

## **RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE**

### **REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2003**

**PRESENT** Councillor Mrs Cruse – in the Chair

Councillor Mrs Bickley, J S Clark, Johnston, Mrs Lord, A McMurray, J McMurray, Miers, Pasley, Walters

Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council

**APOLOGIES** There were no apologies for absence

#### **RW515 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Johnston

- Personal Interest in Minute No. RW517 – Replacement of North Weston Village Hall  
Reason – Chairman of North Weston Village Hall Management Committee

Councillor Mrs Lord

- Personal Interest in Minute No. RW518 – Lake Grounds  
Reason – Owner of neighbouring property

Councillor J McMurray

- Personal Interest in Minute No. RW519 – Portishead Quays Public Art  
Reason – Member of Portishead Quays Public Art Steering Group

Councillor Pasley

- Personal Interest in Minute No. RW518 – Lake Grounds  
Reason – Owner of neighbouring property

#### **RW516 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

Further to Minute No. RW514 Councillor A McMurray now reported on the public meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July to hear residents concerns about traffic problems on Clevedon Road.

Councillor McMurray reported that the meeting had been extremely well attended (73 names recorded) and a number of concerns raised, including –

- Difficulties faced by children and elderly people crossing the road
- Narrow pavement at the corner of the cemetery
- Speed and volume of traffic
- Use of B3124 when traffic diverted from motorway
- Expected increase in traffic from new housing development and opening of St Joseph's School
- No action taken on petition raised in 1994
- Lack of speed limit signs

Councillor McMurray also reported on action taken by the ward councillors following the meeting –

- A fact-finding questionnaire to be circulated to residents of North Weston
- A second public meeting to be held in three months to report on progress
- Involvement in Speedwatch to be investigated.

The Committee endorsed the initiative taken by the Portishead South and North Weston Councillors and the actions proposed. It was further

RECOMMENDED that

1. The Town Council request a comprehensive traffic survey of Clevedon Road be carried out, to include volumes and speed of traffic.
2. Councillor Gething meet with Councillor Burden and appropriate NSC highways officers to establish the necessary and appropriate actions required to improve safety on Clevedon Road.
3. Councillor Gething write to the Chief Constable about Police drivers in training speeding through the village. The Clerk to be supplied with a copy of the letter.
4. North Somerset Council highways department be requested to attend the next public meeting.
5. A working party be established to consider all traffic and highway “hot-spots”. The working party to consist of Councillors Gething, A McMurray, J McMurray and Pasley. Councillor Gething to be Chairman.

## **RW517**

### **REPLACEMENT OF NORTH WESTON VILLAGE HALL**

Further to Minute No. RW507 Councillor A McMurray now reported on the preliminary investigations into the replacement of the North Weston Village Hall. A comprehensive written report was circulated which included details of the sites considered, discussions with surveyors/architects and funding possibilities.

The Committee congratulated the working party on their work so far and

RECOMMENDED that

1. The Town Council endorse the conclusions of the working party that the existing site and Flower Show Field site continue to be considered and investigated. However, it is acknowledged that the Flower Show Field is in the Green Belt and it may not therefore be possible to pursue this option.
2. Architects be selected when a site is finalised.
3. Full consultation be commenced immediately.
4. Consultation with all users of the Flower Show Field be carried out to identify enablers and possible financial contributions and implications.
5. The working party be authorised to spend up to £1,000 on initial “pump-priming”, design and feasibility costs.

## **RW518**

### **LAKE GROUNDS**

The Committee were informed that the Lake Grounds concessionaire had requested permission from North Somerset Council to carry out the following works –

- Patio and terracing to tea rooms
- Convert part of boat house to restaurant
- Relocate pitch and putt hut

The Committee noted that the current request was for landlords consent only; any planning permissions necessary would be considered separately in due course.

Whilst expressing their general support for the proposals, members raised a number of concerns, particularly about the type of restaurant proposed. Members stressed that the restaurant must be of a high quality and nature and adequate safeguards must be put in place to ensure an appropriate type of facility in the long-term. The Committee also wished measures to be put in place to guard against any nuisance being caused to the public and nearby residents. The Committee were also unhappy at the style of fencing proposed around the patio and tea room and suggested that a more sympathetic style be used.

**RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council have no objections to the proposal outlined above, subject to the following –

1. A more sympathetic style of fencing be used around the patio and tea room.
2. The restaurant must be of a high quality and nature and adequate safeguards must be put in place to ensure an appropriate type of facility in the long-term.
3. Measures be put in place to guard against any nuisance being caused to the public and nearby residents.

## **RW519 PORTISHEAD QUAYS – PUBLIC ART**

Councillor J McMurray informed the Committee that a question had been raised at a recent meeting of the Portishead Quays Public Art Steering Group concerning the long-term future and maintenance of the various items of public art which were being installed as part of the Portishead Quays and Ashlands development. Whilst none of the artworks had yet been transferred to North Somerset Council, it was understood that the S106 Agreement for the development included a commuted sum for future maintenance and it had been suggested that this should be administered by a separate Trust or management company.

**RECOMMENDED** that the Clerk write to North Somerset Council to express concern about the long term maintenance of the artworks and to ask what arrangements North Somerset Council intend to put in place for the management of the artworks in the future.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm