

Portbury Parish Council

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held 6th September 2022

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Mr Cheek Cllr Mr Phipps
Cllr Mr Coles

Chairman: Cllr Mrs Cowlard

Clerk: Minutes taken by Mrs Dawn Drower – Clerk

Representatives:

Others Two residents

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

No	Item	Action
	Two residents attended the meeting to voice their ongoing extreme concern about the traffic/speeding issues on the corner of the High Street and Mill Lane. The situation is so awful now, they are looking to move away from Portbury. The lack of traffic management means that the traffic coming down Failand Lane which currently has right of way, when it is busy will not let the traffic going up Failand Lane to pass. This leads to very bad language, behaviour and speeding. The residents who live there are unable to leave their windows open now because the language is too awful for their children to hear. The residents want speed bumps outside their house and the signage improved.	
PC/0922/01	Declaration of Interest by Members – There were no declarations of interest.	
PC/0922/02	Apologies received – Apologies were received from Cllr Mr Lanham and Cllr Mr Romanski.	
PC/0922/03	Minutes of PPC's monthly meeting held on the 9th of August 2022 were presented. Cllr Mrs Cowlard went over the action points of the last meeting:	

	<p>Clerk Mrs Drower has received a response from the manufacturers of the play equipment who do not think there is a safety issue, nor any action need to be taken as the annual inspection report identified the head trap as low risk. Clerk Mrs Drower will wait for a response from our insurers.</p> <p>Clerk Mrs Drower has now received two quotes for pollarding the lime tree on the green, Bartletts who have quoted £1200, and Josh King who has quoted £800. Clerk Mrs Drower commented that Josh pollarded the tree last time. Clerk Mrs Drower will check standing orders to see if we need a third quote.</p> <p>All other action points are covered under the agenda.</p> <p>The minutes were:</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Mr Phipps Seconded Cllr Mr Cheek</p> <p>Resolved that: Minutes were agreed by all.</p>	<p>DD</p> <p>DD</p>
PC/0922/04	<p>Finance (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, and also that we have had the second half of the precept.</p> <p>Only two items for payment this month, the clerk and the lengthsman.</p> <p>The allotment finance has changed slightly as two invoices were credited.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The payments as scheduled in the Finance Report were approved.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Mrs Phipps Seconded Cllr Mr Cheek</p> <p>Agreed by all Cllrs.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>DD</p>
PC/0922/05	<p>Crime and Disorder (a) Crime Stats -Clerk Mrs Drower commented that there were no local crime stats (b) Local crime – Clerk Mrs Drower commented that there was no local crime.</p>	<p>WC/DD</p>
PC/0922/06	<p>Planning 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/3498/FUL – The Piggery – Proposed conversion of existing office unit to extend and create an agricultural worker dwelling – no update.</p> <p>(c)22/P/1236/FUH – Beech Barn, Portbury Common - retrospective planning for home office -no update.</p> <p>(d)22/1693/FUH – Land north of Caswell Lane – Retrospective planning for temporary road.</p> <p>(e)22/1821/FUL – GRFC – Change of playing surface from grass to artificial. Cllrs agreed no comment.</p> <p>(f)22/P/1941/FUH – Wayside, Sheepway – demolition of rear extension and outbuilding and erection of two storey rear extension – Cllrs agreed no comment.</p> <p>(g)22/P/1181/FUH – Springfield Cottage, Wharf Lane – demolition of existing garage and stables, and proposed erection of single storey annex and double garage. Cllrs agreed no comment.</p> <p>(d)Enforcement notices – Caswell Cross Cottages, Wharf Villas, Oakham Farm and Racecourse Farm – no updates on the above.</p>	<p>MAP</p>
<p>PC/0922/07</p>	<p>Maintenance (a)Lengthsman – Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented there were no issues.</p>	<p>WC/DD</p>
<p>PC/0922/08</p>	<p>Council Administration/Correspondence (a)Village Hall/drains - update – Cllr Mr Phipps commented that NSC have accepted responsibility for the drain in the pavement outside of the hall. There still some important gullies – outside the church, outside the Priory and Mill Lane which haven't been cleared, so will chase NSC again. Cllr Mr Phipps commented that the Village Hall is struggling financially having lost a lot of bookings, and membership. The hall has asked if PPC could put a comment in the next newsletter to ask residents to renew their membership. Cllrs were happy to do this. The Village Hall have requested any cut down wood to be donated to them for wood burner. Cllrs were happy to do this. (b)Portbury Cycle Scheme – no decision made – Cllrs agreed that we do not need any more signage. (c)Replacement of old play equipment – grants – discuss quotes – After discussion, Cllrs agreed to place the order for the new equipment with GB Sports, Wicksted and Dragon Play were more expensive.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Mr Phipps Seconded Cllr Mr Cheek</p> <p>All Cllrs agreed.</p>	<p>MAP</p> <p>DD</p> <p>DD</p>

	<p>(d)Sheepway – overgrown footpaths – Clerk Mrs Drower has reported the overgrown hedgerows to NSC.</p> <p>(e)Avon and Somerset police – discuss grant for speed equipment – See below</p> <p>(f)Highway Scheme for Parish Councils – Cllr Mr Phipps commented that a traffic scheme design or village gateway was not an option under this grant. The things that qualify are signage or equipment. Cllr Mr Phipps enquired if we could have permanent camera, but as we do not have a history of accidents this is also not an option. We are still in a position where we are waiting for the speed data from the police. We are still waiting for permission from NSC. Cllr Mr Phipps commented that he has had a response that we can apply for a scheme from w/c 12/9. Cllr Mr Phipps will submit the application then.</p> <p>(g)To Do List – No discussion.</p>	<p>MAP</p> <p>MAP</p>
PC/0922/09	Sheepway – no updates.	
PC/0922/10	Allotments update – Clerk Mrs Drower reminded Cllr Mr Coles that in his absence last month Cllrs were happy to approve a tenant shed as long as it complies with the rules.	

Meeting finished at 9.30 p.m.

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