

Portbury Parish Council

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held 11th February 2025

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Mr Chilcott Cllr Mr Lanham Cllr Mr Penn Cllr Mr Campbell

Chairman: Cllr Mrs Cowlard

Clerk: Minutes taken by Mrs Dawn Drower – Clerk

Representatives:

Others

Meeting commenced at 8pm

No	Item	Action
PC/0225/01	Declaration of Interest by Members – No declaration of interest.	
PC/0225/02	Apologies received – None	
PC/0225/03	<p>Minutes of PPC's monthly meeting held on the 7th of January 2025 were presented.</p> <p>Action point from last meeting – Cllr Mrs Cowlard has replied to the council about the proposed improvements to the A369 layout and thanked them for their time at the meeting. Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented to them about concerns the council have about the proposed parking charges at the layby, and the impact this could have in the village, with drivers parking in the village to avoid paying.</p> <p>The minutes were:</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Mr Campbell Seconded Cllr Mr Lanham</p> <p>Resolved that: Minutes were agreed by all.</p>	

PC/0225/04	<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.</p> <p>There are four payments for authorisation – Clerk January administration and expenses, K&E (lengthsman) – January maintenance, Portbury Village Hall Jan rent.</p> <p>Clerk Mrs Drower commented that the precept for 25/26 has been approved.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The payments as scheduled in the Finance Report were approved.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Mrs Cowlard Seconded Cllr Mr Chilcott</p> <p>Agreed by all Cllrs.</p>	DD
PC/0225/05	<p>Crime and Disorder (a) Crime Stats – No crime to report (b) Local crime – Cllr Mr Penn commented that the police were chasing an intruder in the village on Sunday night (9th February). He believes the intruder was apprehended.</p>	WC/DD
PC/0225/06	<p>Planning Applications received: No current applications to consider. (a) Enforcement notices – Beech Barn, Sheepway, no update.</p>	DD/SC
PC/0225/07	<p>Maintenance (a) Lengthsman – Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented there is nothing to report about lengthsman. Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that after attending the waste services meeting, she followed up on our missing black bins with John Carson who says he doesn't believe that NSC have taken our bins. Cllr Mrs Cowlard has contacted local Parish Councils to see what they do about bins but could only find 2 councils that have bins, and they are not currently being charged by NSC for emptying. Cllr Mrs Cowlard will follow up with Head of Waste at NSC. Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that a resident has offered a Christmas tree to be planted on the Village Green. Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that it a beautiful tree. Cllrs agreed subject to agreement where it would be planted to take the offer up.</p>	WC/DD

PC/0225/08	<p>Council Administration/Correspondence</p> <p>(a)Proposed new waste services meeting – update – Cllr Mrs Cowlard commented that the meeting was really interesting. From June NSC are going to collect the black rubbish bins on a 3-weekly cycle, with the emphasis on more rubbish being recycled, so less in the bins. Some recycling will be in bags.</p> <p>(b)Portbury Docks Road and litter – Cllr Mr Chilcott commented whether we could approach Portbury Docks Authority about the area at the docks where the lorries park overnight, with a view to possibly providing more facilities such as portaloos and bigger bins. The current situation is not acceptable with rubbish everywhere and the verges full of human excrement. Cllr Mr Chilcott will take some photos so we can approach PDA with NSC copied in.</p> <p>(c)To do list – No update</p>	<p>WC/DD</p> <p>SC/DD</p>
PC/0225/09	Sheepway – No issues.	
PC/0225/10	Allotments update – No issues.	

Meeting finished at 8.45p.m.

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The next meeting is on Tuesday March 11th at 8.00pm in the Village Hall