

Portbury Parish Council

MINUTES

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

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Romanski Cllr Randall Cllr Longstaff

Chairman: Cllr Phipps

Clerk: Minutes taken by Dawn Drower

Representatives: Mr Lanham – Sheepway
Mr Summerfield - Footpaths

Others: Six members of the general public

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

No	Item	Action
PC/11/01	Apologies received – Mandy Bishop	
PC/11/02	Minutes of PPC's monthly meeting held 3rd October 2017 Resolved that: Minutes were agreed and signed off by Chair of the meeting.	ALL
PC/11/03	Chairman's report Prior to the meeting Cllr Phipps had circulated a report for review to councillors. Cllr Phipps commented on crime and disorder, planning, maintenance, fracking, invite to Blagdon Parish Council meeting and Sheepway issues. All are covered in the relevant sections.	MP
PC/11/04	Finance (a) Payments for authorisation – As per attached schedule RESOLVED that: The payments as scheduled were approved.	

	Mrs Drower reported that all finances were in order, budget spend was as agreed and reserves were healthy.	
PC/11/05	<p>Crime and Disorder</p> <p>(a) Neighbourhood Watch - Cllr Phipps reported that there has been no reported crime in Portbury during the last month, and Mrs Drower reported that PC Jenny Clark had also confirmed no local crime had occurred.</p> <p>A Sheepway resident reported that a person cycling along Sheepway in the morning that week had been knocked off his bicycle by two men in a van. A fight ensued, and people in the locality came to the assistance of the cyclist. The police were involved. This is the second incident of this kind and seems to be related to bicycle theft. Cllr Phipps undertook to refer to this in a newsletter update.</p>	MP
PC/11/06	Parish Plan – Cllr Phipps reported that there was no update to the Parish Plan this month.	MP
PC/11/07	<p>Planning</p> <p>(a) Applications received:</p> <p>17/P/0808/F – The Old Dairy – granted</p> <p>17/P/1531/F – Newlyn – no update.</p> <p>17/P/1650/F – Racecourse Farm – granted</p> <p>17/P/1891/F – 47 Caswell Lane – no update</p> <p>17/P/2035/F – 22 Caswell Lane – granted</p> <p>17/P/2364/SWE – Proposed erection of poles and apparatus – no objection</p> <p>Cllr Phipps also noted that the previous application for detached house in the grounds of Newlyn was now the subject of an appeal. He will monitor the situation.</p>	
PC/11/08	<p>Maintenance</p> <p>(a) Rubbish and recycling collection update – Although there have been no reports to the office, residents are still experiencing ongoing collection problems, and at present residents are reporting issues to NSDC themselves. PBS to advise Mandy Bishop that there are still ongoing problems. Last week the top end of Priory Road and 57 onwards on Mill Close were missed. Cllr Romanski reported that the on street parking in Mill Close is potentially causing a problem for the rubbish collection lorries to manoeuvre. A request has been raised to turn the green area at the bottom of Mill Close into parking. Also the turning area is being used for parking. Cllr Phipps will write to recycling, and also add to the list of parking issues.</p> <p>(b) Brittan Place – tree stump – this has been reported to NSDC,</p>	<p>PBS</p> <p>MP</p>

	<p>but no action yet. NSDC My Account says it has been attended to, PBS to report again. PBS to contact NSDC to establish if a contractor has already been engaged to do this.</p>	<p>PBS</p>
<p>PC/11/09</p>	<p>Council Administration/Correspondence</p> <p>(a) Task monitor – TM needs updating, PBS to do and circulate to council.</p> <p>(b) Defibrillator update – A resident reported that the cabling was now in for the defib, but the Priory’s electrician was not willing to connect. The electrician used by St Mary’s church has offered to connect. PBS to contact Andrew Hill about the code for the defib box. PBS to enquire about ongoing maintenance and costs.</p> <p>(c) Disabled facilities in Portbury – no update.</p> <p>(d) Docks update – Cllr Longstaff gave council an update on the recent Port Liaison meeting he attended.</p> <p>The proposed new railway line was discussed, but no new information was forthcoming. The main works are scheduled to start in Spring 2020, and projected to finish in Autumn 2021. One of the problems was the cost of the proposed railway, and trains will run hourly instead of half hourly, and at slower speeds, so that reinforcement of cuttings is not needed.</p> <p>Jct 19 was discussed again and HE have outlined phased improvements for the Jct, but no start date has been agreed. Cllr Longstaff reported at the meeting that the traffic in Portbury was suffering tailbacks to Oakham Farm in the mornings. The new PL chair commented that cars exiting Portbury/A369 jct were using the hatched area when the lights changed, stopping the traffic from Bristol and E-I-G.</p> <p>Cllr Longstaff reported to the meeting that Portbury were in favour of the proposed new link road from Nailsea to the M5, as this would alleviate traffic from Nailsea going through Portbury, and would significantly improve traffic flows at Jct 19.</p> <p>David Davies from Pill raised concerns over particulate levels from the M5, and said that apparently the information from HE was from a desk top and not actual readings. Cllr Longstaff suggested that Portbury would support E-I-G in getting a proper particulate survey done.</p> <p>Cllr Longstaff suggested that NSDC carry out ongoing nitrous oxide testing in E-I-G instead of in Priory Road.</p> <p>(e) Fracking – Members of the public were invited to attend and discuss the proposed fracking in the vicinity. The public discussion was held at the beginning of the PPC meeting, but the report is here in the agenda order.</p> <p>Cllr Phipps commented that at the last PPC meeting – Mr Roger Weekes had given a briefing on fracking. Cllr Phipps then went on to comment that we need to do our homework on fracking and our area, and if we are going to make comment this should be technically based. It is also important to consider both sides of the argument. Mrs Weeks then gave a brief resume of the</p>	<p>PBS</p> <p>PBS</p> <p>MP/TR</p> <p>MP</p>

	<p>implications of fracking to PPC and the public. Cllr Phipps then explained that the closest proposed fracking site to Portbury is the coast from Weston super Mare to Hinckley Point. Cllr Phipps commented that we have three choices:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do nothing 2. Incorporate the desire to be free from fracking in the Neighbourhood Plan 3. Support other councils in whose patch fracking is proposed. <p>Cllr Phipps will contact Nigel Ashton and Liam Fox to discuss and get their views. Our prime case against fracking is the argument against further fossil fuel harvesting which will worsen our carbon footprint both locally and nationally.</p> <p>All agreed.</p> <p>(f) Invite to Blagdon Parish Council meeting – Cllr Phipps is attending the next meeting and is extremely interested in how they do things as they are a council of similar size to us. Cllr Phipps asked if any other councillor would like to attend.</p> <p>(g) Councillor vacancy – Sadly Cllr Weekes has resigned as he no longer resides within the Parish. A resident has expressed an interest in becoming a councillor.</p> <p>(h) War Memorial Grant – Mrs Drower explained that there is a grant available towards certain types of work which may need carrying out in war memorials. The grant seems applicable to Portbury and PBS will research further and contact 2/3 professional conservation advisors for quotes. Cllr Longstaff suggested approaching the conservation advisor to St Mary’s church.</p> <p>(i) Joint Spatial Plan – Unfortunately Cllr Phipps was unable to attend the latest meeting, but it is still in the consultation period, if anyone is interested in commenting on the website.</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>MP</p> <p>PBS</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>PC/11/10</p>	<p>Transport and Traffic</p> <p>(a) M5 Jct 19 update – Mrs Drower commented that she had seen workmen strimming vegetation at Jct 19.</p> <p>(b) Sheepway issues – Cllr Phipps reported that Paddock Lakes have been reported to enforcement, and is becoming of more concern.</p> <p>A caravan which appears to be abandoned on the highway by the entrance to Paddock Lakes has been reported.</p> <p>The field next to Paddock Lakes has a Land Rover parked on it. Mr Lanham commented that he still hasn’t had any success speaking to Paul Baker re public transport issues but will continue trying.</p> <p>(c) 20mph Speed Limit – This was discussed earlier in the meeting but reported here in agenda order.</p> <p>Councillors reported that they were extremely upset when the 20mph order proposal was received. Instead of contacting PPC, NSDC have just gone ahead and designed the scheme. The proposed scheme falls far short of expectations. Residents present expressed their view that the scheme as proposed would</p>	<p>KL</p>

	<p>do little for the safety of people in the village. Specifically parents are worried about traffic speeds along the High Street to the School and also on Caswell Lane. The scheme does not presently include the High St up to the school, or Caswell Lane, and does not go far enough along Mill lane. PPC's high priority areas of concern are where there is no f footpath and where there is regular pedestrian use, including children.</p> <p>Cllr Phipps commented that he recalled when council met with John Painter from NSDC in Feb 2016; there were some technical reasons for this. The areas of concern would also need traffic calming which NSDC say is outside of their budget.</p> <p>Cllr Phipps will aim to keep the 20mph order ongoing and to secure some traffic calming from NSC He proposed to council the setting aside £5000 for this. Cllr Longstaff strongly objected on the grounds that NSDC should be paying for it. Cllrs Romanski and Randall agreed to set aside the required funds. Cllr Phipps commented that the £5000 would be spent mainly on traffic calming along Caswell Lane. Cllr Phipps will have a discussion with Nigel Ashton.</p> <p>Cllr Longstaff commented that NSDC need to explain themselves. Cllr Romanski commented that traffic calming on Mill Lane was rejected for technical reasons.</p> <p>Cllr Phipps commented repeated that he thinks Caswell Lane is a critical area.</p> <p>Cllr Phipps will check with David Bailey of NSDC as to where exactly the 20mph order is, and if anything can be changed. Residents had suggested that a public petition was needed, with as many signatures as possible. Cllr Phipps offered to help with the wording and to remit the petition to the appropriate NSC contact if residents collected signatures.</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>MP</p>
<p>PC/11/11</p>	<p>Allotments –</p> <p>(a) Disclaimer sign update – Mrs Drower reported that she had contacted Portishead, Clevedon Parish Councils, and none of the councils have disclaimer signs at their allotments. It was decided to go ahead and secure a sign which would remind holders of the terms of their lease and also to ban dogs.</p> <p>(b) Overgrown trees – PBS to contact resident, Rob Peters, who may be able to assist in cutting back the overgrown trees.</p>	<p>PBS</p>
<p>PC/11/12</p>	<p>Date and time of next meeting – 5th December 2017 commencing at 7.30pm in the village hall.</p>	

Meeting finished at 9.10p.m.
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