

Portbury Parish Council

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held 13th June 2017
Village Hall, High Street, Portbury

Present:

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

Chairman: Cllr Langdon – Vice Chair

Clerk: Minutes taken by Dawn Drower

Representatives: Mandy Bishop – NSC

Others: One member of the general public

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

No	Item	Action
PC/06/01	Apologies Received – Cllr Phipps, Cllr Weekes	
PC/06/02	Minutes of PPC's monthly meeting held 9 th May 2017 RESOLVED that: Minutes were agreed and signed off by Chair of the meeting.	ALL
PC/06/03	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, transport and traffic, the Village Green and Village Hall grant. All are covered in the relevant sections.	

PC/06/04	<p>Finance (a) Payments for Authorisation - As per the attached schedule.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The payments as scheduled were approved.</p> <p>Cllr Langdon reported that all finances were in order.</p> <p>(b) The annual return was approved by all. (c) The providers of the council's insurance reduced their annual premium by £124 to retain the council's business. All agreed the new premium of £563.84.</p>	
PC/06/05	<p>Crime and Disorder (a) Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Phipps reported via the Chairman's Report that mainly all is quiet, but there are still some suspicious cars entering the field adjacent to the Playing Field. Although nothing untoward has happened so far, the situation is being monitored. (b) Update from PC Jenny Clark – PC Clark reported that there had been some more damages to the hides at the Nature Reserve at the beginning of May.</p>	MP
PC/06/06	<p>Parish Plan & Website – (a) Update by MAP - Cllr Phipps commented via the Chairman's report that to date he had received less than 20 of the development questionnaires back, so it was perhaps too early to draw any firm conclusion. But the main points so far were – residents like living in a village in the countryside, they dislike the speeding cars, they are not receptive to commercial development, unless it was a shop, they would like to see a lower density of domestic development should this happen, and they would not like to promote a green belt review. Residents would like to see a car park for the Village Hall, and have the Playing Field protected.</p>	MP
PC/06/07	<p>Planning (a) Applications received; 17/P/0429/F – Days Inn – Nothing new to report. 17/P/0505/HAZ, Agas Ltd – Councillors wished to make no comment as the proposed chemical storage is within approved limits. Councillors are waiting to see the HSE report. 17/P/0808/F – The Old Dairy - Nothing new to report</p>	ALL
PC/06/08	<p>Maintenance (a) Village Green – Cllr Phipps commented via the Chairman's report that additional estimates are still being sought for the centre path.</p>	MP

	<p>(b)Wessex Water update – Cllr Longstaff reported that he had been down to the smallholding, and could confirm that WW have been doing some repair work adjacent to smallholding.</p> <p>(c)Rubbish and recycling collections – Mrs Drower reported that Mrs Clements had at long last had her rubbish collected today. Collections appear to be happening now as no new problems had been reported.</p> <p>(d)Free toddler play equipment – Nothing new to report.</p> <p>(e) Street lighting update – All lighting problems appear to have been resolved now. Mandy Bishop will check if lamppost outside 57 Priory Road is going to be moved.</p>	<p>DL</p> <p>MB</p>
<p>PC/06/09</p>	<p>Council Administration/Correspondence –</p> <p>(a)Task Monitor – Cllr Langdon reported that NSC have been out to clear drains in the High St, but the one approx 40m east of the Village Hall needed a dig out. The team said they would report this. Mandy Bishop asked PBS to follow up with Shelley Lee of NSC. Also the drain outside of the Priory needs digging out.</p> <p>Cllr Romanski reported two potholes along the kerb outside 32 Priory Road, and felt this was very dangerous for mobility scooter users. Cllr Romanski also reported that at the bottom of Mill Lane in the pinch point, and over grown hedge is causing an obstruction for pedestrians and mobility scooter users.</p> <p>(b)Defibrillator – update. Nothing new to report</p> <p>(c)Annual Residents meeting Rugby/Sports field use and play equipment – Cllr Randall suggested having the rugby field as dual use, with a running track around the outside and also using field as a sports field. Cllr Randall also wants to research funding which may be available for this, though Cllr Phipps in his Chairman’s report said that previously these type of grants were not available to Parish Councils. Cllr Ireland thought this was a great idea and would help with researching funding/grants. Cllr Ireland thought it might be a good idea to post this on Facebook for comments from residents, and offered to do so.</p> <p>(d)Church Car Parking – Cllr Phipps reported via the Chairman’s report that the Church have asked if they might use the Playing Field for overspill parking during the investiture of the new vicar on 22nd June. All agreed subject to the weather. Mrs Longstaff will talk to Cllr Weekes to arrange.</p>	<p>PBS</p> <p>PBS</p> <p>SR/AI</p>
<p>PC/06/10</p>	<p>Transport and Traffic</p> <p>(a) M5 Footbridge update – Cllr Longstaff reported that the humps have now been filled in. Cllr Longstaff was told by the contractors that they would let him know when they would be attending so he could inspect the surface. This did not happen and Cllr Longstaff is very concerned that the footbridge is rusting and could be very dangerous. Cllr Longstaff will contact Joshua Terry at NSC to discuss.</p> <p>(b) M5 Jct 19 update – Cllr Phipps via the Chairman’s report commented that he had received a response from Welcome Break, and would follow this up.</p>	<p>DL</p> <p>MP</p>

	<p>Cllr Ireland is very concerned about the number of persons catching the bus from the Bristol direction, and getting off at the last stop by Jct 19 early morning, then walking to the Docks for work. There appears not to be any public transport connecting the A369 with the Docks. Cllr Ireland is concerned for their safety. Cllr Longstaff suggested talking to The Port Company about the issue at the next Port Authority meeting.</p> <p>(c) Sheepway issues update – No issues.</p>	AI/ML
PC/06/11	<p>Allotments – Cllr Randall reported that some allotment holders did turn up to the Community Café, and he discussed with them the general tidiness issues at the allotments. The annual rent invoices with a letter from PPC is just being emailed /posted. Cllrs agreed that a follow up letter would follow in a week or so if allotment holders did not respond or act upon the contents of the letter. Cllr Randall commented that the allotments are quite big, and could be shared. Cllrs were in agreement with this. Cllr Longstaff commented that someone has deposited a large load of wood chippings by the entrance for tenants to use. Cllr Longstaff also reported that the fence by Station Road needs repair/replacing.</p>	<p>PBS</p> <p>SR/ML</p> <p>BW</p>
PC/06/12	<p>Date and time of next meeting – 4th July 2017 commencing at 7.30pm in the village hall.</p>	

Meeting finished at 9.00 pm

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