

**MINUTES OF THE 129TH ORDINARY MEETING OF
PORTISHEAD & NORTH WESTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE FOLK HALL, HIGH STREET, PORTISHEAD
ON WEDNESDAY 14TH JANUARY 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, A McMurray, J McMurray, Miers, Pasley, Rigby, Terry, Walters

Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council

APOLOGIES There were no apologies for absence

1078 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Mr W Andrews, the applicant for Planning Application No. 03/P/3196/RM - Erection of a new dwelling on land adjacent to 43 Combe Avenue, Portishead - displayed a scale model of the proposed dwelling and reiterated the comments he made to the planning committee meeting on 10th January 2004. He hoped the Council would support his application.

Mr S Heaney, a resident of 343 Nore Road, spoke of his and his neighbours concerns about Planning Application No. 03/P/2969/O – Provision of 4 detached houses at 31 Hillcrest Road, Portishead. They were particularly concerned about their loss of privacy, instability of the hillside, problems with ground water and surface drainage, and the effect on wildlife. Mr Heaney urged the Council to refuse the application.

Standing Orders were resumed.

1079 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A McMurray

- 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 – Owner of nearby property

Councillor J McMurray

- 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 Terry

- Prejudicial interest in Planning Application No. 03/P/3045/F – Erection of side extension and conversion into two dwellings and erection of two detached garages at 52 Lower Down Road, Portishead.

Reason – Secretary of Portishead & District Allotment Association Ltd (owners of adjacent land)

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.

1080 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 128th Ordinary Meeting of Portishead and North Weston Town Council held on 10th December 2003 be confirmed as correct.

1081 PLANNING COMMITTEE

In view of the public interest in a number of the planning applications consideration of the Planning Committee report was brought forward.

Councillor Mrs Bickley, Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented the report of the Committee meeting held on 10th January 2004.

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

03/P/3107/F 5 CLIFTON STREET, NORTH WESTON, PORTISHEAD

Proposed three bedroom detached dwelling in Plot 5a

Councillors A McMurray and J McMurray left the meeting for the consideration of this planning application, took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon.

The Council supported the recommendation of the Planning Committee that the planning application be REFUSED on the grounds as stated in the committee report.

00/P/1870/RM PHASE 16 PORT MARINE, STATION ROAD, PORTISHEAD

25 Dwellings with associated car parking

Add to recommendation for REFUSAL

, and is contrary to the development Master Plan.

03/P/3018/O LAND ALONGSIDE 72 BRISTOL ROAD, PORTISHEAD

Mixed development of 9 residential, non-food retail and B1/B8 offices/warehouse and distribution.

The Council raised a number of concerns about this application –

- Dangerous highway access
- Contrary to the Local Plan
- Possibility of land being contaminated
- Conflict between proposed uses

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

03/P/3045/F 52 LOWER DOWN ROAD, PORTISHEAD

Erection of side extension and conversion into two dwellings. Erection of two detached garages.

Councillor Terry left the meeting for the consideration of this planning application, took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon.

The Council supported the recommendation of the Planning Committee that the planning application be REFUSED on the grounds as stated in the committee report.

NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN – ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLVED that the response attached to and forming part of these minutes be forwarded to North Somerset Council.

It was further RESOLVED that Councillor Peter Burden, NSC Executive Member for Strategic Planning and Mr David Turner, the Director of Development and Environment, be invited to a meeting to discuss the transport issues affecting the Town.

The report of the Committee meeting held on 10th January 2004 is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

1082 2004/2005 BUDGET AND PRECEPT REQUIREMENT

The Chairman presented the report of the working party meeting held on 6th January 2004 which detailed a draft budget and precept requirement for 2004/2005 of £219,838.

A lengthy debate ensued, resulting in a number of amendments being made to the draft budget –

Baseline Budget

- **Environmental Enhancement** – The recommendation to increase the budget by £1,000 to £7,000 was not supported.
RESOLVED that the Environmental Enhancement budget remain at £6,000.

- **Youth Support Grants** – The recommendation to increase the budget by £500 to £5,000 was not supported.
RESOLVED that the Youth Support Grant budget remain at £4,500.

One-Off Items

- **Replacement of North Weston Village Hall** – The recommendation to include £20,000 in the precept and to obtain loan sanction approval for the balance required was not supported.
RESOLVED to include £30,000 in the precept for 2004/2005.
- **Traffic Safety Schemes** –
 - (a) The recommendation to include £20,000 in the precept to provide a pedestrian crossing at Clevedon Road, North Weston was not supported.
RESOLVED to include £10,000 towards the pedestrian crossing in the precept for 2004/2005.
 - (b) The recommendation to include £5,000 in the precept towards the Safe Routes to Schools Initiative and a pedestrian safety scheme for the High Street/Combe Road/Slade Road/Avon Way area was not supported.
RESOLVED to delete this item.
- **Children's Play Equipment** – The recommendation to include an additional £6,000 in the precept towards children's play equipment was not supported as it was considered that the £14,000 already held in reserves would be sufficient for the Town Council's needs during 2004/2005.
RESOLVED that the Children's Play Equipment budget remain at £14,000.
- **Crime and Disorder Act 1998** – The recommendation to include £1,000 in the precept in support of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 was not supported.
RESOLVED to include £500 in support of the Crime and Disorder Act in the precept for 2004/2005.
- **Town Housework** – The recommendation to include £20,000 in the precept to enable the role of Town Orderly to be investigated and possibly implemented was not supported.
RESOLVED, on the casting vote of the Chairman, to include £10,000 in the precept for Town Housework.

It was therefore RESOLVED that

- (a) The budget as detailed on the report attached to and forming part of these minutes be APPROVED.
- (b) A precept for 2004/2005 be issued in the sum of £196,838, giving a charge of approximately £25.75 per Band D property.

- (c) A request from the Curzon Cinema for the release of the agreed grant of £10,000 to help fund additional planning work in support of their bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund be referred to the Recreation and Works Committee.

1083 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 December 2003 be APPROVED.

1084 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN PUT BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Correspondence – Letters of thanks for grants awarded received from Portishead in Bloom Committee and Portishead Community Safety Local Action Team.
North Somerset Replacement Local Plan – 2nd Deposit consultation period provisionally set for 22nd April to 4th June 2004.
CCTV – Summary of incidents from July to October supplied to the Clerk by NSC

The following items were circulated for information –

NSC Highways Services – November 2003
Redcliffe Bay Hall Management Committee – 1.12.2003
Portishead Networking Group - 19.11.2003

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm

.....Chairman

11th February 2004