

**207 ORDINARY MEETING OF
PORTISHEAD & NORTH WESTON TOWN COUNCIL
14 JULY 2010**

PRESENT Councillor Mrs Knight . in the Chair

Councillors Cameron, Mrs Cruse, Cruse, Howells, Mrs Lord, Mrs Mason, McMurray, Miers, Pasley, Parker, Miss Stanley, Mrs Way and Walters.

Mr M Dolton . Clerk of the Council

APOLOGIES Councillors Hazelton, Terry, Walker, Wright.

There were 6 members of the public and press present at the meeting.

1812 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Mrs Knight, McMurray and Pasley 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.

1813 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 2 members of the public wishing to address the meeting. The Chairman reminded speakers that the meeting was for Town Council matters only and that any issues concerning North Somerset Council or its members should be addressed at another place.

- (i) Mr Ken Smith, a resident of Down Road, Portishead addressed members. Mr Smith referred to areas within the town, particularly St Mary's Road and the zig zag area of Nore Road, where he felt that the state of those areas in relation to litter etc let the town down. Mr Smith was aware that there were areas in Bristol that had been tidied up by workers from the Crime In The Community team, and asked if the same could not be implemented in Portishead.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Lord responded by stating that she would shortly be in contact with officers from the Youth Offending Team, and would bring Mr Smith's comments to their

Members present commented that when they had matters to the attention of officers from North Somerset Council they had found that the matters had been promptly attended to.

- (ii) Mrs Sandy Tebbutt, Chairman of Portishead In Bloom addressed members and updated them on the activities and achievements of the Group in the past month. The open gardens weekend event during the month had proved to be a great success with some 550 visitors. On the 7th July the South West In Bloom Judges had visited the town and Mrs Tebbutt felt that their comments were positive and pleasing. In the two weeks prior to that judging there had been no less than ten working parties out and about from the Group, this had resulted in some 200 volunteer hours in that two weeks. Mrs Tebbutt wished to publicly thank the efforts of several North Somerset officers for their assistance during that busy build up to the judging. Mrs Tebbutt reminded all present that the National judging for Britain In Bloom would be held during the afternoon of Monday the 2nd August.

The Chairman then addressed all present and on behalf of all members of the Council expressed acknowledgement and appreciation of all the hard work and time given by many volunteers in the community to make the town so successful in the many activities and events that take place. She referred to the recent Open Gardens event, the Carnival, the raft race, and the displays by Portishead In Bloom as examples of such fine and notable achievements.

1814 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the 206th Ordinary Meeting of Portishead and North Weston Town Council held on 09 June 2010 were presented to the meeting.

RESOLVED that

The Minutes of the 206th Ordinary Meeting of Portishead and North Weston Town Council held on 09 June 2010 be confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

1815 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND BANK RECONCILIATION / CASH STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2010

Members considered the report of the Clerk.

No members wished to discuss the report.

The schedule of payments and bank reconciliation / cash statement for the month of June 2010 is approved.

The schedule is attached to and forms part of these minutes

1816 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillor Howells presented the report of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7 July 2010.

The only matter within Section 1, for consideration by members, was in relation to matter 10/P/0697/F . land to the rear of 7 Woodhill Road, Portishead. The recommendation from the Planning Committee was that a letter be written to North Somerset Council expressing concern with that Council's decision on the matter.

Councillor Mrs Lord had prepared, and tabled to members, a draft letter. Slight amendment to the letter was required by removing the final paragraph, due to information that had come to light since the drafting of the letter.

Members unanimously agreed that the letter as drafted and amended at this meeting should be sent to North Somerset Council.

RESOLVED that

Section 1 of the report of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7 July 2010 is approved, and the draft letter tabled by Councillor Mrs Lord as amended at this meeting be sent to North Somerset Council.

Sections 2 and 3 of the report of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7 July 2010 are noted.

The report of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7 July 2010 is attached to and forms part of these Minutes.

1817 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN WISHES TO PUT BEFORE THE COUNCIL

- The Chairman addressed members expressing her disappointment that again there was no police representative present at the meeting. Several members echoed the sentiment.

members that the Town Council office was aware Court / Springfield Farm had been sold at the auction on 9 July 2010. To date there had been no contact with the new owner and the working group of this Council who had been meeting regularly to consider this matter had not had the opportunity to meet since the date of the auction. To date the intentions of the new owner were not known. Members would be circulated if and when information was to hand.

- **Representations by Chairman on behalf of the Council :-**

- 23rd May Joint attendance of the Chair man of Clevedon and Portishead at the Lifeboat event held on the Pier at Clevedon
- 19th June Judging the Car nival floats with Cllrs. Walters, Howells, Pasley, Cameron, Mason, McMurray and Way
- 24th June Attending the High Sheriff of Somerset's Garden Party at Taunton accompanied by Cllr N Way
- 27th June Attending the Civic Service held by the Chairman of North Somerset Cllr Ann Harley

- **Correspondence Received :-**

- Letter from D Bailey, Senior Engineer, Highways, North Somerset Council, re proposed changes to speed limit on A369 (Wyndham Way) to amalgamate the current several speed limit orders into one (this will have no effect to the actual limits or location of them)
- Letter from Claire Short LLaDs, thanking members for the grant and enclosing their accounts.

- **Publications and Reports –** The following items have been received and are available in the Town Council Office .

- Monthly newsletter/press release . Portishead In Bloom
- ~~What's~~ On In North Somerset 30 June . 25 July 2010
- CCTV statistics & Log . Portishead . May 2010
- ~~N~~North Somerset Lifeq. July 2010 Issue
- ~~S~~treetsceneq. June 2010 issue

1818 RECREATION AND WORKS COMMITTEE

Councillor Mrs Cruse presented the report of the Recreation and Works Committee meeting held on 30 June 2010, by summarising each item.

s from the report :-

In relation to RW 958 (Award of grant to the Vintage Community Church) the recommendation of the committee meeting was that a grant of £250 would be paid to the church. However, several members disagreed with such an award and a discussion took place in which varied views were expressed. The recommendation of the committee meeting was then put to the vote, with a majority vote that the recommendation should fall and no grant should be paid on this occasion.

In relation to RW 960 (Bristol Road Football Club Ground . Lorry Parking) members raised the issue that they felt that the recommendation, as currently worded, was too open ended.

It was proposed by Councillor Walters and duly seconded by Councillor Mrs Cruse, that the recommendation of RW 960 be amended to include ±the maximum gross vehicle weight to be 10 tonnes, and this permission to be reviewed in 5 years from todayϕ dateq Upon vote the amendment was unanimously agreed.

All other recommendations contained within the report were approved.

RESOLVED that

The report of the Recreation and Works Committee meeting held on 30 June 2010 be approved *subject to the following amendments* :-

- (i) RW 958 - Award of grant to the Vintage Community Church . The recommendation made by the Recreation and Works Committee held on the 30th June 2010 is rejected, and no grant will be paid to the Church on this occasion.
- (ii) RW 960 - Bristol Road Football Club Ground . Lorry Parking . The recommendation of the Committee is amended to now read :-
±Portishead and North Weston Town Council grant permission to Mr T P Wright to park a vehicle at the Portishead Football Club land owned by this Council. The maximum gross vehicle weight to be 10 tonnes, and this permission to be reviewed in 5 years from todayϕ date.

The report of the Recreation and Works Committee meeting held on 30 June 2010 is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Chairman ò ò ò ò ò ò ò ò ò ò ò ò ò ò ò ò ò . 11th August 2010