

Portbury Parish Council

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held 3rd August 2021

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Mr Romanski Cllr Mr Lanham
Cllr Mr Coles

Chairman: Cllr Mrs Cowlard

Clerk: Minutes taken by Mrs Dawn Drower – Clerk

Representatives: Nigel Ashton - NSC

Others: 2 members of general public

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

No	Item	Action
	A member of the general public attended and wished to draw to the attention of PPC the current erosion to the Portbury Sea Wall at the Parish Wharf Nature Reserve. Along with rising sea levels and flood predictions there is a real risk of the reserve flooding with salt water. The resident had emailed to councillors the last report from the Sea Wall Commission. The grass covering along the top of the wall has been eroded and now there is no protection, and when the wall gets wet it becomes muddy and further erodes. The fields the other side of the wall are now subject to flooding. There is a rhyme which passes through the reserve which when flooding occurs will back track up towards the M5 motorway.	
PC/0821/01	Declaration of Interest by Members – There were no declarations of interest.	
PC/0821/02	Apologies received – Cllr Mr Phipps and Cllr Mr Cheek both offered their apologies.	
PC/0821/03	Minutes of PPC's monthly meeting held on the 6th of July 2021 were presented. The minutes were:	ALL

	<p>Proposed Cllr Mr Lanham Seconded Cllr Mr Coles</p> <p>Resolved that: Minutes were agreed by all.</p>	
PC/0821/04	<p>Finance</p> <p>(a) Payments for authorisation – As per schedule presented prior to meeting.</p> <p>Clerk Mrs Drower commented that there was no unexpected spend this month. With just spend on the clerk, maintenance, ratification for Earth Anchors for the tables and benches for the play park, and GB Sports for the annual playground inspection.</p> <p>All spend this month is in line with budget though cumulatively we are behind on expected spend.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The payments as scheduled in the Finance Report were approved.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Mrs Cowlard Seconded Cllr Mr Coles</p> <p>Agreed by all Cllrs.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>DD</p>
PC/0821/05	<p>Crime and Disorder</p> <p>(a) Crime Stats -Clerk Mrs Drower – no stats reported.</p> <p>(b) Local crime – Clerk Mrs Cowlard commented that we know there has been local crime reported but isn't coming though on the statistics. Clerk Mrs Drower commented that Cllr Mr Phipps had suggested monitoring Neighbourhood Watch.</p>	WC/DD
PC/0821/06	<p>Planning</p> <p>Applications received:</p> <p>(a) 20/P/1982/OUT – Cole Acre – refused.</p> <p>(b) 21/P/0474/MOD – Land at Moor Farm – Deed of variation to modify mortgagee exclusions Clause – no update.</p> <p>(c) 21/P/1203/FUH – 22 High St – Proposed first floor extension – approved.</p> <p>(d) 21/P/1297/LDE – 14 Caswell Lane – Certificate of lawfulness for existing rear extension – approved.</p> <p>(e) 21/P/1647/1673/AOC – Discharge of Cond 4 planning permission for listed buildings – approved.</p> <p>(i) 21/P/1650/FUH – 1 Wharf Villas – erection of carport/enforcement – Nigel Ashton commented that the planning application cannot proceed through the planning system as the wrong application has been used. The NSC planning officer has written to the applicant.</p>	MAP

<p>PC/0821/07</p>	<p>Maintenance (a)Lengthsman – Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that there were no issues. Clerk Mrs Drower commented that on Kevin’s weekly playground inspection sheet, he had highlighted a broken slat in the fencing, which has been attended to by Cllr Mr Cheek, there is a damaged spring on the aerial runway, which has just been passed by the annual independent inspection, this will be further investigated and overhanging branches. Cllr Mrs Cowlard will go and assess the branches and take action if necessary.</p>	<p>WC/DD</p>
<p>PC/0821/08</p>	<p>Council Administration/Correspondence (a)Weed treatment for Village Green – PPC received a letter from a resident expressing concern over the nature of the chemicals used in the treatment. Cllrs agreed to treat the green if the treatment was non chemical and organic. Clerk Mrs Drower will find out what the proposed treatment by Greensleeves consists of. (b)Parish Plan update – Cllr Mr Phipps although not present at the meeting had circulated a report previous to the meeting and commented that he has sourced some funding to help us review the identified development sites and rank them according to suitability. Cllr Mr Phipps proposed that we carry out an independent site assessment before consulting residents about the possibility of allocating a site for potential development. Proposed Cllr Mrs Cowlard Seconded Cllr Mr Coles 3 in favour 1 abstention (c)Village Emergency contact details – Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that a resident had reported the vandalised play equipment from the mobile number on the sign at the play park. However, this number is incorrect, and Clerk Mrs Drower was happy for her number to replace it. (d)Portbury Sea Wall – further to the discussion with the resident, Nigel Ashton will make enquiries about an up to date flood map of the area. Cllrs agreed to keep this on the agenda for the foreseeable future. (e)Portbury Lane/speeding – Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that the speeding through the village continues and is of huge concern. Statistically from the movement actuated cameras and a recent police presence, we are one of the worst villages for drivers habitually breaking the speed limit. Cllr Mrs Cowlard asked Nigel Ashton what could be done for example could we have speed calming bumps. Nigel Ashton commented that speed bumps are an option, but need to be considered carefully, and are unsafe to site them on a hill.</p>	<p>DD</p> <p>MAP</p> <p>DD</p> <p>NA/ALL</p> <p>TC</p>

	<p>Nigel Ashton commented that speeding can be reported by residents and dashcam footage can be used in evidence.</p> <p>Cllr Mr Coles commented that the majority of drivers whilst speeding are not doing so excessively, but there are a few who drive at high speed. Nigel Ashton commented that local knowledge can be very useful in catching these habitual speeders.</p> <p>Nigel Ashton suggested writing to David Bailey NSC who could do an appraisal of Portbury and suggest solutions for speed reduction.</p> <p>Cllr Mr Romanski commented that the vehicles in Mill Lane are parking on the pavement, but if they parked on the road, it would be a natural speed calmer. However, cars owners fear damage to their cars.</p> <p>(f) Travellers' site A369 – update – Clerk Mrs Drower commented that the site is now vacant, however the site needs clearing, which is the responsibility of Persimmon Homes who own the land.</p> <p>(g) Website information – Clerk Mrs Drower commented that there is no information on the website about our annual precept. Cllr Mr Coles commented that financial information for the meetings is not available on the website after the meeting. Clerk Mrs Drower commented that she would amend this going forward.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DD</p>
PC/0821/09	Sheepway – no issues	
PC/0821/10	Allotments update – no issues	

Meeting finished at 9.10 p.m.
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