

**MINUTES OF THE 90TH ORDINARY MEETING OF
PORTISHEAD & NORTH WESTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE FOLK HALL, HIGH STREET, PORTISHEAD
ON WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2000**

PRESENT Councillor Mrs Bickley – in the Chair

Councillors J H Clark, J S Clark, Mrs Cole, Mrs Cruse, Daws, Gamlin, Mrs Haysom, J Johnston, Palmer, Pickering, Terry, Walters

Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council
Mr R Taylor – NSC Liaison Officer

APOLOGIES Councillors Brine, Brown, M Johnston, Pasley, Whitfield

PC D Vincent and PC A Jones – Community Beat Managers

Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to address the Council.

Mrs Jan Sheargold, a resident of Hillside Road, expressed her deep concern about the number of youngsters congregating around the area of Pioneer Car Park and Worthingtons Walk, particularly during weekend evenings. She cited recent incidents of vandalism, under-age drinking and anti-social behaviour and asked the Council to take up the issue with the relevant authorities as a matter of urgency. She also urged the Council to consider the installation of a CCTV system in the Town Centre.

In reply, the Chairman assured Mrs Sheargold that the Clerk would pass on her comments and concerns to the relevant authorities as soon as possible.

Mr Steve Gillingham, representing the Governors of St Barnabas School, appealed to the Council to reconsider the planning committee's recommendation for refusal of the amendment to the planning application for the temporary relocation of the school (00/P/1201/RG3). Mr Gillingham explained that the amendment had become necessary because of the necessity to hire larger temporary buildings than had originally been envisaged. Whilst acknowledging that this would reduce the amount of playground space available he confirmed that adequate space would still be available for the five-a-side football pitch. Because of the limited time available for the building project he urged the Council to recommend that the application be approved.

Mrs White, a Governor of St Barnabas School, spoke in support of Mr Gillingham and stressed the necessity for the amendment to be dealt with as soon as possible.

In reply, the Chairman confirmed that the Council would be considering the planning application amendment later in the meeting

Standing Orders were resumed.

749 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 89th Ordinary Meeting of Portishead and North Weston Town Council held on 6th September 2000 be confirmed as correct.

750 POLICE LIAISON

There was no report from the police as neither PC Jones nor PC Vincent were able to attend the meeting.

751 MINOR AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS

Members were informed that vacancies for minor authority nominated governors had arisen at St Peters Primary School and Highdown Junior School following the completion of Dr Malcolm Kemp's and Councillor Alan Pickering's terms of office, respectively.

RESOLVED that

Dr Malcolm Kemp be re-appointed as minor authority governor for St Peters Primary School for a further four-year term.

Councillor Alan Pickering be re-appointed as minor authority governor for Highdown Junior School for a further four-year term.

752 BLUE SKIES – A VISION FOR TOURISM IN NORTH SOMERSET – DRAFT REPORT

Further to Minute No. 713, members were now asked for their comments on the draft Blue Skies – A Vision for Tourism document which had been produced by North Somerset Council following the consultation exercise earlier in the year. Extracts from the document – Executive Summary, Portishead Results and the Portishead Vision for Tourism – were circulated.

During the ensuing discussion many comments were made about the content of the document and a number of anomalies were highlighted. Because of the complexity of the issues it was

RESOLVED to delegate consideration of the Town Council's response to the Blue Skies – A Vision for Tourism document to the next meeting of the Recreation and Works Committee and to authorise the Committee to submit the response direct to North Somerset Council.

Members were asked to submit their comments direct to Mrs Haysom in the first instance to enable a discussion document to be produced for the committee meeting.

753 PROVISION OF A YOUTH SHELTER

Further to Minute No. 722, members were informed that the Community Safety Local Action Team (CSLAT) had now considered the suggestion that a youth shelter be installed on the Parish Wharf Leisure Centre Play Area. It was noted from the minutes of the CSLAT meeting held on 4th September that the Team had circulated a questionnaire to all the youth groups in the town to gauge their opinion on the provision of youth shelters and youth facilities in general but reported a “disappointing” response. The Team considered, however, that it was important to consult with the young people before proceeding any further with providing such facilities and asked for the Council’s support for a public meeting to be organised to which all youth groups and interested residents would be invited.

RESOLVED that the Town Council would

- Facilitate a public meeting to consider the provision of youth facilities in the town
- Give consideration to the provision of funding for youth facilities during the 2001/2002 budget process

754 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND BANK RECONCILIATION

The schedule of payments and bank reconciliation/cash statement for the month of September 2000 was APPROVED.

755 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillor J Johnston, Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented the report of the Committee meeting held on 7th October 2000.

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

00/P/1556/F 25 VICTORIA SQUARE, PORTISHEAD

Change of use from residential to offices.

Amend recommendation to read –

The Town Council considers that this application should be refused for the following reasons -

- Inappropriate development in a residential area
- Inadequate highway access
- No cul-de-sac provision ie no turning circle
- Loss of residential accommodation
- Development is contrary to the Local Plan

Recommend REFUSAL

**00/P/1670/CA
00/P/1673/F**

**THE RECTORY, CHURCH ROAD SOUTH,
PORTISHEAD**

Demolition of garage, stores, rear porch and greenhouse, construction of new rectory and house. Construction of new access road, fences and boundary walls.

Add the following comment to the recommendation for APPROVAL

The Council draws North Somerset Council's attention to the existence of a badger sett on the site and also asks that the Portishead Area Conservation Committee be consulted on this planning application.

00/P/1201/RG3

**PLAYGROUND AT JUNCTION OF AVONWAY AND
CHANNEL VIEW ROAD, PORTISHEAD**

Temporary relocation of St Barnabas Primary School to Elliott Buildings on playground area. Amendments dated 21st and 26th September – alteration of temporary portakabin buildings and additional plans showing revised elevations and floor plan details.

Councillor Mrs Cruse declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application.

A lengthy discussion ensued on these amendments with comments being made in particular about North Somerset Council's inefficient handling of the temporary relocation of the school, concerns about the demarcation of the area to be controlled by the school governors, loss of playground space, and the requirement for the school to be relocated as soon as possible.

Recommend APPROVAL, subject to the area to be controlled by the school governors being clearly defined.

The report of the Committee meeting held on 7th October 2000 is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

756 RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE

Councillor Mrs Haysom, Chairman of the Recreation and Works Committee, presented the report of the Committee meeting held on 27th September 2000.

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

RW404 PORTISHED RAILWAY

Amend recommendation to read –

The Town Council write to Dr Liam Fox MP and the DETR to request an enquiry into the possible loss of the strategic land holdings at Ashton Gate sidings (BR-YPB-3-3) Ashton Gate (BR-YB-4-4) and the Portishead/Portbury line (BR-YPB-7-7) and also to submit a formal objection to the Shadow Rail Authority.

The report of the Committee meeting held on 27th September 2000 is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

757 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN PUT BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Royal British Legion – Annual Service of Remembrance 12th November 2000 and Act of Remembrance 11th November 2000

Town Council Web-Site – now live at portishead.gov.uk

North Somerset Waste Local Plan Public Inquiry – commencing 5th December 2000

Cemetery Provision in North Somerset – Confirmation of new NSC strategy

Parish Councillors Guide – 17th edition now available

Avon & Somerset Police Authority – Consultation meeting to be held 30th October 2000

Portishead AFC – Draft lease being checked.

The following item was circulated for information –

NSC Highways Information Sheet – August 2000

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm

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8th November 2000