

**MINUTES OF THE 25TH PORTISHEAD
RESIDENTS ANNUAL MEETING
30TH MAY 2018 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT Councillor: Peter Mitchell (Chairman of the Council) – in the Chair

Councillors present: - Burden, Cameron, Huffadine-Copper, Lord, Koops, Mason and Oyns

Mrs Jo Duffy, Clerk of the Council

Approximately 79 attendees

4 Members of Press

APOLOGIES Councillors: - Clark, Cottrell and Terry

The following transcript forms the minutes of the Portishead Residents Annual Meeting.

Name	Comments
Cllr. Mitchell	Opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the re-convened Portishead Residents Annual Meeting. The minutes of the 2017 meeting were agreed and signed. The minutes of the 9 th May 2018 were briefly discussed and it was agreed that these would be signed off.
Mrs Annette Hennessy	She felt it was important that the people in the hall who usually don't attend the Residents meeting understand what their rights are at these meetings. She said that she is very disappointed about the information put on the Town Council's website regarding the meeting that was closed were inaccurate. You can raise any item you want at any time in the meeting. Challenge to chair to is a right to who will chair meeting. Mrs Hennessy read out questions she had raised with the Clerk to which she had not received a reply or evidence.
Cllr. Mitchell	Agreed to postpone signing the minutes of the 9 th May 2018 and will consider everything you have raised and takes on board everything you have said.
Ms. Barbara Bennett	She spoke about the plans for Bristol Road playing fields. Cllr Mitchell has said there will be openness and transparency with regard to the project. Everyone wants better sports facilities. The suggested plan is not the way to do it. The plan has supposedly been put forward by the football club. There is not enough room on the playing fields for all the sports proposed. The football club would like either 3G or 4G pitches

	<p>and these cost £100k to replace. The plan shows the loss of 12 acres of playing fields, which the town needs. The Council has voted not to sanction more inappropriate development, additional housing development is the only thing that will pay for the type of facilities that have been proposed. My questions are, Why, the one developer? Why is he so sure he will get his hands on the fields, that he has offered to move the football club free of charge? What has happened to the tendering process? Why are two councillors pushing the process? The Council has agreed to investigate this plan, not to pursue it. Mrs Cottrell has talked about the leasing of the land, rather than the sale of it, where has that come from? We now have a neighbourhood plan coming forward, which will hopefully consult everyone in Portishead. What is being planned for these fields and why are we not being told about?</p>
Cllr. Mitchell	<p>Explained there is no plan, no proposal and there is no developer and it is green belt land. The plan is conceptual. We will pursue a Town Vision, which will be open and frank.</p>
Ms. Barbara Bennett	<p>Read out from Mrs Cottrell report and queried the points raised. She asked, why no tendering process? Why just LLE?</p>
Ms. Lin Morrissey	<p>She explained that she had put out the messages on the seats. She spoke about the protection of Green Belt land and Government policy. It is to prevent urban sprawl, and to keep the land open. To check the unrestricted sprawl of urban areas. This is not just about Bristol Road playing fields, but Weston Big Wood, also the land opposite Weston Big Woods, land off of Sheepway and land off of Portbury Hundred. Land is being sat on by developers, whilst they wait for the Government to lift restrictions. She cannot believe that some members of the Council, having made a statement that they are not going to support unnecessary development, are now putting forward the playing fields at Bristol Road as collateral for improved sport facilities.</p>
Mr. Ian Slatter	<p>Even though he did not think it was the forum for its distribution. He has read the personal view of Cllr. Cottrell re. Bristol Road playing fields. The developers at LLE have been working with the Council to draw up a scheme, which will be funded by probably houses. If all plans are passed then the works will go out to tender, to enable all appropriate organisations to bid for works and LLE would recoup their investment. He found this confusing as if the tender process is carried out properly LLE might not be successful. The document states that the sports club is not keeping up with demand. He referred to the facilities already in existence in the town. Paying for additional facilities, if the football club needs a new all-weather pitch, he believes that most residents would support this, but would they support it if they knew it would be paid for by further development. He referred to the available s.106 funds from the various developments in the town e.g. the Harbour Road development site state that a total of £65,000 is sought for the provision of playing pitches and local community venues. For Paper</p>

	<p>Mill Gardens it said that there will be a request for an off-site contribution to the provision of sport and leisure facilities, has this request been made and if not, surely now would be a good time to do so. Assuming that a similar amount is sought, that's £130,000 for starters. Added to the s.106 cash due over the decade, there must be a significant amount to be spent for the specific purpose of improving sports facilities. To overlook this and propose building more house to pay for facilities for the town beggars belief. It was high time the money is used in Portishead and not Weston. The Town Council also has approx. £500,000. Some of this could now be put to good use, plus there are probably grants available from the FA and Sport England. There is no need for green belt land to be sacrificed to developers. I would like to propose a vote on whether the Council should with immediate effect, suspend their plan to create sports facilities funded by development of land behind Bristol Road, until they have provided a report on what new facilities are actually required and how these could be funded using; s.106, Community Infrastructure Levy money, Portishead Town Council funds and available grants.</p> <p><i>Vote on proposal 62 in favour 1 against.</i></p>
Ms. Silvia Holiman	Puzzled by the concept of Bristol Road. She had attended the presentation run by Cllr. Mitchell and felt that it was very far from conceptual. Surely any work over £5,000 requires three quotes to be sought.
Mrs. Janet Davey	Battle for the Gordano Valley has begun. Surely a detailed plan should be sought before any further development is allowed as they clearly are not concerned about Portishead. Who paid for Lesley Cottrell's personal leaflet at the last meeting and which councillor paid for the hire of the room when the Bristol Road plans were originally shown?
Cllr. Mitchell	Confirmed that the Town Council paid.
Ms. Janene Ashman	Asked whether councillors are here in their capacity of Councillors and support the community or residents. So, do the councillors who did not vote for the last proposal do so as a resident or councillor, which would probably reflect in a council meeting We deserve a better Council
Cllr. Mitchell	They are here as residents as far as I'm concerned
Mrs. Annette Hennessey	That is not strictly true, they are here as electors and residents. But us residents here can make a request for councillors to respond as a councillor. They do not have to but we can ask them.
Jo Duffy Town Clerk	Because the councillors here are not here in their capacity of councillor but as electors they may feel they would not want to predetermine any decision that may come up in the future at council meetings. That is probably why they have decided not to vote, but it is entirely up to them.

Ms. Rosemary Leader	She asked why do the councillors not look at the members of the public when they are speaking at council meetings, instead of looking down at their nails or at their note books?
Cllr. Marilyn Koops	I am not prepared to vote on the proposal as it was confusing and encompassing many different things. Please do not assume. I will hear the facts, I will go with the vote that I believe is right. This is the wrong forum. We are going to have working parties. We are going to listen, we do listen, but I am not prepared to be insulted by being told we are bored, tired or looking at our nails. I do look at the speakers and I am not prepared to be insulted in that way. We all work very hard and it is voluntary. I object to people slinging insults at us.
Ms. Rosemary Leader	Said it is not an implication, it is a statement of fact.
Cllr. Sue Mason	Said she does listen to what people say, as well as listening she will normally be writing notes, if they are referring to the notes as part of a planning matter, we will use those comments as part of a decision. NSC takes no more notice of the Town Council, than they do of the public, we have no additional power. We do all actually listen.
Mr. David Cook	He agrees with a lot of what is being said this evening. Any proposed development of Bristol Road playing fields will need careful and open consideration. I have heard suspicion against the Council and distasteful comments, which I do not like to hear. I would say that if people don't like the Council, they should put themselves forward for Council or vote somebody else in, which is what I will do.
Mr. Caritas Charles	Mr. Charles stated that he is a Community Engagement Officer for a housing association and part of his job is to look at groups and see how they work and function. He has offered his services to the Council. He spoke about the way the Council meetings are run, they are dysfunctional and are designed for confrontation. He suggested getting some tables in and sitting around them with members of the public and actively engaging with them. Find out what residents want and feed that information back. The only Standing Orders required by Council are for Financial Regulations and staffing issues, everything else can be ripped out and you can start again. He suggested live streaming meetings. He doesn't think the Councillors are very good and thinks that the Councillors are from a time long gone. Need people with community ideas, for this town to progress. Change is coming soon.
Mrs. Annette Hennessey	Explained that the Electors Right to Contribute any item to the Agenda and Voting Rights by Electors, she said that it should have come before the Electors Forum. She said that the Chairman and the Clerk had refused to add it. She said that she is disappointed that the Town Council wouldn't add items, which is their right.

Cllr. Mitchell	There is a right for the electors but there is a time restraint in order to get the agenda out on time. That is all, I haven't signed the minutes I will review them and see where we are.
Mr. Chris Holman	Wanted an apology, why he was stopped from speaking on 9 th May residents meeting. The Town Clerk was there so she can answer that please.
Jo Duffy Town Clerk	The Clerk said that she understands that at that time Cllr. Cottrell had closed the meeting and Mr. Holman had asked her for the microphone. She thought Mr Holman were telling her the microphone was on and needed switching off. Which she did and that was her view of the event.
Mr. Chris Holman	Mr. Holman said did I not come to you and asked you to put my name on the agenda on the 9 th May to be called first for a different chairman, am I right or wrong.
Jo Duffy Town Clerk	The Clerk stated that he did and if he recalled he asked this at the Staffing and Finance Committee meeting and at the time was advised that if the Chairman is available, the Chairman will chair the meeting.
Mr. Chris Holman	It was put in writing to you and I spoke to you and Cllr Cottrell on the day. He said he asked to speak first. He stated that both the Chairman and the Clerk refused to speak to him. He said that no-one had bother to ask him to speak at the beginning of the meeting. He wanted another chairman, who was non-political. He said he put it in writing.
Mr Smith	Stated that it is not right attacking the Town Clerk, she is just a civil servant.
Cllr. Mitchell	Our Town Clerk has had some quite vicious attacks. She is an employee and we have to protect her. She has no political affiliation and she has become a target of certain individuals, who undermine everything we are doing. It is constant requests.
Mrs. Annette Hennessey	Can you evidence that statement?
Cllr. Mitchel	Yes, I will be evidencing this.
Mrs. Annette Hennessey	Will you be evidencing this tonight?
Cllr. Mitchell	You asked me a question and I am trying to answer you. I have my own ideas in relation to evidencing the abuse the Town Clerk is getting, and the pressure being put upon her, and she will be protected. The outrageous suggestions of impropriety and corruption or influences by any commercial interests. I feel this is an opportunity to attack (interruption inaudible)
Ms. Tanya Slatter	Just wanted to say you can not guarantee that a week in advance Cllr Cottrell would be able to chair the meeting and I do feel that it should

	have been added to the agenda. I do think it was unfair for this not to be done.
Jo Duffy Town clerk	That a fair point but under the Local Government Act of 1972 schedule 12 sub section 17 it is quite clear that the Chairman or Vice Chair will Chair the meeting.
Ms. Lin Morrissey	Mrs Duffy is the first point of contact for FOI, funnelling through the office. I have always found her to be very helpful, fair and open which is refreshing and what we need.
Ms. Barbara Bennett	Section 106 money will be no more and will be replaced by the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment. The remaining S.106 will be spent. The CIL contribution is decided on a formula. If Portishead had a properly agreed Neighbourhood Plan you get 25% and only 15% without a plan. It is in our interest to have a Neighbourhood Plan. We need 25% of the levy. I gather that the Council is looking at outside consultants to formulate a plan for our neighbourhood. We need everyone to be involved, so that the plan encapsulates what the people of Portishead want and need.
Cllr Mitchell	Agreed with everything that was just said but corrected its title to a Town Vision.
Ms. Lin Morrissey	Is the Town Vision the same as a Neighbourhood Plan or is there two things running simultaneously?
Cllr. Peter Mitchell	Ours will be a Town Vision, not a Neighbourhood Plan as defined under the current planning legislation. One relates to pure planning legislation and the other one feeds into the Local Plan. The Council will fully engage with the population of Portishead.
Ms Lin Morrissey	Suggested that the Council goes with the Neighbourhood Plan and felt that a Town Vision was only about the development at Bristol Road. She asked if a questionnaire will go out to the Town before the Town Council creates a Town Vision?
Cllr. Peter Mitchell	Confirmed that would be the case.
Cllr. Peter Burden	A neighbourhood plan is a scheme being pushed by Government. It would allow the Council to get 25% of CIL if the town were to have an adopted plan. To get a plan it has to work through the community, have an enquiry and has to be in conformity with North Somerset Council and Government. He does not believe that Portishead is a single neighbourhood. The motion to Council was to start with a Town Vision. During the Towns Master Plan process it was very clear that the town wished to protect its Greenbelt status. The Master Plan is now out of date and the process needs to be started again. What is actually needed to fit in with the planning structures is a Vision for the town. He believes there should be a public meeting and facilitators to advise on

	<p>the process. For the Vision to work it has to involve everybody in the Town and then it can feed into the District Council. North Somerset Council will be looking at the Issues and Options for the next planning period up to 2036. It is now our time for the Town to work out what it wants to see, partly to go into the Town Vision and to be fully prepared for when the District Council launch their consultation and have a coherent approach for what this town needs. It will have to be evidenced based for it to work. There has been a lot of talk about sporting facilities and North Somerset Council has engaged consultants to produce a Sports Plan for the Town. They will be reporting on the actual facilities in the town and any possible improvements. He went on to say that until we have the technical detail, we shouldn't be looking at developing any sites. There is no point going forward with a Community Plan under the Planning Act because we will be tying it into a document which, he believes will soon be out of date.</p> <p>All local planning policy has to fit in with the National guidance.</p>
Ms. Tanya Slatter	What is the purpose/outcome of the Vision and what power will that Vision have?
Cllr. Peter Burden	The Vision will say how the Council will spend its money, how it will spend its CIL money and its aims for the Community Plan.
Ms. Tanya Slatter	Referred to the benefits of having a Neighbourhood Plan and what the Government expect councils to do and gave the example of Backwell achieving what they had wanted to achieve.
Cllr. Peter Burden	Backwell plan is great and they have held their appeal. They are now being expected to find an extra 800 homes. Their Local Plan will not be in conformity with North Somerset Councils Local Plan. They have protected Fairley Fields, but there is still a major development proposed for the outskirts of Backwell promoted by North Somerset Council which isn't in conformity with their Local Plan.
Mr. Caritas Charles	He asked the Councillors where have you been that you are only looking at this now? Where was the plan when you were knocking on door steps in 2015? Where was your consultation then? Could it be something to do with being less than a year away from an election. He said he was confused as to why we are now talking about a Vision. He said in his day job when they are tendering for contracts they involve service users. He put it to a vote of the meeting, that at least ½ of the tendering panel for this Council is comprised of residents, who will be part of the consultation process, he went on to say that he was told at a previous council meeting that there will be a number of working parties to devise the Vision. He also proposed to this meeting that 50% of the members of the working parties are actually members of the public representing various parts of the town. He said let us not have this top down approach.

Mr. Ken Smith	Shall we just do away with the Council altogether?
Mr. Caritas Charles	No. What I want is not Communism but open Government. It is government by the people for the people and not top down. Propose this to his fellow citizens.
Mr Ken Smith	This is the bottom tier of local government and has limited responsibility, bus shelters, toilets and a few grants. If the Pro Dem people want to make a difference get down to Weston, where the power is. He does not accept the constant criticism of the people who do this for nothing. To say that they are not interested in Portishead is not true, they are all interested. You have to make decisions on the Council and sometimes they have to say no to things. The power is with North Somerset Council. Cllr. Ap Rees will not do anything to advance Portishead. North Somerset Council take very little notice of Portishead Town Council. He referred to the last PRAM meeting and the need for a Chairman. If you don't want them, don't vote for them but don't keep belittling them.
Mr. Graham Cross	He wanted to look at the age profile of the people in the room. We are all "bandstand people" rather than "skatepark people". He spoke about wanting to get something positive out of the meeting. There are a lot of professional people here, with skills that they could offer, who could help the Council. The Council may know people's names and addresses but they don't know the abilities of people in Portishead. He suggested there is a pool of professions who can assist/advise the Councillors. He said I am not a politician and don't want to be, but I want the best for Portishead. He would rather hear the good news, rather than the bad news and see a positive plan. Portishead was seen in a good light and had a good business acumen, was well presented and thought out. There are lots of snippets about the Golf Course and the levy for the Nature Reserve. Portishead is used as an annex to Bristol. He thinks we need to engage with everyone to make Portishead a better place than it is now. He doesn't have a solution, but thinks it would be a good idea if there was more empowerment and councillors knew who was voting for them, so they could take winningly take on board all this advice.
Mr. Caritas Charles	Mr. Charles reminded the meeting of his two proposals. 1 When the council goes out to tender for the consultant for the Town Vision, that at least 50% of the tendering panel is comprised of residents of Portishead, who are not elected officials. 2 Working parties who will be working on different aspects of the Vision will be made up of 50% of the Towns residents who are not elected officials.
Clerk's Note	A member of the public seconded the proposals.
Jo Duffy Town Clerk	Shall we take a vote please:

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All those in favour of 50% of tendering panel being Portishead Residents please show you cards – 51 For, 3 Against 2. All those in favour of 50% of working parties being Portishead Resident please show your cards – 52 For, 1 Against
Mrs. Ann Townsend	A precedent has already been set with the Filming Protocol with a split of 50% residents and 50% councillors.
Ms Nichola Holland	Has emailed to ask to join the working party for the Vision and has not had a response.
Jo Duffy Town Clerk	The Clerk will investigate and add Ms Holland to the list.
Mr. Adrian Bailey	Lived here in Portishead for 14 years. I have been involved with something for the past 9 months and have written to councillors and not received replies. He said that there has got to be a mechanism where people have the courtesy to respect us, and if nothing else acknowledge what we are saying. He said he has not had a reply or acknowledgement from any District Councillor or member of the cabinet. He wants the very best for the town.
Mr. Jonathan Mock	He asked if Cllr. Burden would respond to his questions about the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, which he has refused to respond to so far.
Cllr. Peter Burden	He stated that he didn't think he had refused.
Mr. Jonathan Mock	Can you clarify, which part of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Act you were using to give out a resident's address at a Town Council meeting. You used a profanity towards me and refused to engage any further.
Cllr. Peter Burden	Stated that Mr. Mock has been referring to this since I mentioned "a resident of *** Road" in relation to a planning application. Cllr Burden said he will not be lobbied on a planning matter by anybody. He believes in openness in local government. He referred to Mr. Mocks address as he thought it was appropriate at the time.
Mr Jonathan Mock	He said that when he had pointed this out to Cllr. Burden, he turned around at a Council meeting and said quote "Chair I did not give out Mr Mocks address" Mr. Mock said he did. He has a recording and a transcript.
Ms Tanya Slatter	Asked if anybody had been contacted following on from the Bristol Road presentation. She had marked on the response slip that she wished to be contacted/involved.
Mrs Annette Hennessy	We are expected as residents to give the Town Council respect. What we can't have is Councillors giving false information. She supports Mr Mock standing up for his rights. Mr Mock put forward a proposal safe guarding the town from development. Cllr Burden gave out Mr. Mocks

	address twice. We don't need the chairman giving out invalid, inaccurate and unevidenced comments.
Ann Townsend	Spoke about the golf course applied for two footpaths on the golf course. The land doesn't appear to be kempt, it looks like the tenant has withdrawn from the lease. In 2011 when Cllr Burden proposed that the Town Council take over the golf course and that this would be good for Portishead. When we hear that the lease is given up can the Town Council protect it as public open space and protect it and fulfil this obligation.
Adrian Bailey	On the subject of the golf course in his world a lease is a lease, if there is no break clause we should be total aware of what the small print in the lease. He believes that they should be maintaining it so that it does not fall fallow. We shouldn't jump in. and find out what it says in the lease. I believe they should still be maintaining the land and the Town Council should not waste money on maintenance if the leaseholder should be doing this.
Jonathan Mock	<p>He read out points from Heather Tomms and Patricia Gardner. Pat Gardner due to the debacle on the 9th May and the band stand idea. I want to state on the ground of musical appreciation who is going want to hear brass band concerts on the line of Trumpton Fire Brigade in modern day Portishead. What has got her goat is that planning permission goes on lake grounds skate park site. The band stand will be misused. If a bandstand is needed let's put in a proper stage a little village called Pilton did the same. Let's go and be the new Glastonbury.</p> <p>Frome they nearly lost the cheese and grain and reinvented it as a music event. A little band called Foo fighters played Frome could we not do the same.</p> <p>Heather Tomms says with all these new developments how are our doctor's surgery going to cope? Why did the council approve these on the back of the Railway happening without guarantees that it would? Where are the affordable homes for our young people as they grow up and want to stay here?</p> <p>Mr Mock asks who stands up for Portishead, yet at PRAM when the vote was taken all councillors voted with the chair, not one councillor stood up and said this meeting should go ahead. They will be asking us to vote for them next year saying we have put in 2 Benches. It has been a depressing year with the town moving backwards. The population is getting younger in the town. North Weston and the attack on the greenbelt. It doesn't warrant an environmental impact assessment. What happened at the last meeting followed by the Annual Town Council meeting, the Chairman was re-elected as the Vice Chair. We have an election coming up where some of our</p>

	councillors will be standing for re-election and he is minded of a band that his uncle used to jam with and they were The Who, who sang the lines "meet the new boss same as the old boss", name of the song was Won't get fooled again, Portishead Don't get fooled again.
Geoff Hardman	<p>I am not a councillor. Various issues that you need to know about. There are Portishead school children being bused out of the Parish as there is no space in Portishead we need more schools. At the Marina there was development and we got a new school which is now overflowing. Do we need another school they are building on Harbour Rd. 200 houses, Serbert Road and a list followed of developments? The land around the train station when it will be built is earmarked for further developments of flats. But they can't afford a school.</p> <p>Wrington is talking to NSC about speed limits being reduced to 20 mph along with the other places such as Weston In Gordano but we can't get the Bristol Road get to 20 mph and there are two schools on that road, no one from Portishead Town Council are discussing this with NSC. Is Clevedon bigger than Portishead it has more councillors. Wyndham Way the houses are being affected by trees. WASP I am co-chairman, we had a poll and it was passed to the public and a committee has been set up. Did a presentation to NSC who said Kilkenny Fields is not an option, Pill Park can't be used. The land between Majestic Wine and the river has four owners. Still waiting for an answer from NSC. Lake Grounds is not an option as the land does need to be piled. I have had it on good authority that the land does not need to be piled, So the Lake Grounds should be considered an option and so should Kilkenny Fields, unfortunately until Mr Bryant disappears along with a few others it won't go forward. We won't go any further until they know about the majestic wine site. There is no point in setting up a committee unless me know as it will cost £175 of your money to set it up.</p>
Dennis Wilson	When Sainsbury's opened they contribute £500k towards various schemes. I am aware it has been spent on Cabstand and also will be spent on the Precinct but I do not know if it has been spent. The Town Council need to make sure the money is spent on Portishead within a certain time otherwise we may have to fore fit the money
Annette Hennessy	Spoke about the documentation, the money is not being spent as it was planned to be. Frustratingly NSC are using this money to pay for the Precinct which it was not intended for as NSC should be maintaining it anyway, therefore the town is paying twice. What is Portishead going to lose because some of its money is being lost to pay for this.
Janet Davey	2.5m was given to this town 45k has been spent on affordable housing in Weston instead of in Portishead. 3 years ago, in 2014 there was a group of people that looked into what could be done on Portishead High street and that is what the money was supposed to be spent on

	<p>this group never heard anymore from NSC. That money has been put to the precinct. It is owned by an insurance company and NSC have a repairing lease and have failed to repair it for about 30 years. The money for the Wharf £80,000 was supposed to have been spent by last year. What is happened with the dock and the sailing club. A lot of the money that has not been spent is due to be given back in 2019. She has asked over and over again for answers to the s.106 funds. I don't think the Town Council has done very much to ask for this money to be spent on our town.</p>
Marilyn Koops	<p>For the last 4 ½ years she has been working on it. She has fought and fought we have had numerous meetings and have been frustrated all the way along. We went to NSC and asked what scoping the town wants. We have tried to get that money allocated, she has dealt with 5 or 6 different officers, you will find that you will be as frustrated as we are. The Precinct will be covered by the surplus from the cabstand project. The council was against to matched funding. The leaflets and the scoping allocations NSC are dragging their heels. Nsc will do what they want to do not what we want them to do. Do you want the Precinct done or just left that's the fact?</p>
Janet Davey	<p>Does anyone on the Town Council know the date that the Sainsbury money expires we have 3 Portishead Councillors who are on the district council why aren't they fighting for this money in Portishead .</p>
Jenny Parry	<p>She is appalled by the Town Council.</p>
Tanya Slatter	<p>Asked the question at a Town Council meeting in past and has not had a response it would have saved a lot time, and that is the problem at council meetings.</p>
Jonathan Mock	<p>What tonight has demonstrated is that there is a dialogue, we are finding things out, we are not having to chip away at the rock face. There is a lot of mistrust if there was some kind of electric media for the Town Council get their message across. He finds it very hard to comprehend that dual hatted members that they have absolutely no way of representing us at a district level. Cllr. Cameron and Bristol road and you should write to NSC a conscientious councillor would take that up on the resident's behalf. If there is one thing that this demonstrated that it is possible to have a dialogue. Let's look at moving things forward and having a dialogue.</p>
Peter Mitchell	<p>Communication and engagement and the Council needs to move forward. Hopefully the council will drag itself into the modern world. We will try.</p>
Geoff Hardman	<p>Quick update on the s.106 I asked Mr Pasley where the money is coming from and too. The Precinct is the responsibility of NSC. Mr Pasley is in charge of assets protection, he needs to protect our town as our councillor.</p>

Mr. Smith	Asked if the Clerk could provide information governing the rules of S.106 money.
Peter Burden	Explained the S.106 it is a mine field.
Caritas Charles	We need proactive councillors, it is important these problems are of their own creation.
Janet Davey	The issues that we have with our district councillors and a meeting about various matters including the skate park. Because no one had mentioned the skate park for three years then there is clearly no need for a skate park. Many of those people had been in meetings and heard that the skate park was mention. They did not stand up for us. Only one bothered to reply to her request, at a meeting a few weeks ago I asked Cllr. Oyns why he did not stand up for the skate park, he did not know why but would get back to me, which he hasn't done. So, we have district councillors who did not bother to tell Nigel Ashton or others that the skate park had been mention, and that lead to a Parish Poll. She is disgusted with that.
Peter Mitchell	Has joined WASP we have to look forward.
Annette Hennessy	Disappointed that we were divided into Skatepark and bandstand. She doesn't think Portishead is divided. Mr. Mitchell has talked about moving forward and you then ignore the facts from the past. Councillors are reiterating lies and false information. Tonight, she would give skate park evidence. She is tired of miss-information even her comments were not being listened to. You will go around in circles with Kilkenny Fields. Wanted to discuss several topics. After attending many meetings. The Clerk published this meeting more widely and especially social media. With all the political problems Portishead is still the best town. Our young people have been failed with regard to the skatepark which was granted full planning permission and police support. Why is Portishead at the mercy at 6 executive members? 3 who live in Portishead. They choose to override democracy. We were told we should follow due process which Portishead skate park project did. She referred to a councillor breaching the code of conduct she has written evidence. The facts are important. Cllr Pasley has said not once but twice said that Slade Road does not need planning permission for a skate park, he could not pretend that he did not remember there is video evidence. A group of people funded the planning advice to prove the miss information re planning permission. Another councillor said Portishead Football Club was entirely responsible for the plans for Bristol Road including a skate park, when the Football Club said they had no interest in a skate park it said Cllr Peter Mitchell had added it. Somerset Football Association were not on board with the plans for the football club. It is important to hold people to account. She will continue to hold people up to account. Why do councillors not read the evidence? Over the last year the public have had verbal confrontation,

	<p>residents have been abused, have to protect residents against what has happened in meetings. We never had the problems years ago, if such politics goes on in Portishead what on earth goes on up in London. Dart throwing by one local councillor in Portishead which turned out to be false. The pavements are supposed to have been enhanced, NSC has to go back to Sainsburys before they can use any of the money why are the rules changing. Nobody appears to be taking ownership of the project. Mr Gill did the Xmas window for years as a volunteer he did it because he wanted to improve the town. She can't recall this been done on any other agreement. Russ Currie said they could change the agreement. If the donator has to be consulted then shouldn't the residents be consulted too. David Pasley said that Local people will be consulted before a decision is made re s109. What will the town lose when funding is no longer available? Cllr. Koops changed her mind after listening to the public which I praise, we deserve that at least. Let's hope that district councillor does the same. Praise also for Jean Lord to get names included in the minutes, I know however that some councillors put their political line before the towns interest. The chairman has a casting vote at a residents meeting, will not be impartial. It is not your role as a chair to stop people speaking. Well done to the Christmas Lights Committee, and Portishead Carnival too, Portishead Soapbox was fun, Portishead in Bloom keep the town lovely. She hopes the light returns to Portishead Council, it is interesting that on the skate park if the majority of district councillors support Kilkenny Fields Oyns, Pasley, Rayna Knight, Peter Burden. Elfan ap Rees said it was a no goer. He said it was unfounded evidence from David Pasley and no one challenged the information. Only two didn't support it was Nigel Ashton and Felicity Baker. The planning application has to come first. Re-consider Kilkenny Fields. Tell Mr Pasley to go back and ask for Kilkenny Fields to be reconsidered.</p>
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Meeting concluded at: 10.05pm

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