

**MINUTES OF THE 107TH ORDINARY MEETING OF
PORTISHEAD & NORTH WESTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE FOLK HALL, HIGH STREET, PORTISHEAD
ON WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 2002**

PRESENT Councillor Mrs Cruse – in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Bickley, Brine, Brown, J H Clark, Mrs Cole,
J Johnston, M Johnston, Mrs Mason, Palmer, Pasley, Pickering,
Walters

Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council

APOLOGIES Councillors J S Clark, Daws, Mrs Haysom, Terry

Before commencing the formal business of the meeting the Chairman extended the Council's condolences to Councillor Brown on the recent death of his father.

The Chairman also confirmed that a message of sympathy had been forwarded to Her Majesty The Queen on the death of Princess Margaret.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Mr Adrian Fishman to address the Council.

Mr Fishman, speaking as Captain of Portishead Cricket Club, thanked the Council for considering the Club's application for a grant towards their 150th Anniversary Celebrations. Mr Fishman confirmed that the Club had over 100 junior members, ranging from 8 to 17 years of age and he provided details of some of the items the Club hoped to present to the juniors to commemorate the Anniversary. Mr Fishman also outlined some of the events the Club were participating in, including a senior match at the County Ground in Bristol which the junior players would also be attending.

The Chairman thanked Mr Fishman for providing this information and confirmed that the Council would be considering the application later in the meeting.

Standing Orders were resumed.

879 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Brown – Personal Interest in Planning Application No. 02/P/0316/F – 28 Ridge Close, Portishead.

Councillor Mrs Cruse – Personal Interest in Minute No.RW453 – North Somerset Neighbourhood Watch Association and Minute No. RW457 – North Weston Allotments.

Councillor J Johnston – Personal Interest in Minute No.RW453 – North Somerset Neighbourhood Watch Association.

Councillor Mrs Mason – Personal Interest in Minute No.RW453 – North Somerset Neighbourhood Watch Association.

Councillor Pickering – Personal Interest in Minute No.RW453 – North Somerset Neighbourhood Watch Association.

Councillor Walters – Personal Interest in Minute No.RW453 – North Somerset Neighbourhood Watch Association and RW457 – North Weston Allotments (Councillor Walters left the meeting prior to consideration of this item).

880 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 106th Ordinary Meeting of Portishead and North Weston Town Council held on 6th February 2002 be confirmed as correct.

881 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND BANK RECONCILIATION/CASH STATEMENT

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

882 PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

The Report was considered in two parts –

(a) Planning Applications

RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Planning Committee be APPROVED.

(b) Planning: Delivering A Fundamental Change – Government Green Paper on Restructuring the Planning System.

The Committee's recommended response to the document was considered in detail. A lengthy discussion ensued and subsequently a number of amendments were made.

RESOLVED that the response attached to and forming part of these minutes, be submitted to the Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions.

The Clerk was also asked to forward a copy of the response to North Somerset Council.

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

883 RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE

Councillor Mrs Bickley, Chairman of the Recreation and Works Committee, presented the report of the Committee meeting held on 20th February 2002.

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

RW454 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

(c) Portishead Cricket Club – 150th Anniversary Celebrations

RESOLVED that

- The Cricket Club be awarded up to £750 towards their 150th Anniversary Celebrations.
- Councillor Mrs Bickley to discuss the exact use of the grant with the Cricket Club.
- The Chairman and Vice-Chairman to have final approval.

RW457 NORTH WESTON ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Walters left the meeting prior to consideration of this item.

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

RESOLVED that the recommendation of the Committee be APPROVED, subject to minor clerical amendments to the Draft Constitution and Tenancy Agreement.

The report of the Committee meeting held on 20th February 2002 is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

884 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN PUT BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Local Bus Service Changes – Service 660 (Portishead to Yatton) to be extended to Congresbury with effect from 1st April 2002.

North Somerset Against Domestic Abuse Forum – Exhibition to be held on 7th March at Portishead Library.

Dog Bins, Eastwood – NSC confirmed no funds available currently.

North Woodspring Victim Support – New members and volunteers required.

Avon Pension Fund – employers contributions to rise to 10.5% from 1st April 2002.

North Somerset Council – Tree Preservation Orders – Guidance now available.

Portishead Marina – Request for Tourist signs supported.

The following items were circulated for information –

Port Marine Public Art Management Group – Report of Meeting 22.1.2002

Queens Golden Jubilee Committee – Report of Meeting held 5.2.2002

Portishead Community Safety Local Action Team – Report of Meeting 15.1.2002

North Somerset Council Highways Services Newsletter – January 2002

Redcliffe Bay Hall Management Committee – Report of Meeting 27.11.2001

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm

.....Chairman

10th April 2002