

Portbury Parish Council

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held 7th September 2021

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Mr Romanski Cllr Mr Phipps Cllr Mr Cheek
Cllr Mr Mangnall

Chairman: Cllr Mrs Cowlard

Clerk: Minutes taken by Mrs Dawn Drower – Clerk

Representatives: Nigel Ashton - NSC

Others: 1 member of general public

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

No	Item	Action
PC/0921/01	Declaration of Interest by Members – Cllr Mr Phipps declared an interest in the planning at 1 Mill Lane, and Cllr Mr Mangnall declared an interest in the planning at 1 Wharf Villas	
PC/0921/02	Apologies received – Cllr Mr Coles and Cllr Mr Lanham both offered their apologies.	
PC/0921/03	Minutes of PPC's monthly meeting held on the 3rd of August 2021 were presented. Cllr Mrs Cowlard went over the action points of the last meeting. Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that the Portbury Lane speeding issues had not been dealt with and remain outstanding for the next meeting. Clerk Mrs Drower commented that the revisions to the website as discussed at the August meeting were still outstanding, as she had some difficulty knowing where to put the Precept information. Cllr Mr Phipps offered to have a look at it. The minutes were:	TC DD/MAP

	<p>Proposed Cllr Mrs Cowlard Seconded Cllr Mr Romanski</p> <p>Resolved that: Minutes were agreed by all.</p>	
PC/0921/04	<p>Finance (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 and maintenance. All spend this month is in line with budget though cumulatively we are behind on expected spend.</p> <p>Cllr Mr Phipps enquired if the Allotment reserve was shown separately in the ring-fenced reserves. Clerk Mrs Drower commented that the reserve is part of the current account balance, not the reserve balance and agreed to separate for the next meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The payments as scheduled in the Finance Report were approved.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Mrs Cowlard Seconded Cllr Mr Phipps</p> <p>Agreed by all Cllrs.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>DD</p> <p>DD</p>
PC/0921/05	<p>Crime and Disorder (a) Crime Stats -Clerk Mrs Drower – we have had local crime stats sent via email, but they are non specific as to where the crime took place or really what the crime was. (b) Local crime – Clerk Mrs Drower commented that she had looked to sign up to the local NW from the website, but there was no NW group in Portbury, just in Portishead. Cllr Mr Phipps commented that possibly Portbury crime goes through Portishead. Cllr Mr Phipps commented that he will look at what information comes via previous NW routes. Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that we used to get an occasional police presence at our meetings, but this has stopped for some time now. Nigel Ashton commented that he would contact Avon and Somerset police and request a presence at our meetings.</p>	<p>WC/DD</p> <p>MAP/DD</p> <p>NA</p>
PC/0921/06	<p>Planning Applications received: (a) 21/P/0474/MOD – Land at Moor Farm – Deed of variation to modify mortgagee exclusions Clause – no update.</p>	<p>MAP</p>

	<p>(b)21/P/1650/FUH – 1 Wharf Villas – erection of carport/enforcement – no update at the point of the agenda. Cllr Mr Phipps however commented that the application has now been withdrawn.</p> <p>(c)Enforcement notices – Paddock Lakes, Wharf Villas and Elm Tree Park – this will be carried forward to the next meeting.</p> <p>N.B.</p> <p>21/P/2410/FUH -1 Mill Close – Proposed erection of two storey and single storey rear extension.</p> <p>Although not an agenda item, it came in after the agenda was published but before the meeting. The deadline for comments with NSC Planning were mid-October, so it was decided to discuss this application so as not to miss the deadline.</p> <p>All Cllrs agreed to submit no comment.</p> <p>This will be an agenda item and ratified at the October meeting.</p>	
PC/0921/07	<p>Maintenance</p> <p>(a)Lengthsman – Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that there were no issues.</p>	WC/DD
PC/0921/08	<p>Council Administration/Correspondence</p> <p>(a)Parish Plan update – Cllr Mr Phipps commented that he has had a long conversation with the Policy Unit which deals with Neighbourhood Plans and with advisors carrying out the site assessments, , and they have both advised that any proposal for Portbury to put building in the green belt is not part of the current strategy of building extra homes as close as possible to current urban centres, such as Portishead and Nailsea. This therefore means that any plan for Portbury cannot contain any proposals for areas that could be developed as this would be contrary to NSC policy. Thus our plan cannot achieve legal status in its current form.</p> <p>Cllr Mr Phipps also commented that it would however be a good idea to formalise the former village boundary, as there are some anomalies in this. He will look into this with NSC.</p> <p>Cllr Mr Phipps commented that he would still get the site assessment of the potential, registered development sites. This will bring the plan work to a sensible conclusion and provide a reference document for the future. There will now be no need to carry out any survey work with the village about the concept of allocating any site.</p> <p>Cllrs agreed to release the ring-fenced monies for the Parish Plan back into free reserves.</p> <p>(b)Weed treatment for Village Green – Clerk Mrs Drower commented that she had contacted Greensleeves about</p>	<p>MAP</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>

	<p>the chemicals in the weed treatment. Greensleeves have confirmed that the treatment is chemical and not organic.</p> <p>Cllrs agreed not to treat the Green</p> <p>(c)Trees at playing field perimeter – Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that overhanging trees along the perimeter fence had been reported to HE, who reported back that whilst attending site, a passer-by commented that the trees had been planted by PPC. HE left site and emailed the office that the trees were not their responsibility. Clerk Mrs Drower commented that we have done extensive research and can find no evidence of any tree planting carried out by PPC. Clerk Mrs Drower has contacted HE again and asked them to cut back the trees.</p> <p>(d)Portbury Sea Wall, Salt Marsh Open Day – Cllr Mr Lanham attended the Open Day and will comment at the next PPC meeting.</p> <p>(e)Nature reserve – discussion with PTC - Cllr Mrs Cowlard and Cllr Mr Coles attended and met with PTC who wanted to explain their position on the Nature reserve. Persimmon are currently in the process of releasing c£50k of funds to PTC for maintenance of the reserve. This will be a one-off payment and Persimmon will then relinquish their responsibility. NSC have indicated that there are no monies available for ongoing maintenance after the Persimmon monies are used. PTC are prepared to go to a public consultation with a view to taking on the maintenance. NSC remain the owners, however felt the insurance cost would be prohibitive to take on due to an asbestos dump in the middle of the reserve. PTC would like Portbury’s support but would require no funds from Portbury. PTC would like to change the name of the reserve to ‘Portishead Nature Reserve’. Cllr Mr Phipps commented that he had no objection in principle, however the name is historical and is attached to ‘Portbury Wharf’.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that residents of Moorgate have expressed an interest in changing from Portbury to Portishead. However, Cllr Mr Cheek commented that that is the decision of NSC.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Cowlard raised the subject of the sea wall with PTC, who commented that they have had a meeting with representatives of The Sea Wall Commission, the sewage company and the Environment Agency who commented that the cost of building a sea wall is too prohibitive in relation to the protection it would afford.</p> <p>Cllr Mr Phipps commented that the cost he had seen in the report was under £250,000 which did not seem that high.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented to them that we were surprised that we hadn’t been invited to these meetings, and PTC responded that they would be more inclusive in future in keeping us informed.</p>	<p>WC/DD</p> <p>KL</p> <p>WC</p> <p>DD/MAP</p>
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	<p>Cllr Mrs Cowlard will report back to PTC that although there were no objections to a change of name of the reserve, they needed to be mindful of the historic reasons for the name.</p> <p>(f)Land registration of Village Green and Allotments – Cllr Mr Phipps asked councillors if we should register that title of the Allotments and the Village Green. Clerk Mrs Drower will contact local solicitors for advice and quote. All Cllrs agreed.</p> <p>(g)Dead ash trees/planting trees at the allotments – Cllr Mr Coles has reported a dead Elm by the footbridge. Cllr Mr Cheek will cut the dead tree down if possible. Cllr Mr Coles has suggested planting bushes along the fence with the neighbouring field to protect the fence. Cllrs decided to let Cllr Mr Coles and the allotment holders decide on the free bushes.</p> <p>(h)Signing of annual accounts – Cllr Mrs Cowlard in her role as Chair signed off the AGAR Pt 3 Annual accounts,</p> <p>(i)Jct 19 update – Cllr Mr Phipps commented that a resident had approached him about traffic flow at Jct 19. He had commented that because there are only 3 lanes under the bridge at Jct19, and no chance of widening at this point, that there will always be a problem of traffic volume here unless something major is done. His view was that PPC should be pushing for a new outlet at Jct20 for access to Nailsea to take the strain off Jct 19. Also the services should be moved elsewhere.</p> <p>Nigel Ashton commented that this was indeed an idea some years ago and that all options are always being considered but are sometimes restricted by current rules and regulations. In the past significant progress was made by NSC towards creating a new outlet at jct20 – but this had to be shelved.</p> <p>Nigel Ashton also commented that HE have conducted an audit of the current problems at Jct 19 and have made some alterations to the road markings. They also found that there were some problems with the lighting loop which has been fixed. They will then conduct a second audit including CCTV footage of how the traffic is flowing before making final recommendations in October. Cllr Phipps will feed back an update to the resident who may wish to attend a future meeting to put his points of view to PPC.</p> <p>(k)Co-option of new councillor – This item was brought forward to the beginning of the meeting and Cllr Mr Mangnall was sworn in and duly co-opted as parish councillor.</p>	<p>TC/NC</p> <p>WC</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>JM</p>
PC/0921/09	Sheepway – no issues	
PC/0921/10	Allotments update – no issues	

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Meeting finished at 9.00 p.m.
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