

Portbury Parish Council

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held 3rd May 2022

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Mr Phipps Cllr Mr Coles
Cllr Mr Mangnall Cllr Mr Romanski

Chairman: Cllr Mrs Cowlard

Clerk: Minutes taken by Mrs Dawn Drower – Clerk

Representatives: Mr Nigel Ashton - NSC

Others None

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

No	Item	Action
PC/0522/01	Declaration of Interest by Members – There were no declarations of interest.	
PC/0522/02	Apologies received – Apologies were received from Cllr Mr Lanham and Cllr Mr Cheek.	
PC/0522/03	Minutes of PPC's monthly meeting held on the 5th of April 2022 were presented. Cllr Mrs Cowlard went over the action points of the last meeting: Clerk Mrs Drower has contacted Bartletts to inspect the lime tree on the Village Green. Bartletts have given a report on the condition of the tree and have recommended works totalling c£800, however they are unable to comment on the safety due to regulations and will put a specialist in touch with us. The resident who raised the issue about the bonfires at the last meeting has not contacted Nigel Ashton. However, Cllr Mr Phipps has spoken with the landowner, and he has said he will move where he has the bonfires further away.	

	<p>Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that she has been unable to get any support from residents for a party to celebrate the Queens Jubilee, and so unfortunately this will not go ahead.</p> <p>All other action points are covered under the agenda.</p> <p>The minutes were:</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Mr Phipps Seconded Cllr Mrs Cowlard</p> <p>Resolved that: Minutes were agreed by all.</p>	
PC/0522/04	<p>Finance</p> <p>(a)Payments for authorisation – As per schedule presented prior to meeting. Clerk Mrs Drower commented that all payments were in line with the finance sheets. Clerk Mrs Drower commented that we are now in our new financial year and have received the first half of the precept £14750. Clerk Mrs Drower commented that now interest rates are rising it might be prudent to transfer some money out of the current account and into the reserve.</p> <p>Cllr Phipps commented that he has asked Rob Larder to look into another grant from the National Grid for replacing our old play equipment. Cllr Mr Phipps asked Cllrs to approve moving a further £8000 from reserves into the ring fenced for the Playscheme to hopefully get matched funding from NSC.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Mrs Cowlard Seconded Cllr Mr Romanski</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The payments as scheduled in the Finance Report were approved.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Mr Phipps Seconded Cllr Mr Coles</p> <p>Agreed by all Cllrs.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>MAP</p>
PC/0522/05	<p>Crime and Disorder</p> <p>(a)Crime Stats -Clerk Mrs Drower commented that the local crime stats received from Avon and Somerset were too generic to be analysed. (b)Local crime – Cllr Mr Coles commented that there had been a report of a potential break in at Caswell Cross Farm near Gypsy Lane.</p>	WC/DD
PC/0522/06	<p>Planning</p> <p>Applications received:</p>	

	<p>(a)21/P/0474/MOD – Land at Moor Farm – Deed of variation to modify mortgagee exclusions Clause – no update.</p> <p>(b) 21/P/2364/OUT – Cole Acre Kennels - Outline planning for 1 No dwelling – no update.</p> <p>(c) 21/P/2534/FUL – 1 Wharf Villas – change of use of land to residential curtilage and erection of car port - no update.</p> <p>(d)21/P/3498/FUL – The Piggery – Proposed conversion of existing office unit to extend and create an agricultural worker dwelling – no update.</p> <p>(e)22/P/0430/LBC – The Thatched Cottage, Sheepway – Listed building consent for the erection of a single storey rear/side extension – Cllrs agreed to make no comment.</p> <p>(f)22/P/0536/MMA – The Thatched Cottage, Sheepway – Minor material amendment to permission – approved.</p> <p>(g)22/P/0686/FUL – Land at Oakham Farm – Change of use from agricultural building to caravan storage – Cllr Mr Phipps commented that the in the new Local Plan, industrial activity should not be in the green belt. Although this is on the lower end of the activity it is still a B class approval. Cllr Mr Phipps proposed that we object on the basis that is inappropriate in the green belt.</p> <p>All Cllrs agreed.</p> <p>(j)Enforcement notices – Paddock Lakes, Wharf Villas and Elm Tree Park – no updates on the above.</p> <p>(k)Local plan consultation and response – Cllr Mr Phipps commented that he has responded including the petition from the residents, and also objected to the proposed cycle path through Priors Wood</p>	<p>MAP</p> <p>MAP</p>
<p>PC/0522/07</p>	<p>Maintenance</p> <p>(a)Lengthsman – Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that Kevin is doing a really good job at present and has been very proactive keeping the dog poo bins empty due the increased dogwalkers visiting the Bluebell Wood.</p>	<p>WC/DD</p>
<p>PC/0522/08</p>	<p>Council Administration/Correspondence</p> <p>(a)Traffic speeding through the village – Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that the speeding though the village is increasing. Residents have got together a petition to present to NSC. Portbury has the reputation of being one of the worse areas for speeding. A representative from the police is happy to come to talk to us and review the situation to see what can be done.</p> <p>Cllr Mr Phipps will write up with as much detail as possible about the speeding issue for the police representative to comment on.</p>	<p>WC</p> <p>MAP</p>

	<p>(b)Playing field fencing and section cleared by HE/M5 barrier gap – Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that we have had a response from Sean Walsh at HE to say they intend to do something about the gap, but it will not be for approximately two years. He has suggested extending the crash barriers. Cllr Mr Cheek will be asked to now go ahead with the fencing along the boundary line.</p> <p>(c)Bluebell wood parking/cones – Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that we have been in communication with NSC about the traffic cones, keeping them informed about our intentions. We were advised that a cllr should attend a traffic management course. Clerk Mrs Drower will sort this. The Parish Council has received a complaint about the cones. Clerk Mrs Drower will respond. When the cones were not there parking was so bad in the village anything larger than a car could not pass along Priory Road and a scaffolding lorry was forced to stay in the village all day as it could not get out.</p> <p>(d)Replacement of old play equipment – This was covered under agenda item PC/0522/04.</p> <p>(e)Bonfires in village – update – this was covered under agenda item PC/0522/03.</p> <p>(f)Queen’s Jubilee beacon and party – this was covered under agenda item PC/0522/03.</p> <p>(g)Annual playground inspection – Clerk Mrs Drower commented that the annual playground inspection is due in June and will instruct GB Sports to carry out the inspection as usual.</p> <p>(h)To do list – Clerk Mrs Drower commented that many items have been actioned on the To Do List now, but the filing structure of the website is proving quite difficult due to the nature of the website. Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented how please she is with the progress on the list.</p>	<p>DD</p> <p>WC</p> <p>DD</p> <p>DD</p> <p>DD</p>
<p>PC/0522/09</p>	<p>Sheepway – no issues</p>	
<p>PC/0522/10</p>	<p>Allotments update – Cllr Mr Coles commented that there are some vacancies at the allotments now, and he has been unable to rent the spaces to residents. Cllr Mr Coles commented that he was planning to rent the spare allotments to non-residents.</p> <p>All Cllrs agreed.</p>	<p>TC</p>

Meeting finished at 8.45 p.m.

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