

**MINUTES OF THE 106TH ORDINARY MEETING OF
PORTISHEAD & NORTH WESTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE FOLK HALL, HIGH STREET, PORTISHEAD
ON WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2002**

PRESENT Councillor Mrs Cruse – in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Bickley, Brine, Brown, J S Clark, Mrs Cole, Daws,
Mrs Haysom, J Johnston, M Johnston, Mrs Mason, Palmer, Pasley,
Pickering, Terry, Walters, Whitfield

Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council

APOLOGIES Councillor J H Clark

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Councillor Mrs Haysom to address the Council as a member of the public.

Councillor Mrs Haysom informed members that, as a member of the Patients Panel, she had received a document which detailed a Development Strategy for Primary Health Care In North Somerset. In particular, Mrs Haysom brought to members attention a proposal to establish Intermediate Care Centres in Weston, Worle and Clevedon, which would provide certain outpatient services and convalescent care for patients on discharge from hospital. She expressed her concern that there were no proposals to provide a centre in Portishead, despite the Town Council having sold land to the Health Authority for the provision of a community hospital in 1989.

Councillor Mrs Haysom asked for formal representations to be made to the Health Authority, the closing date for comments on the Development Strategy being the 25th February 2002.

The Chairman ruled that this could be dealt with as an urgent item and it was therefore

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Health Authority expressing the Town Council's concern that there are no proposals in the Development Strategy for an Intermediate Care Centre in Portishead. The Health Authority also to be reminded of the Town Council's commitment to the provision of Health Care in Portishead.

Standing Orders were resumed.

872 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 105th Ordinary Meeting of Portishead and North Weston Town Council held on 9th January 2002 be confirmed as correct.

873 NEW ETHICAL FRAMEWORK – CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

Members were reminded that all local authorities have to adopt the new Code of Conduct within six months of the 5th November 2001. A copy of the new Model Code of Conduct was circulated and members were also advised that they would be required to make a new Declaration of Acceptance of Office and to complete an entry in the Register of Financial and Other Interests.

Members would also be required to register any gift or hospitality they received as a result of their position as a member of the Town Council over the value of £25.

RESOLVED

At their meeting on 6th February 2002 Portishead and North Weston Town Council adopted the Parish Councils Model Code of Conduct, in its entirety without local amendment.

All members present then made a new Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Proper Officer of the Council, Mrs Penny Rendle. In addition, new Declarations were made by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

A majority of members present completed their entry in the Register of Members Interests. Those members who did not complete their entry were reminded of the requirement for it to be completed within 28 days and were urged to furnish the Clerk with the necessary details as soon as possible.

It was further RESOLVED that the Clerk enquire as to why the Town and Parish Council representative on the NSC Standards Committee had voted against the adoption of the Code of Conduct.

874 QUALITY TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

Councillor Mrs Bickley reminded members that the recent Rural White Paper introduced the concept of Quality Town and Parish Councils. A consultation paper on how this would be put into practice had been produced and members were now invited to comment on the proposals, details of which were circulated.

A lengthy discussion ensued with a number of comments being made, including –

- The distinction between accredited Quality Councils and non-accredited Councils being misunderstood by the electorate.
- The use of “Quality” as a description.
- The requirements for accreditation should be considered as Best Practice in any event
- The tight timescale to be able to produce an Annual Report by 30th April
- Disagree that external auditors should be responsible for carrying out the assessments. Quality Council assessment should be quite separate from external financial audit assessment.

RESOLVED that the response attached to and forming part of these minutes be forwarded to DEFRA.

875 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND BANK RECONCILIATION/CASH STATEMENT

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

876 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillor J Johnston, Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented the report of the meeting held on 2nd February 2002.

RESOLVED that the report and recommendations thereon be APPROVED.

The report of the committee meeting held on 2nd February 2002 is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

877 RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE

Councillor Mrs Bickley, Chairman of the Recreation and Works Committee, presented the report of the Committee meeting held on 23rd January 2002.

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

RW449 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

(a) Nailsea and District Community Transport

Consideration of this application was deferred pending clarification of matters relating to Portishead Community Vehicle Trust

(b) North Somerset Mencap Summer Playscheme for 8-18 year olds

Councillor Pickering declared a personal interest in this application as Chairman of the Youth Centre Management Committee.

Councillor Terry declared a personal interest in this application as NSC Executive Member for Learning and Youth.

(c) Portishead Community Safety Action Team – publication of newsletter

Grant of £350 conditional upon –

- the newsletter including reference to the Town Council as sponsors
- Councillors Mrs Bickley, Pasley and the Clerk approving the editorial content

(d) Portishead in Bloom

Councillors J Johnston and Daws each declared a personal interest in this application as members of the Portishead in Bloom committee.

RW451 EASTWOOD, PORTISHEAD

Councillor M Johnston declared a personal interest in this matter as a member of the Portishead Conservation Area Advisory Group.

RW452 PORTISHEAD APPROACH GOLF COURSE AND PORTISHEAD LAKE GROUNDS

Councillors Mrs Haysom and Pasley each declared a personal interest in this matter as they live in the vicinity of the Lake Grounds. They did not vote.

Members received clarification on a number of points raised at the Committee meeting –

Golf Course

- The coastal footpath is not included in the area to be managed.
- Concessionaire will be responsible for all fencing – including the boundary fencing on Nore Road.
- There is a legal agreement between NSC and the Windmill PH giving each equal rights to use the car park.

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878 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN PUT BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Portishead Lifeboat Trust – In discussion with various bodies regarding a proposal to relocate the Lifeboat nearer to marina entrance.

NSC Parks and Open Spaces Best Value Review – 4 options for future ownership and management being considered, including closer working with Town and Parish Councils.

North Weston Allotments – Discussions taking place with allotment holders regarding the re-establishment of an informal association for the site.

Golden Jubilee Celebrations – Members were asked to inform the Clerk as soon as possible if they wished to attend the Church Service on 2nd June 2002.

The following items were circulated for information –

- Gordano Councils Transport Group – Report of meetings held 19.11.01 & 21.1.02
- North Somerset Council Local Transport Plan – Annual Progress Report 2001
- Queens Golden Jubilee Committee – Report of meeting held 14.1.02
- Portishead Partnership – Report of meeting held 14.1.02
- North Somerset Council Highways Services Newsletter – December 2001
- Portishead Lifeboat Trust – 2001 Record of Service Launches

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

..... Chairman

6th March 2001