

RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 29th OCTOBER 2003

PRESENT Councillor Mrs Cruse – in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Bickley, J S Clark, Gething, Mrs Mason, A McMurray*, J McMurray, Miers, Rigby, Walters

Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council

*Councillor A McMurray left the meeting after consideration of Minute No. RW530

APOLOGIES Councillors Johnston, Mrs Lord

RW528 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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

RW529 REPLACEMENT OF NORTH WESTON VILLAGE HALL

Further to Minute No. RW517 the Committee now received a comprehensive written report from Councillor A McMurray which detailed the investigations undertaken by the working party and the progress of the project to date. Following discussion, the Committee unanimously agreed with the findings of the working party and their conclusion that the existing site be used for the rebuilding of the village hall. Members were also pleased to note that the provision of a small car park on the cemetery site and a pedestrian crossing were being investigated.

RECOMMENDED that the Town Council endorse the conclusion of the working party that the existing site be used for the rebuilding of the North Weston Village Hall.

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

RW530 NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL POSSIBLE DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY – SLADE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Committee were informed that North Somerset Council were considering disposing of the Slade Road Primary School site and had invited comments prior to offering the site for sale.

RECOMMENDED that the following comments be forwarded to North Somerset Council –

1. The Town Council would prefer to see the site retained and used as a park/public open space or for other community facilities ie social services day care centre or educational uses
2. The Town Council would not wish to see the site used for housing and point out the difficult site entrance and egress onto Slade Road
3. North Somerset Council be reminded that the adjoining public open space is in the Town Council's ownership and it is possible that we could be interested in being part of the land assembly and disposal provided public open space forms part of any development.

RW531 LOCAL BUS CONTRACT SERVICE REVIEW

The Committee were informed that North Somerset Council were currently reviewing a number of supported bus services as part of the annual review of supported services whose contracts were due to expire in March 2004. After considering each service in detail it was

RECOMMENDED that

1. 660 Portishead to Congresbury – Would wish service to be continued and would welcome further synchronisation with the 692 service (Sids Bus)
2. 692 Portishead Town Service (Sids Bus) – Would wish service to be continued and would welcome expansion of service in Portishead.
3. 824 Weston-s-Mare to Clevedon (evenings Mon-Sat) – Would welcome extension of route through Portishead and on to The Mall.
4. 658 & 659 – Portishead to Bristol (evening Mon-Sat, all day Sunday & Bank Holidays) – Would wish service to be continued.

The Committee further suggested that publicity for bus services generally should be improved.

RW532 REQUEST FOR A GRIT BIN

The Committee received a request for grit bin to be located on the corner of Holly Ridge and Bruton Avenue.

Members were very supportive of this request and

RECOMMENDED that a grit bin be provided as requested.

**RW533 PROPOSAL FOR A PUBLIC FOOTPATH TO BE CONSTRUCTED
BETWEEN CLAPTON IN GORDANO AND PORTISHEAD**

This matter was referred to the Committee from the 8th October 2003 meeting of the Town Council.

Whilst the Committee expressed their general support, in principle, for Mr Hounsell's proposal for a footpath to be provided between Clapton-in-Gordano and Portishead, members commented that they would prefer to see the footpath on one side of the road only. It was also pointed out that the Gordano School governors were not in favour of the proposal to provide a section of the footpath on the Gordano School playing field because of security concerns.

RECOMMENDED that

1. In principle, the Town Council support the proposal for a footpath to be provided between Clapton-in-Gordano and Portishead
2. The scheme to be commended to the Headteacher of Gordano School and the School Governors, District Councillors Terry and Ashton and North Somerset Council.
3. Clapton-in-Gordano Parish Council be informed of the Town Council's support for the scheme

**RW534 FOLK HALL – RELOCATION OF DISABLED TOILET AND OTHER
WORKS**

The Committee were informed that whilst the building works were progressing well a few unforeseen difficulties had been encountered which had necessitated additional works being carried out, including

- Re-positioning of cooker vent
- Re-design of ladies and gents toilets
- Replacement of some 1st floor kitchen units and worktop
- Replacement of some sanitary ware

Members took the opportunity to carry out a site inspection, following which it was agreed that it would also be preferable for the cooker vent to be boxed in and for the sanitary ware in the gents toilet to be replaced.

RECOMMENDED that an additional contingency sum of £3,000 be authorised to enable the extra works to be carried out.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm