

**RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE  
REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 27 AUGUST 2008**

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

Councillors Cruse, Hazelton, Mrs Knight, Mrs Lord, Mrs Mason,  
Miers, McMurray, Walters, Mrs Way

Assistant Clerk – Mrs R Tranter

**APOLOGIES** Councillors Howells, Pasley

**RW 794 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs Knight

- Personal interest in Minute No RW797  
Slade Road Junctions – Proposed Alterations  
Reason – Chairman of Slade Road Residents' Association

**Declaration by members who serve on both the Town Council and District Council**

Councillors Mrs Knight and McMurray stated that any views they expressed on matters to also be considered at North Somerset Council would be provisional and based on the facts known. They would be exercising their rights to reconsider the matter afresh when the matter went before North Somerset Council.

**RW 795 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Anne-Marie Gregory, a resident of 14 Combe Fields spoke against the proposals to alter two road junctions on Slade Road. She considered that the proposals would push the existing highway problems on to other roads in the vicinity. Other more simple alterations should be considered.

**RW 796 CEMETARY CAR PARK**

Members noted that this was the third phase of works proposed in North Weston. The previous phases had been the rebuilding of the North Weston Hall and the installation of a zebra crossing on Clevedon Road. Members were reminded that £7,500 had been put into a capital fund to progress the cemetery car park. Meetings had been held with North Somerset Council who were supportive of the dual use of the car park by users of the North Weston Hall but wished the Town Council to instigate the planning process necessary to move the project forward.

RECOMMENDED that Portishead & North Weston Town Council -

1. Contract an architect/engineer to draw-up a scheme for a car park at the new North Weston Cemetery, the cost not to exceed £2,500.
2. That this car park scheme compliments and respects the previously approved NSC planning application conditions.
3. Consultation to take place with NSC Cemetery Service, Planning and Highway Departments.
4. That there is no commitment to proceed beyond the scheming phase, until funding, planning and highway issues are understood.
5. That the matter be referred back to Portishead & North Weston Town Council prior to a planning application being raised.
6. That a working party consisting of the following councillors progress the issue –

Councillors McMurray, Cruse and Walker.

**RW 797**

### **SLADE ROAD JUNCTIONS – PROPOSED ALTERATIONS**

The District Councillor advised the Committee that funding for the project was being made available by the Joint Local Transport Group. The reason for the alterations is to increase visibility at the junctions where there have been a number of accidents. The Committee examined the plans in two parts. Firstly

Slade Road/Avon Way –

Members had major concerns with the build out on the north/eastern side of Slade Road -

- Pedestrians waiting to cross would be vulnerable as vehicles come down Avon Way, often at speed.
- The build out could cause vehicles to steer to the right causing an accident with oncoming traffic.
- Concerns too were expressed at lorries etc using the southern section of Slade Road and manoeuvring within the restricted junction.

Slade Road/Cabstand

The proposed restrictions on movements at this junction were discussed. Members were reminded that until the Cabstand lights were altered it would be pointless to proceed as the traffic flows could not be predicted. The Committee also questioned whether all the emergency services had been consulted on the alterations.

**RECOMMENDED** that

- A letter be sent immediately to North Somerset Council requesting Councillor Elfan Ap Rees and his Senior Highway Officer attend an urgent

meeting to discuss the Avon Way Slade Road Local Safety Scheme. The meeting to be chaired by the Chairman of the Town Council.

- The Chairman of Recreation and Works report back to the Town Council on progress at the next meeting.

Councillor Mrs Knight asked that her abstention from voting be recorded in the minutes.

**RW 798 FOOTBALL CLUB LEASE**

The Committee noted that confirmation had been received from the Portishead Football Club that it had complied with the conditions set out in their Lease Agreement with the Town Council.

RECOMMENDED that

The Portishead Football Club be given the maximum rebate of 90% against their annual rate payable (The amount of £250 to be invoiced).

**RW 799 REPLACEMENT GOALPOSTS AT MEAD ROAD**

The Committee were reminded of the petition which had been submitted to the Council requesting replacement goalposts at Mead Road. An amount of £1,500 had been allocated at the Recreation & Works Committee in June (Minute No RW 790). However, following discussion with the youths and sourcing various different types of goalposts it had proved impossible to provide goals within the budget. The escalating cost of steel has also exacerbated the situation. The Chairman confirmed that there was funding available in the Play Equipment Budget.

RECOMMENDED that

Portishead & North Weston Town Council increase the amount allocated from £1,500 to £3,474.54 plus VAT and accept the quotation for a pair of new goalposts at Mead Road with immediate effect.

**RW 800 FOLK HALL MAINTENANCE**

The Committee considered the quotations for work, predominantly to the outside of the Folk Hall. In addition to this work it would be prudent to arrange for the cleaning of the UPVC Capping, soffitts etc whilst the scaffolding was in place.

RECOMMENDED that

Portishead & North Weston Town Council accept the Quotation “Company A” for the sum of £1,755. In addition an amount not exceeding £200 be allocated for the additional UPVC cleaning.

**RW 801      MERLIN SKATEBOARD PARK – FOR INFORMATION**

The Chairman confirmed that following the weekly play inspection a Health and Safety issue has arisen on one of the pieces of equipment at the Merlin Park Skatepark. One of the sections of Rhino board (skating surface) has been damaged and needed replacing. Although it initially was estimated that the cost would be in the region of £600. The price had now been increased to £784. As this surface was dangerous the order had been placed for its replacement and this had been authorised by the Chairman of the Recreation & Works Committee.

**RW 802      THANKS**

The Chairman on behalf of the Committee thanked the Assistant Clerk for clerking the meeting in the absence of The Clerk and also thanked the Caretaker, Peter Leah, for carrying out the redecoration of the main hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.