

**MINUTES OF PORTISHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
31st January 2018 7.30PM**

PRESENT: - Councillor Oyns - in the Chair
Councillors: - *Cameron, R. Cruse, Lord and Mason
Staff: - Jo Duffy – Clerk of the Council
Public: - There were 4 members of the public in attendance

* Cllr. Cameron arrived 8.35pm.

RW1784 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item .1)

There was one declaration of interest recorded in the Declarations of Interest Register.

Cllr. Oyns stated that any views expressed on matters to also be considered at North Somerset Council (NSC) would be provisional and based on the facts currently known. He would be exercising his right to reconsider the matter afresh when the matter went before North Somerset Council.

APOLOGIES (Agenda item .2)

Apologies were received from Councillor Burden, Clark, Cottrell, M. Cruse, Mitchell, Pasley and Terry.

RW1785 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda item .3)

There were 2 members of the public in attendance who wished to address the meeting: -

- Mr. Brian Clayton spoke about the Memorial project and his objection to a new “fully inclusive memorial”. He asked if the Council could tell him who has been excluded from Portishead memorials, why is there a need for another memorial, who is it to be dedicated to and will it replace the town’s present war memorials? He also commented on his disappointment that only one Town Councillor attended the Royal British Legion President’s funeral.
- Mr. Geoff Hardman raised three points; the appalling condition of the road surface on West Hill, North Somerset Council requesting funds from the Town Council to fix their own play areas and about his

disappointment that WASP did not appear on the Recreation and Works Agenda.

These minutes summarise what was said during public participation and were views expressed by the speaker, not the Town Council.

Clerks note: Cllr. Lord left the room at 7.48pm and returned at 7.50pm.

RW1786 TO REVIEW AND AGREE CHANGES TO THE NORTH WESTON ALLOTMENT SITE RULES (Agenda item .4)

The meeting briefly reviewed the site rules. It was agreed to leave the site rules unchanged.

RW1787 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE SLADE ROAD PLAY AREA (Agenda item .5)

The following recommendation was made:

A vote of thanks is to go to the Town Orderly for all his hard work clearing the Slade Road site. The report is noted.

A vote was taken with all in favour.

RW1788 PILL PARK UPDATE (Agenda item .6)

The Clerk updated the meeting and explained that North Somerset Council is working on a design which will then be passed to Quay's Marina, prior to going out to full consultation. The members discussed at length their disappointment with North Somerset Council's lack of progress with the Pill Park project.

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council writes a strongly worded letter of complaint to North Somerset Council regarding the lengthy delays in completing this project. A copy of the complaint letter is to go to Cllr. Felicity Baker.

A vote was taken with all in favour.

RW1789 TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE REDUNDANT BUS SHELTER ON HARBOUR ROAD (Agenda item .7)

The meeting briefly discussed the report and it was agreed to defer any decision until after the visit from the First Bus representative. This will allow the Town Council to established whether the Harbour Road bus route would be re-instated at some point in the future.

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council defers making a decision on moving the Harbour Road bus shelter until it can be established if the bus route will be re-instated.

A vote was taken with all in favour.

RW1790 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE WW1 CENTENARY WORKING PARTY (Agenda item .8)

The Clerk confirmed that utility surveys have been commissioned for two of the suggested memorial sites, two quotes have been received from stone masons and North Somerset Council has confirmed that memorials have Permitted Development Rights, meaning that planning permission is not required. Cllr. Oyns will take Mr. Claytons comments to the next Working Party meeting.

RW1791 UNDERWOOD ROAD PLAY AREA – EXTENSION OF FENCING (Agenda item .9)

The following recommendations were made:

Portishead Town Council agrees to the purchase and installation of an additional fencing panel for the play area at Underwood Road at a cost of £725 + VAT.

A vote was taken with the majority in favour.

RW1792 TO DISCUSS THE RECENTLY REMOVED CLIMBING WALL AT PARISH WHARF (Agenda .10)

The meeting discussed replacing the climbing wall and suggested investigating grant funding options or off-setting the costs via S.106 monies.

The following recommendation was made:

The Recreation and Works Committee defers making any recommendation until funding information is available.

A vote was taken with all in favour.

RW1793 TO REVIEW QUOTES FOR REPLACEMENT BAR AREA LIGHTING IN THE FOLK HALL (Agenda .11)

It was suggested that the Clerk contacts Portishead Youth Centre as they may have spare light fittings the Town Council can utilise. If the light fittings are not suitable the following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council approves quote A to replace the bar area lighting at the Folk Hall at a cost of £583.45 + VAT.

A vote was taken with all in favour

RW1794 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE TREES AND HEDGES AT GERTIE GALES AND NORTH WESTON ALLOTMENTS SITES (Agenda .12)

The Clerk ran through the report on the trees and hedges at Gertie Gale and North Weston Allotments. It was agreed that quotes should be sought for the work and noted that work needs to be completed prior to the bird nesting season (March – August). The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council seeks quotes for the works to the trees and hedges at Gertie Gales and North Weston Allotments.

A vote was taken with all in favour

RW1795 AN UPDATE MAY BE OFFERED ON BRISTOL ROAD PLAYING FIELD (Agenda .13)

There was nothing to report.

RW1796 TO REPORT ON A SURVEY OF THE TOWNS LITTER AND DOG BINS. (Agenda .14)

Clerk's note: Cllr. Cameron joined the meeting at 8.35pm.

The meeting discussed a number of locations around the town where dog fouling is a particular issue for the residents. The locations noted were Capenor Court, Seaview Road and outside High Down School. The Clerk will contact the Community Response Officer and make him aware of the problematic areas and also ask North Somerset Council whether the bin information held on Earthlite has been updated yet?

RW1797 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING (Agenda item .15)

1. WASP (Wheels and Skate Park)
2. To discuss Public Space Protection Orders in Portishead
3. To report on a survey of the towns litter and dog bins.
4. An update may be offered on Bristol Road playing field
5. To receive an update from the WW1 Centenary Working Party

RW1798 HEAVEN'S FIELD – UPDATE (Agenda .16)

The Clerk has visited Heavens Field and taken photographs of the site. These will be kept on the file.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.46pm.