

**MINUTES OF THE 109TH ORDINARY MEETING OF
PORTISHEAD & NORTH WESTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE FOLK HALL, HIGH STREET, PORTISHEAD
ON WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY 2002**

PRESENT Councillor Pickering – in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Bickley, Brine, J S Clark, Mrs Cole, Mrs Cruse, Mrs Haysom, J Johnston, M Johnston, Mrs Mason, Palmer, Terry, Walters

Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council

APOLOGIES Councillors Brown, J H Clark, Daws, Pasley

894 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman adjourned the meeting and invited members of the public to address the Council.

Mr John Floyd, a resident of 254 Down Road, Portishead, expressed his concern about planning application no. 02/P/0858/F – Land to rear of 14 Hillcrest Road – Erection of dwelling and detached garage with ancillary accommodation over and construction of new driveway onto Hillcrest Road. Mr Floyd reminded members that a previous application for the same site had been refused in January 2002 and in his opinion this new application, which was to be considered later in the meeting, did not differ greatly from that application. He cited in particular the overbearing effect the development would have on adjacent properties and the unsatisfactory access arrangements. He urged the Council to recommend refusal of the application.

Mr Michael Farrell, a resident of 14a Hillcrest Road, spoke in support of Mr Floyd and also informed members that he had been advised by structural engineers that the proposed development could undermine the drains and foundations of his adjacent property. A query had also arisen with regard to the exact boundary of the site. Mr Farrell also urged the Council to recommend refusal of the application.

The Chairman thanked Mr Floyd and Mr Farrell for their comments and assured them that the points raised would be taken into account when the application was considered later in the meeting.

The Chairman resumed the meeting.

895 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Brine

- Personal Interest in Minute No. 892 – National Trust Tyntesfield Estate Appeal.
Reason – Member of National Trust

Councillor Mrs Cole

- Personal Interest in Minute No. 892 – National Trust Tyntesfield Estate Appeal.
Reason – Member of National Trust

Councillor J S Clark

- Personal Interest in Minute No. 892 – National Trust Tyntesfield Estate Appeal.
Reason – Member of National Trust

Councillor M Johnston

- Personal Interest in Minute No. 892 – National Trust Tyntesfield Estate Appeal.
Reason – Member of National Trust
- Personal Interest in Planning Application No. 02/P/0893/F
Reason – Friend of applicant

Councillor Mrs Haysom

- Personal Interest in Minute No. 892 – National Trust Tyntesfield Estate Appeal.
Reason – Member of National Trust
- Personal Interest in Minute No. 900 (RW465) – Folk Hall: Relocation of disabled toilet, extension to town council office and upgrading of ground floor facilities
Reason – Personal knowledge of preferred building surveyor

Councillor Mrs Mason

- Personal Interest in Minute No. 892 – National Trust Tyntesfield Estate Appeal.
Reason – Member of National Trust
- Personal Interest in Planning Application No. 02/P/0809/F
Reason – Governor of Highdown Infant School

896 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 10th Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 8th May 2002 be confirmed as correct.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 108th Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 10th April 2002 be confirmed as correct.

897 NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL HOUSING STRATEGY 2002-2005

Members received a report from Councillor Pickering summarising the Draft North Somerset Council Housing Strategy 2002-2005.

It was noted that the purpose of the document was to review progress on priority issues and to consider those issues which are important to the Town.

RESOLVED that the areas Portishead and North Weston Town Council would like addressed are –

- The inadequacy of the supply of affordable housing, which is causing great distress amongst young people and forcing them to look to other areas for housing.
- The shortage of suitable sheltered housing for the elderly. Such accommodation enables people as they grow old and are less able to cope to retain their independence, with a bit of support. This would also release larger houses occupied by elderly people who are often living on their own. We are also concerned about the closure of a number of residential care homes for the elderly.

- The shortage of accommodation, either as hostel or flats, for single young people. Many young people come out of local authority care in their late teens, cannot find suitable accommodation and fall into the poverty trap.
- We would suggest that the site of the former St Peters School in Portishead High Street, which is in North Somerset Council's ownership, would be an ideal site for sheltered housing accommodation for the elderly and for affordable housing.
- We would draw North Somerset Council's attention to the lack of day care facilities in Portishead, other than a group which is run on a voluntary basis.

898 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND BANK RECONCILIATION/CASH STATEMENT

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Payments and Bank Reconciliation/Cash Statement for the month of April 2002 be APPROVED.

899 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillor J Johnston, Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented the report of the Committee meeting held on 11th May 2002.

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

02/P/0721/F STATION GARAGE, HIGH STREET, PORTISHEAD

Extend existing shop

add to recommendation for APPROVAL

The Town Council remind North Somerset Council that this prominent position at the head of the High Street will probably be recommended as the site for a sculpture as part of the Port Marine Public Art Strategy. It is therefore vitally important that the back elevation of the building is appropriate.

02/P/0748/F 17 HILLSIDE ROAD, PORTISHEAD

To add 2 bedrooms on top of existing ground floor, kitchen and lounge. Construct roof over this and rear two bedrooms. To add separate lounge over double garage.

Members were informed that an amendment to this application had been received after the meeting of the Planning Committee. The amendment, which comprised the removal of the first floor storey on the front elevation, reduction in ridge height and an additional extension to the rear, was considered in detail but members concluded that it did not address the concerns raised by the Planning Committee and therefore

Recommend REFUSAL

02/P/0837/F CLAPTON LANE, PORTISHEAD

Formation of two grass football pitches on agricultural land.

Add to 3rd sentence of recommendation for APPROVAL -trees and hedge adjoining Clapton Lane are *protected* and undamaged

02/P/0858/F LAND TO REAR OF NO. 14 HILLCREST ROAD, PORTISHEAD

Erection of dwelling and detached garage with ancillary accommodation over on land to rear of 14 Hillcrest Road. Construction of new driveway onto Hillcrest Road.

Members reconsidered this application in light of the additional information supplied and also questioned the accuracy of the site boundaries as indicated on the plans.

Recommend REFUSAL on the following grounds –

- Detrimental impact on amenity of adjoining neighbours
- Excessive ridge height of the dwelling
- Design of development out of character with surrounding residential properties

ST JOSEPHS SCHOOL, BRISTOL ROAD, PORTISHEAD – HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Members supported the recommendation of the Planning Committee and asked that the following comments be added to the report –

- Consideration should be given to including a 20mph speed limit within the vicinity of the schools
- Strongly opposed to a change of precedence from present one way system to two-way, particularly between Bristol Road and Clevedon Road, directly outside St Josephs School.

Councillor Terry took no part in the discussion on this item and did not vote.

A copy of the amended report as submitted to North Somerset Council is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

PORTISHEAD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT REVIEW

A number of amendments were made to the recommendation of the Planning Committee. A copy of the amended report as submitted to North Somerset Council is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

The report of the meeting held on 11th May 2002 is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

900 RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE

Councillor Mrs Bickley, as former Chairman of the Recreation and Works Committee, presented the report of the Committee meeting held on 24th April 2002.

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

RW464 NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL – BEST VALUE REVIEW OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

A further vote was taken on this matter. Voting was recorded as 7 votes for the recommendation and 2 votes against.

It was therefore RESOLVED that the Town Council wish to pursue Option 1 – North Somerset Council to continue to own and manage the parks, open spaces, playing fields and play areas, but to develop a partnership approach with the four Town Councils.

It was further RESOLVED that North Somerset Council be asked to provide

- Further information to enable a more informed decision to be made
- A breakdown of the special expenses figures for Portishead
- A list of the exact areas of land under consideration.

Councillor Walters informed members that the North Somerset Council Environment and Community Select Committee would be receiving a follow-up report about the Lake Grounds and Approach Golf Course Concessions at their meeting on 20th May 2002. The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy for circulation to members.

The report of the Committee meeting held on 24th April 2002 is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

901 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN PUT BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Correspondence – Letters thanking the Council for grants awarded received from Portishead Highlights, Portishead Cricket Club and Portishead Town Band.
Land at Junction of Nore Road/Down Road, Portishead – land sold at auction on 17th April. £2,500 to be paid to Town Council as compensation for loss of bus shelter.
Temporary Highway Orders – Church Road North and Harbour Road
Public Conveniences – Refurbishment of Wyndham Way and Avon Way public conveniences now complete. Request for payment of Town Council's contribution received.

Quality Councils – Vital Villages Information Evening Tuesday 21st May 2002 at Long Ashton.

Portishead Carnival 8th June 2002 – Judges required.

Golden Jubilee Dance 31st May 2002 – Tickets available in Town Council office

The following items were circulated for information –

Briefing Notes –

Procedural Matters

Development of Sporting Facilities at Bristol Road Playing Field

North Somerset Council – Portishead Lake Grounds

Other Miscellaneous Reports

North Somerset Council Highways Services Newsletter – March 2002

Queens Golden Jubilee Committee – 23.4.02

Port Marine Public Art Management Steering Group – 19.3.02

ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA – TO BE CONSIDERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 100B(4)(b) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

902 NATIONAL TRUST TYNTESFIELD ESTATE APPEAL

In view of the urgent nature of the National Trust Appeal, the Chairman agreed that the matter should be considered in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Chairman reported on the background to the Appeal and confirmed that the National Trust needed to secure the funding to save the Tyntesfield Estate by early June.

Members expressed their full support for the National Trust Appeal and

RESOLVED to pledge £5,000 to the National Trust Save Tyntesfield Campaign in the 2002/2003 financial year

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

..... Chairman

12th June 2002