

**MINUTES OF THE 130<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY MEETING OF  
PORTISHEAD & NORTH WESTON TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE FOLK HALL, HIGH STREET, PORTISHEAD  
ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2004**

**PRESENT** Councillor Johnston – in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Bickley, Brown, J H Clark, J S Clark, Mrs Cruse,  
Daws, Gething, Miss Griffiths, Mrs Lord, Mrs Mason, J McMurray,  
Miers, Pasley, Rigby, Terry, Walters

Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council

**APOLOGIES** Councillor A McMurray

**1085 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Standing Orders were suspended to allow PC Mike Chidgey to address the Council.

PC Chidgey confirmed that WPC Alecto King had now replaced PC Andy Jones as a Portishead Beat Manager. She hoped to attend a meeting of the Town Council shortly. PC Jaz Bartlett was also assigned to the Portishead sector but worked mainly in the Pill area. PC Chidgey also confirmed that the Portishead Police Station would once again become a 24 hour operational station from April 2004. This news was particularly welcomed by the Council, as was the report that the crime figures for the Portishead area showed that for the 4 month period 1.10.2003 – 31.1.2004 there had been a 51% reduction in burglaries compared with the previous 4 month period. There had also been reductions on 23% and 10% in assaults and thefts from motor vehicles respectively for the same period.

PC Chidgey further reported that an Order banning the outdoor consumption of Alcohol was being progressed for certain areas of the Town (Lake Grounds, routes leading to Lake Grounds, High Street, parts of Wyndham Way). In answering a question from Councillor Mrs Cruse, PC Chidgey confirmed that officers would be able to use their discretion when enforcing the ban and it would not be used inappropriately ie to stop family picnics at the Lake Grounds or outside drinking at public houses in the High Street. He was hopeful that the order would be in place by the Summer.

The Chairman thanked PC Chidgey for attending the meeting.

Standing Orders were resumed.

**1086 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor J H Clark

- Personal interest in Planning Application Nos. 04/P/0095/TPO and 04/P/0198/TPO – Work to lime tree at Fedden Village, Nore Road.  
Reason – tree can be seen from his garden

Councillor Mrs Cruse

- Personal Interest in Minute No. 1091 (RW546) – Application for a Grant from Portishead Youth Centre  
Reason – Member of Youth Centre Management Committee
- Personal Interest in Minute No. 1091 (RW544) – Works to hedge at North Weston Allotment  
Reason – Husband allotment holder
- Personal Interest in Planning Application No. 03/P/3200/F  
High Street Motors, High Street, Portishead – Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of 14 flats and 14 parking spaces, landscape works, boundary and highway works.  
Reason – Acquainted with site owner

Councillor Miss Griffiths

- Personal interest in Planning Application No. 04/P/0109/F – Erection of a dwelling house on Land to rear of 37 and 37A Valley Court, Portishead  
Reason – Acquaintance of neighbour
- Personal interest in Planning Application No. 04/P/0167/O – Erection of a dwelling at 12 Hollis Avenue, North Weston, Portishead  
Reason – Acquaintance of owner

Councillor Johnston

- Personal interest in Minute No. 1091 (RW547) – Application for a Grant from Portishead Youth Centre  
Reason – Member of Youth Centre Management Committee

Councillor Mrs Lord

- Personal interest in Minute No. 1091 (RW545) – Merlin Park Skateboard Park  
Reason – Member of Portishead Railway Heritage Project Group

Councillor J McMurray

- Personal interest in Minute No. 1091 (RW544) – Works to hedge at North Weston Allotment  
Reason – Member of Allotment Committee
- Prejudicial interest in Planning Application No. 03/P/3107/F – Proposed three bedroom detached dwelling in Plot 5a at 5 Clifton Street, North Weston  
Reason – Neighbour

Councillor Rigby

- Personal interest in Planning Application No. 03/P/3200/F  
High Street Motors, High Street, Portishead – Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of 14 flats and 14 parking spaces, landscape works, boundary and highway works.  
Reason – Premises visible from home address

Councillor Terry

- Personal interest in Minute No. 1091 (RW544) – Works to hedge at North Weston Allotment  
Reason – Secretary of Portishead & District Allotment Association Ltd

Councillor Walters

- Personal interest in Planning Application No. 03/P/3200/F  
High Street Motors, High Street, Portishead – Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of 14 flats and 14 parking spaces, landscape works, boundary and highway works.  
Reason – Owner of nearby property
- Personal interest in Minute No. 1091 (RW544) – Works to hedge at North Weston Allotment  
Reason – Member of Allotment Committee and Allotment Holder

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

Councillors Daws, Brown, J H Clark, Gething, Terry 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.

### **1087 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 129<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of Portishead and North Weston Town Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2004 be confirmed as correct.

### **1088 THE QUALITY PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SCHEME**

Members were reminded that the Rural White Paper ‘Our Countryside: The Future. A Fair Deal for Rural England’ which was published in November 2000, introduced the concept of Quality Council accreditation for Town and Parish Councils. This document stated that Quality Council status would enhance the role of town and parish councils and provide a framework to enable them to take on a stronger role, particularly in partnership working with the principal authorities, for the benefit of their local communities.

The criteria for obtaining Quality status was considered in detail. Whilst members considered that the Town Council already met a number of the tests, concerns were expressed about the cost and practicality of complying with all of the criteria. Some members also considered that the accreditation process was too bureaucratic.

On the casting vote of the Chairman it was

RESOLVED that

Portishead and North Weston Town Council endorse the principle of the Quality Council Scheme and are committed to comply with the Quality Standards, but we will not be seeking official accreditation at this time.

**1089 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND BANK RECONCILIATION/CASH STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2004**

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Payments and Bank Reconciliation/Cash Statement for the month of January 2004 be APPROVED.

**1090 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Councillor Mrs Bickley, Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented the report of the Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2004.

RESOLVED that the report and recommendations thereon be APPROVED, subject to the following –

**03/P/3200/F HIGH STREET MOTORS, HIGH STREET, PORTISHEAD**

Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of 14 flats with 14 parking spaces, landscape works, boundary and highway works.

The Council raised a number of concerns about this application –

- Detrimental to the amenity of residents in Court Close
- Proposed car parking not in accordance with Policy T13 of the North Somerset Local Plan
- Dangerous highway access/egress

Recommended that the application be REFUSED on the grounds stated above.

The report of the Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2004 is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

**1091 RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE**

Councillor Mrs Cruse, Chairman of the Recreation and Works Committee, presented the report of the Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2004.

RESOLVED that the report and recommendations thereon be APPROVED, subject to the following –

**RW543 CURZON CINEMA**

A lengthy discussion ensued on this matter and many views and opinions were expressed, including –

- Did the Council have a moral obligation to carry out the wishes of the previous Council?
- The Council should not be supporting a project in another town to this extent.
- No guarantee of success of the final lottery bid for capital funding.

RESOLVED that

1. The Town Council release £2,500 to the Curzon Cinema, subject to them receiving matched funding.
2. The remaining £7,500 continue to be held in an earmarked reserve.
3. Clevedon Town Council be informed of the Town Council's support for the Curzon Cinema and they be urged to consider providing the partnership funding.

The following councillors asked that their votes against this resolution be recorded –

Councillors Mrs Cruse, Daws, J McMurray, Miers, Pasley, Rigby, Walters

The report of the Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2004 is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

## **1092 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN PUT BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

Correspondence – Letter of thanks for grant awarded from 2<sup>nd</sup> Portishead Scout Group.

Avon Way – Highway Safety Scheme proposals to be referred to the Recreation & Works Committee

Web-site – Updated biographies required.

Community Transport – Meeting to be held with Nailsea Community Transport to discuss expansion of service shortly.

The following items were circulated for information –

Education School Governance (Constitution)(England) Regulations 2003

North Weston Allotment Committee – 23.9.2003

Portishead Partnership – 12.1.2004

Portishead Tourism Group – 20.1.2004

Portishead Quays Public Art Group – 16.12.2003

Portishead Community Safety Local Action Team – 18.11.2003

NSC Highways Services Newsletter – December 2003

Gordano Councils Transport Group – 11.12.2003

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

..... Chairman

10<sup>th</sup> March 2004