Portbury Parish Council MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held 7th February 2023

Present:		
<u>Councillors:</u>	Cllr Mr Cheek Cllr Mr Coles	Cllr Mr Phipps Cllr Mr Romanski
<u>Chairman:</u>	Cllr Mrs Cowlard	
<u>Clerk:</u>	Minutes taken by Mrs Dawn Drower – Clerk	
Representatives:	Nigel Ashton	
<u>Others</u>	Miss A Townse	nd – St Marys School

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

No	ltem	Action
PC/0223/01	Declaration of Interest by Members – No declarations of interest.	
PC/0223/02	Apologies received – Cllr Mr Lanham and Cllr Mr Cheek gave their apologies.	
PC/0223/03	Minutes of PPC's monthly meeting held on the 10th of January 2023 were presented. Cllr Mrs Cowlard went over the action points of the last meeting:	
	Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that Cllr Mr Cheek is going to renew the fence at the play park after the new equipment is installed, so we no longer need a quote from Kevin.	NC
	Clerk Mrs Drower commented that there still has been no response from NSC re the repair schedule for the surface of the footbridge. Clerk Mrs Drower has asked HE twice for a repair schedule on the footbridge and received no response. Clerk Mrs Drower has also advised HE that a resident fell on the lumps on the surface and broke her ankle. Clerk Mrs Drower asked Nigel Ashton if	DD

	he could follow up. Nigel Ashton asked Clerk Mrs Drower to forward background emails including dates of injuries so he can follow up. Clerk Mrs Drower also informed Nigel Ashton that there is a light out on the footbridge which exacerbates the situation with the surface on the footbridge at night. The appointed contractor for NSC – Centre Great are not responding to PPC nor have they carried out routing tasks they were instructed to do. Clerk Mrs Drower asked Nigel Ashton if he could investigate this too. Nigel Ashton asked Clerk Mrs Drower to forward any background information on this to him.	DD
	Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that the new dog signs for the play park are now with Kevin for installation.	
	Cllr Mrs Cowlard asked Cllr Mr Phipps if there had been any responses to the letter re the parking solution at Mill Close. Clerk Mrs Drower commented that there had been one response so far and the resident who did not want parking restrictions.	
	Clerk Mrs Drower has not yet contacted Avon Wildlife about the person living in the woods on their land.	DD
	All other action points are covered under the agenda.	
	The minutes were:	
	Proposed Cllr Mrs Cowlard Seconded Cllr Mr Coles	
	Resolved that : Minutes were agreed by all.	
PC/0223/04	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.	
	There are three payments – the Clerk, Lengthsman and reimbursement to Clerk for the dog signs.	
	Clerk Mrs Drower commented that NSC have given us the go ahead to claim the grant for the play equipment.	
	Cllr Mr Phipps commented that we are running approximately £1000 under budget.	DD
	Clerk Mrs Drower commented that the precept for 23/24 has been applied for.	
	Proposed Cllr Mr Phipps Seconded Cllr Mrs Cowlard	

PC/0223/05	RESOLVED that: The payments as scheduled in the Finance Report were approved. Proposed Cllr Mr Phipps Seconded Cllr Mr Romanski Agreed by all Cllrs. Crime and Disorder (a)Crime Stats – none reported. (b)Local crime – none reported.	WC/DD
PC/0223/06	 Planning Applications received: (a)21/P/0474/MOD – Land at Moor Farm – Deed of variation to modify mortgagee exclusions Clause – no update. (b)22/P/1236/FUH – Beech Barn, Portbury Common - retrospective planning for home office -no update. (c)22/P/2426/FUH – Holford House, Sheepway – Creation of new outbuilding to house swimming pool – no update. (d)22/P/2899/FUH – Russett Chapel, Caswell Lane – Demolition of existing conservatory and proposed erection of single storey extension. (e)22/P/2756/FUH – Racecourse Farm – Change of use, external and internal alterations to existing office and create a dwelling – CIIr Mr Phipps commented that instead of being a tied workers cottage it is now proposed to be residential. The site is getting busier with more activity and vehicles. The positioning of the site in relation to the road access on a sharp bend need considering and a proper traffic assessment needs to be carried out before making any decisions. (f)22/P/0130/FUL – Racecourse Farm – retrospective planning for change of use from agricultural to light industrial use, alterations to external appearance of building, insert 2 No mezzanine floors – CIIr Mr Phipps commented that the permission granted for the cattle barn was given with the condition that if it was no longer used for cattle then it should be demolished within 6 months. CIIr Mr Phipps recommended that this condition be followed up and make an objection to the retrospective planning. We also need to make it clear that we don't think the site is suitable for increased traffic. (h)Enforcement notices – Caswell Cross Cottages and Racecourse Farm – no updates. 	ΜΑΡ
PC/0223/07	Maintenance (a)Lengthsman – no comments.	WC/DD

PC/0223/08	Council Administration/Correspondence (a)Wind turbine proposal from Channel Green Energy – Cllr Mr Phipps commented that Channel Green Energy is a subsidiary of Low Carbon Gordano Ltd. Funds are raised from investment bonds and shareholders with the aim of investing in a turbine at Shipway Farm. They are looking for other sites as well to put up a turbine to produce low carbon energy. The offer of £10000 to Portbury from the profits of the turbine needs more clarification and guarantees. Also, the views of residents need to be taken into consideration. (b)Parking restrictions Church Lane – update – Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that we would like to get the children and the school involved in helping make the driving public aware of the 20mph limit through Portbury. Miss A Townsend – Head of St Marys School attended the meeting to discuss this and parking restrictions. Cllr Mrs Cowlard suggested the children could make posters, wear hi-viz jackets with 20mph on when walking to and from school. Councillors were happy to provide some hi-viz vests with 20mph on for the children who walk to and from school. Miss Townsend had asked the children how they got to school, and at least 70% were driven to school. Miss Townsend had asked the children involved. Cllr Mrs Cowlard asked Miss Townsend to send us the information on how many children walk to school, how many live locally? Cllr Mr Phipps explained that there is a consultation about restricting the parking times in Church Road, possibly 4 hour limits. Miss Townsend was in support of this. Cllr Mr Phipps commented that the school governors should be discussing it and if in favour will be contacted by NSC. Nigel Ashton NSC commented that although council	MAP DD/WC
	funds are limited, PPC should work with Highways from a legal point of view. (c)Change to Spanglefish 3 – ClIr Mr Phipps commented that the new version will cost slightly more. There will be a fair amount of work in changing to version 3. ClIr Mr Phipps and ClIr Mrs Cowlard are happy to work on this. ClIr Mr Phipps asked if there were any suggestions to improve our website.	MAP/WC
	 (d)Street lighting in Portbury – Nigel Ashton will try and help us with the issues we are having with lack of communication from Centre Great who are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the street lighting in the village. (e)Village Hall update – Cllr Mr Phipps commented that 	DD
	the drain outside the hall is still an issue. Cllr Mr Phipps commented that he had spoken to the NSC engineer who has confirmed that the drain is collapsed. The issue	МАР

is that the drain links into Wessex Water drains, not NSC drains. Cllr Mr Phipps has requested a repair cost, which we could approach Wessex Water to contribute. (f)ARM/Coronation dates – Cllr Mrs Cowlard suggested that we reschedule the ARM, as the 4 th May is close to the Coronation weekend. Cllr Mr Phipps suggested the 20 th April. Clerk Mrs Drower will contact ALCA for guidance as to time scales for the meeting in relation to the elections. (g)Recent flooding issues/ditch clearing. Cllr Mr Phipps commented that after reporting the issues left after the floods, NSC have been out to clear up a lot of the debris left around the village. The drain opposite 17 Mill Lane still hasn't been cleared. Cllr Mr Phipps will walk around and report any more clearing up that needs doing to NSC. Cllr Mr Phipps also commented that it was the sheer volume of water that was the issue, and we were saved from more flooding by time. Nigel Ashton commented that NSC have been out to the village to review the flooding and help with the issues caused. There a various repairs needed which NSC have scheduled in. Nigel Ashton commented that Bristol Water/Wessex Water and the Internal Drainage Board will be working together to try and assist with a future flood prevention. Cllr Mr Phipps commented that talking to the Priory to clear the ditch out again should assist a future flood. Cllr Mr Phipps commented that talking to the Priory to clear the ditch out again should assist a future flood. Cllr Mr Phipps commented that talking to the Priory to clear the ditch out again should assist a future flood. Cllr Mr Phipps commented that before we dig out the ditch at the playing field we should talk to the residents at the Old Dairy and explain what we are trying to do. (h)To do list – No discussion.	DD MAP/DD
Sheepway – no updates.	
Allotments update – Rent reviews – Cllr Mr Coles commented that future rents be charged by area of allotment to make it fairer for different size plots. Cllr Mr Coles asked councillors if they were happy for this and future management of. All Cllrs agreed.	AC
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Meeting finished at 9.30 p.m. Portbury Parish Council Adcroft House, 15 Roath Road, Portishead, BS20 6AW

The next meeting is on Tuesday March 7th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall