

Portbury Parish Council

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held 4TH February 2020
Village Hall, High Street, Portbury

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Mr Cooke Cllr Mr Romanski Cllr Mrs Cowlard
Cllr Mr Coles Cllr Mr Lanham

Chairman: Cllr Phipps

Clerk: Minutes taken by Dawn Drower - Clerk

Representatives: Nigel Ashton - NSC Mr L Summerfield – footpaths Mr S Walsh Highways
England (HE)

Others: 1 member of general public

Meeting commenced at 7.40pm

No	Item	Action
PC/0220/01	Declaration of Interest by Members – None declared	
PC/0220/02	Apologies received – None	
PC/0220/03	Minutes of PPC's monthly meeting held on the 7th January 2020 were presented. Proposed Cllr Mrs Cowlard Seconded Cllr Mr Lanham Resolved that: Minutes were agreed by all.	ALL
PC/0220/04	Chairman's report Prior to the meeting Cllr Mr Phipps had circulated a report for review to councillors. Cllr Mr Phipps commented on crime and disorder, planning, and council administration. All are covered in the relevant sections.	MAP
PC/0220/05	Finance (a) Payments for authorisation – As per schedule presented prior to meeting. RESOLVED that: The payments as scheduled in the Finance Report were approved.	ALL

	<p>up of mud for them to manoeuvre too. Clerk Mrs Drower commented that the situation has been reported to NSC, but will now follow it up with Alex Hearn.</p> <p>(b)Contractor for hedge cutting – no update.</p>	
<p>PC/0220/09</p>	<p>Council Administration/Correspondence</p> <p>(a)Task monitor – Clerk Mrs Drower commented that HE had confirmed that the broken fence at the end of Station Road will be repaired and a team will be sent out to clean and clear the footbridge.</p> <p>(b)M5 – Jct 19 – reconfiguration – Cllr Mr Phipps suspended standing orders while Mr Sean Walsh from HE gave a presentation on the works to Jct 19 which will commence 24th February 2020.</p> <p>In summary there will be a change to the lane arrangement on the Southbound slip road, the left lane becoming services and A369 (Bristol & Portbury). The lane divider island will be removed and adjacent to the services exit an extra lane will be achieved, thus making for easier flow of traffic towards Bristol. Within the scope of funds available Mr Walsh thought that this offered a good improvement to the current situation but agreed that over time traffic was likely to increase further and thus other solutions might be needed. When pressed to offer a long-term solution not constrained by funding, Mr Walsh thought that some form of elevated lane taking Bristol traffic over the island to the Portishead side would be the sort of scale of scheme needed if a new junction couldn't be created elsewhere. Cllr Phipps thanked Mr Walsh for attending the meeting and giving us an insight into the proposals for jct 19. Cllr Phipps reinstated the standing orders at this point.</p> <p>(c)Bristol Clean Air Zone – Cllr Mr Phipps commented that we had been contacted by Wraxall and Failand Parish Council for our opinion on the possible unintended consequential impact of the Clean Air Zone due to start in Bristol. Cllr Mr Phipps, after doing some research, concluded that there is no real evidence to suggest a Clean Air Zone impacts on areas around it. Cllr Mr Cooke commented that there may be physical effects such as increased parking in outer areas, Cllr Phipps thought that this was not shown by the limited survey work carried out elsewhere. Cllrs all agreed that Cllr Mr Phipps respond to Wraxall and Failand saying we think, as far as we can assess, that there will be little or no impact on outlying villages.</p> <p>(d)Support for the church – Clerk Mrs Drower commented that previously ALCA had informed parish councils that supporting local churches with donations for running costs was not allowable. However further advice from ALCA has indicated that whilst expenditure on the building is prohibited, donations to an expense e.g.</p>	<p>DD/MAP</p> <p>MAP</p> <p>DD</p> <p>MAP</p>

	<p>favoured, being near to the school and church and access from Church Lane.</p> <p>4. Alongside the current equipment - whilst this is a good option and offers better ground conditions and less cost it was felt that access was less good and was further from the school and church.</p> <p>Mr Larder is investigating grants available and fund-raising options and also types of suitable play equipment. A decision on site would be made when the scope of funds available is clearer. Mr Larder asked Cllrs to consider his proposals so far and provide any feedback. Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that our lengthsman has some heavy duty pieces of play equipment which he'd like to donate to the parish.</p> <p>Cllr Mr Cooke enquired about once the equipment was installed where would the funds come from for the ongoing maintenance. Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that the precept would cover it.</p> <p>Cllr Mr Cooke commented that it would be useful for Mr Larder to talk to the residents at the ARM on May 12th for further feedback.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that she would post information on the village Facebook page re fundraising and feedback from residents.</p> <p>Cllr Phipps made it clear to the Council that there might be some preparatory work necessary to put a grant application package together, and this could only be covered at present from the ring-fenced reserve. Council has to accept that this expenditure might be written off if grant funding attempts fail. Mr Larder was hopeful that he could cover any preparatory work by pro-bono arrangements with expert help, but nevertheless he accepted that we need to consider the possibility of writing off funds. Councillors understood this.</p> <p>Council was very pleased with the fact that the project was now moving forward and was grateful that Mr Larder was fully engaged. Council thanked Mr Larder for all his effort and invited him to brief Council again, possibly in July.</p> <p>Cllr Phipps reinstated standing orders for the remainder of the meeting.</p>	
PC/0220/10	Sheepway issues – no issues	
PC/0220/11	Allotments update – Cllr Mr Phipps commented that the new Terms & Conditions have now been finalised. Cllr Mr Coles commented that the changes will enable the allotments to be self-governing. The possibility of creating a separate bank account for the allotment was re-visited. No change was felt necessary at this stage since there is now a separate balance sheet showing the I and E position of the allotments.	

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Meeting finished at 9.10p.m.
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