

**MINUTES OF PORTISHEAD TOWN COUNCIL  
RECREATION AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
25<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2014 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:-** Councillor Mrs. Cruse - in the Chair

Councillors: - Burden, Clark, McMurray, Terry & Cllr. Mrs. Philpot

Non  
Attendance:-

Staff: - Mrs. Jo Duffy Clerk to the Council

Public:- No public present

**RW1348 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item .1)**

There were two declarations of interest recorded in the Declaration of Interest Register.

Cllr. Mrs Cruse declared a personal interest in agenda item .9 as the accounts were prepared by her husband and a pecuniary interest in agenda item .12 Portishead Youth Centre. Exemption has previously been granted on this interest.

**APOLOGIES (Agenda item .2)**

Councillors: - Cllrs. Mrs Lord, Mrs Koops, Mrs. Knight, Cameron gave their apologies.

**RW1349 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda item .3)**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**RW1350 TO DISCUSS FOOTBALL CLUB BOUNDARIES AND INSURANCE CLAIM (Agenda item .4)**

Cllr. Mrs Cruse briefed the meeting on the background to this item. The Clerk confirmed that the land is registered with the Land Registry.

In 1974 the Town Council installed a fence on the northern boundary line. The fence now requires maintenance, which according to the lease, the leaseesee should maintain it.

It was noted that replacing the fence will be a substantial job and the meetings consensus was that repairing it would be a waste of money in the long term. It was suggested that the Council establishes a ball park

figure for replacing the fence and then enters into discussions with the football club with regard to the Football Club funding the project. The Chairman asked the Clerk to circulate the details of the insurance excess and clearance costs charged to the football club. It was suggested that the Chairman with the Clerk arranges another meeting with representatives from the football club with regard to settling the Councils outstanding costs in a mutually amicable way. The committee agreed that the land adjacent to No. 2 Bristol Road must be maintained as an access way, with the possibility of introducing higher fencing and gates.

**RECOMMENDATION that:**

A dialogue is struck up with the Chairman of Rec & Works, the Clerk and representatives from the Football Club to discuss the replacement of the boundary fence and reaching a mutually amicable agreement with regard to the insurance costs. The Clerk is to seek a quote to replace the Northern boundary fence and re-fence and gate the section adjacent to 2 Bristol Road.

**RW1351 TO DISCUSS THE CONDITION OF THE SLADE ROAD PLAY AREA (Agenda item 5.)**

The Clerk briefed the meeting regarding the Slade Road play area. Access to the site is currently blocked from the Slade Road entrance. North Somerset Council has been contacted regarding the site which has not been cut since last year. North Somerset had been cutting the Town Council's area at the same time as they cut their own. The Clerk has been advised by North Somerset Council that the site is no-longer being maintained.

The meeting discussed possible access from Downside across North Somerset Council's land. A meeting has been arranged with an officer from NSC to discuss maintaining the footpaths.

It was suggested that contact is made with Gladman Homes to discuss whether they would assist clearing the footpaths.

**RW1352 TO DISCUSS THE INSTALLATION OF A CEILING MOUNTED MULTI- MEDIA PROJECTOR (Agenda item .6)**

It was agreed that the Clerk should seek quotes for the work to install a ceiling mounted multi-media projector in the Folk Hall.

**RECOMMENDATION that:**

The Clerk seeks quotes for the installation of a ceiling mounted multi-media projector.

**RW1353 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PORTISHEAD CCTV FROM THE WORKING PARTY (Agenda item .7)**

*N.B. Cllr. Mrs. Philpot arrived at 7.55pm.*

The Clerk ran through the points raised at the CCTV Scrutiny Panel meeting.

- Dangerous driving in some locations in Portishead is an issue and further camera coverage would be useful
- PTC feel they receive good value for money
- PTC would like to see more publicity about CCTV
- There was some discussion about new technology options including the potential for mobile camera(s) which could be used at hotspot locations e.g. Lake Grounds and where there are 'boy racers'. PTC indicated that they may be willing to provide funding for a portable system which would enable the identified issues to be addressed
- 4G options were discussed and PTC would investigate availability of 4G in their area
- PTC happy with current camera locations and would like further cameras. Bristol Road and Avon Way were locations where speeding is an issue. There are also issues in the Marina area
- Chris Harrison would explore mobile camera options and costs
- ANPR availability was discussed and agreed this needs a dedicated camera
- There was some discussion about the potential for a radio scheme for shops in Portishead

The meeting discussed the Police speed cameras.

**RECOMMENDATION that:-**

The report was noted.

**RW1354 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING PORTISHEAD ROAD SAFETY ACTION GROUP (Agenda item .8)**

The Clerk informed the meeting that there has been no correspondence from the Portishead Road Safety Action Group. The Council has received responses to the letter written following the Annual Town Meeting. Letters have been received from the RT. Hon Dr. Liam Fox MP, Sue Mountstevens Police & Crime Commissioner for Avon & Somerset and Cllr. Nigel Ashton Leader of North Somerset Council.

The meeting discussed policing in the Town. Cllr. Terry suggested that the Police should provide feedback on what they have been doing to tackle the issues and what outcomes have been achieved. He went on to say he finds it very difficult to argue that funding needs to be allocated by North Somerset Council towards Portishead's roads where there is no firm evidence that there is an issue.

The Clerk confirmed that she had a meeting with a NSC officer regarding Avon Way. It was explained that there was no funding available for resolving issues. The Clerk was advised that the Town Council will need to establish what the issues are with the roads e.g. dangerous junctions or speeding. North Somerset Council could provide a feasibility study with recommendations to resolve those issues.

Cllr. Cruse suggested that the press could be invited to write news articles reminding the public that they should always report damage to their property, so that the police have accurate crime statistics.

Cllr. McMurray spoke about a meeting the District Councillors had with the Portishead Police Team and that they would be having a follow up meeting shortly.

Cllr. Terry suggested that the Town Council may wish to look at funding some traffic calming measures for the town but only with clear independent evidence to say; this is the problem, this is the possible solution and what the cost of the solution is.

It was agreed to wait for further feedback from the next meeting between the District Councillors and the Police.

**RW1355 TO RECEIVE AN ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS NORTH WESTON ALLOTMENTS (Agenda item .9)**

The meeting briefly looked at the accounts.

**RECOMMENDATION that:-**

The accounts are noted.

**RW1356 TO DISCUSS PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT GRANGE LODGE. ST. PETERS ROAD (Agenda item .10)**

The meeting discussed the letter. The members discussed placing white lines on the road to indicate the driveway. Cllr. McMurray reminded the meeting that the original planning permission went to appeal, due to highways concerns.

The Clerk has written to Millstream Management and suggested that they have 'keep clear 24hr access required' painted across their driveway.

**RECOMMENDATION that:-**

The Clerk was asked to contact the police and request that they look at whether there is an obstruction issue at the location.

**RW1357 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE LAKE GROUNDS HIP HOP (Agenda item .11)**

The meeting briefly discussed the content of the email.

**RECOMMENDATION that:-**

The email was noted. Following the replacement of the faulty equipment the Town Council requests compensation, noting the length of time it has taken to correct the fault.

**RW1358 TO REVIEW QUOTES FOR TREE WORK AT PORTISHEAD YOUTH CENTRE & FOLK HALL CAR PARK (Agenda item .12)**

The meeting briefly discussed the quotes for the tree work.

**RECOMMENDATION that:-**

Youth Centre Hedge

Portishead Town Council approves quote D. at a cost of £685. This quote is a long term solution to the hedging at this site and will reduce costs and maintenance going forward

Folk Hall Car Park

Portishead Town Council approves quote B. at a cost of £875. This quote has carefully considered maintaining the attractive appearance of this hedge.

**RW1359 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING (Agenda .13)**

There were no items for the next meeting agenda, and there being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.27pm.