this in the next NW newsletter. Cllr Phipps also reported that some cars are appearing at night in the cultivated field behind the playing field. At present no registration numbers are available. The field owner has been requested to keep the gate at the church end closed. Cllr Phipps will also put this information in the next NW newsletter and ask residents to keep gates shut.</p> <p>Cllr Ireland reported that a van had screeched around the corner and stopped outside her house. A man got out of the van (leaving the door wide open) and asked if she wanted the drive tarmaced, then again drove off at speed. Unfortunately Cllr Ireland was unable to get the registration.</p> <p>(b) Update from PC Jenny Clark – PC Jenny Clark reported that youths have been reported gathering in several cars by Moor Gate/bus stop and causing problems. There are similar concerns in Portishead.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>MP</p> <p>MP</p>
<p>PC/03/06</p>	<p>Parish Plan & Website – (a) Update by MAP - Cllr Phipps has circulated a draft questionnaire to councillors about their views on future development within the Parish. This will be discussed after the meeting as a reserved matter.</p> <p>(b) Link Rd – Nailsea to M5 Clevedon – Cllr Longstaff commented on a long term proposal for a link road and thinks Portbury should really push for this, especially with the proposed large development in Nailsea which will inevitably impact on Portbury and Jct 19. Cllr Longstaff wants PPC to let NSC and HE know about our concerns. Cllr Phipps commented that his discussion with Nigel Ashton about Jct 19 strengthens the argument for a link road. Mandy Bishop commented that the link road, whilst on the agenda is not likely in the immediate</p>	<p>MP/ DD</p>

	future.	
PC/03/07	<p>Planning</p> <p>(a) Applications received;</p> <p>17/P/0429/F – Days Inn, erection of two storey extension – whilst council had no objection, a discussion was had about the extra rubbish which might be generated around the vicinity and Cllr Phipps suggested approaching the Days Inn and proposing that they contribute to the rubbish clearing around Jct 19. Cllr Phipps also suggested asking the services to make the entrance to the services more attractive, and also to remove their illegal signs (the ones with no planning).</p> <p>17/P/0451/F – Russett Chapel – single storey extension – Cllr Phipps commented that this application was a similar extension to the previous application that was refused, except it was now smaller and at the rear of the house (so not visible from the road). Councillors agreed no comment.</p> <p>17/P/0454/F – 8 Moorgate – single storey porch – Councillors agreed no comment.</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>MP</p> <p>MP</p>
PC/03/08	<p>Maintenance</p> <p>(a)Village Green – update on tree – Cllr Phipps is to attend an inspection of the tree with Bartlett Tree Services on the 8th March. Cllr Phipps suggested that the tree be inspected annually for safety and maintenance. Cllr Phipps also asked councillors to consider requesting a tree preservation order with NSC.</p> <p>Cllr Phipps also commented that he is still getting in prices re the centre path, both for reinforced grass and a consolidated path. Cllr Longstaff was keen to visit a reference site for both options.</p> <p>(b)Wessex Water update – Cllr Longstaff reported that Wessex Water had located two holes in the sewage system. One near the M5 and a hole in a manhole. Cllr Ireland asked if repairs could be carried out urgently by Wessex Water particularly as the overflow of sewage is close to the children’s play area.</p> <p>(c)Public Waste Bins – Cllr Romanski reported that close to the bus stop on the A369, on the way into Portishead, the waste bin is in the wrong place, and on the side going into Bristol, there is no bin at all. Cllr Ireland also commented that there is no waste bin at the Elm Tree Road bus stop in Sheepway. PBS to report to NSC. Mr Summerfield suggested looking at Parish boundary to check if bus stop on A369 going into Bristol is within Portbury. Cllr Ireland also commented that the waste bin outside the Village Hall had been removed and never replaced.</p> <p>Cllr Romanski is concerned about the overnight roadside lorry parking by the docks. The bins are constantly overflowing with amongst other things human excrement. PBS to write to docks to see if problem can be resolved.</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>MP</p> <p>DL</p> <p>PBS</p> <p>PBS</p>
PC/04/09	<p>Council Administration/Correspondence –</p> <p>(a)Task Monitor – Mrs Drower went through the Task Monitor by item</p>	

	<p>for comments from councillors, to see if item could be archived or was still active. Cllr Ireland volunteered to mark on a map of the parish where the gullies/drains and bins are to assist PBS when reporting maintenance to NSC.</p> <p>Cllr Romanski suggested that the Task Monitor be annotated with name of person requesting the maintenance, and then will feed back to PBS when item has been attended to.</p> <p>(b)Tesco Bags of Help Funding – grant update. Cllr Phipps has secured a grant of £1000 to go towards Village Green expenditure.</p> <p>(c)Defibrillator – update. Cllr Phipps reported that the Portishead Lions are now proceeding with the planned defibrillator. The Priory Inn has been contacted and are happy to proceed with the original proposals.</p> <p>(d)List of responsibilities – After review, all councillors are happy with current list.</p> <p>(e)Speeding cars – This was covered under PC/03/05 Crime and Disorder.</p> <p>(f)Free trees – update – Cllr Phipps reported that due to the short time scales involved, he was unable to secure permission to plant trees in a suitable location for the village. Cllr Phipps has asked to be advised if this offer is again available next year.</p> <p>(g)Street Lights - Cllr Phipps reported that SSE have given assurances that the remaining lighting stumps after the recent upgrade work will be removed. SSE have also installed guards on the lampposts which were shining directly into residents’ houses. However further complaints have been reported by residents that SSE have left residual mess behind after their last visit, one lamppost is not vertical, and there is another light needing a guard.</p> <p>h)June meeting – Cllr Phipps requested that the June meeting be on the second Tuesday instead of the normal first Tuesday. All councillors were in agreement. Cllr Langdon will check if hall available. The subject of the Annual Residents Meeting was discussed and a date of the 17th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall was agreed upon subject to availability of the Hall.</p> <p>(j)H-Bar application – Deferred until April meeting due to missing paperwork.</p>	<p>AI</p> <p>PBS</p> <p>MP</p> <p>MP</p> <p>MP</p> <p>PBS</p> <p>ML</p> <p>PBS</p>
<p>PC/03/10</p>	<p>Transport and Traffic</p> <p>(a) M5 Footbridge update - Mandy Bishop reported that a work order has now been raised for the installation of the new barriers, and should be completed within the next four weeks.</p> <p>Cllr Longstaff raised concerns over the bubbling surface on the footbridge as it represents a safety hazard. Although NSC have confirmed that they would inspect, this still hasn’t happened. PBS to forward copy of email confirming inspection to Mandy Bishop who will look into. Cllr Longstaff also commented that he was concerned about the waterproofing system on the bridge.</p> <p>(b) M5 Jct 19 congestion update – Cllr Phipps reported the HE have declined to change the signage as it would mean a ‘nonstandard’ choice of sign. They also declined to erect a ship sign as this means</p>	<p>DL/MB</p>

	<p>ferry. Cllr Phipps will write again to HE. He also indicated that they now realise that there is a national problem with ageing tree screening, such as at the playing field. Their approach will be to take out all the old trees at once, which is unacceptable to Portbury. MAP will write again on this matter. It does mean that PPC needs to secure its own tree screen as soon as practicable. This will mean gaining permission on other peoples land, Newcombe Estates and the Harroways. Further research is needed.</p> <p>(c) Sheepway issues update – Cllr Phipps reported that Mr Lanham attended a meeting with FirstBus and NSC to try to identify solutions to the problem of multiple buses clogging the Sheepway at times. Options discussed included alterations to timetables and a timed No Entry at Conference Avenue. A further meeting will be arranged to discuss further.</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>KL/MP</p>
PC/03/11	<p>Allotments – A member of the general public commented how messy and untidy the allotments are. Cllr Langdon commented that we have tried to sort but no one responds or takes action. Cllr Ireland suggested writing to allotment holders saying if anyone is finding the allotment too much, to let us know as we have a waiting list. Cllr Langdon commented that he has been to the allotments and helped with strimming. Cllr Weekes commented that the allotment area was tidied by the lengthsman in the past, but that had been stopped due to cost.</p>	<p>PBS</p>
PC/03/12	<p>Date and time of next meeting – 4th April 2017 commencing at 7.30pm in the village hall.</p>	

Meeting finished at 9.30 pm

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