

**MINUTES OF PORTISHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
26th APRIL 2017 7.30PM**

PRESENT: - Councillor Oyns - in the Chair

Councillors: - Cameron, R. Cruse, M. Cruse, Cottrell, Huffadine-Cooper, Koops, Mason, & Lord

Staff: - Jo Duffy – Clerk of the Council

Public: - There was 1 member of the public in attendance and Cllr. Reyna Knight

RW1687 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item .1)

There were three declarations 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 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.

Cllr. M. Cruse declared a personal interest in agenda items 6 & 7 as he is a plot holder at North Weston Allotments.

Cllr. R. Cruse declared a personal interest in agenda items 6 & 7 as her husband is a plot holders at North Weston Allotments.

APOLOGIES (Agenda item .2)

Apologies were received from Councillors Terry, Clark, Mitchell & Pasley

RW1688 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda item .3)

There was 1 member of the public in attendance who wished to address the meeting: -

- A resident objected to the possibility of being filmed during meetings against her wishes.

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

RW1689 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN ORDERLY WORKING PARTY (Agenda item .4)

The meeting briefly discussed the report and recommendation. The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council buys into North Somerset Council's Grounds Maintenance contract with Glendale for the provision of a Town Orderly. The contract will secure a named individual for one day a week for 50 weeks of the year at a cost of no more than £7,500. The contract is to be reviewed on an annual basis. The Clerk will manage the Town Orderly on a day to day basis, following the agreed works schedule and maps.

Portishead Town Council has waived its financial regulations as North Somerset Council appointed Glendale through a full tender process in compliance with the Public Procurement Regulations (EU/OJEU tender process). The tender advertised the scope of the contract including the provision for Town and Parish Council's to access the contract. North Somerset Council has sought best value for money on behalf of the Town Council.

A vote was taken with the majority in favour.

Clerk's Note: Cllr. Cottrell abstained from the vote.

RW1690 TO NOTE THE SPEEDING DATA FROM THE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (VAS) (Agenda item .5)

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council notes the report.

Clerk's Note: Cllr. M. Cruse left the room at 7.44pm.

RW1691 TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED NEW SITE RULES FOR NORTH WESTON ALLOTMENTS (Agenda item .6)

The Clerk was asked to seek clarification from the Allotment Committee on the following:

- The use of the phrase "co-worker" in site rule number 24.
- Rule number 37 to include the additional words "or his representative" after the words Chairman of the Town Council.
- On rule 42 what is the meaning of the phrase rammed earth?

- Rule 53 should include the phrase not to exceed 2.5m/8 feet in height.

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council accepts the updated North Weston Allotment Committee Site Rules subject to the points raised by the Clerk being clarified/included by the Allotment Committee.

A vote was taken with a majority in favour.

Clerk's Note: Cllr. R. Cruse abstained from the vote.

RW1692 TO NOTE THE REQUEST FROM NORTH WESTON ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION TO PLANT AMELANCHIER CANADENSIS TREES ALONG THE FORMER RAILWAY LINE TO CREATE A WIND BREAK. (Agenda item .7)

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council approves the choice of Amelanchier Canadensis trees as a wind break along the former railway line at North Weston Allotments.

A vote was taken with a majority in favour.

Clerk's Note: Cllr. R. Cruse abstained from the vote. Cllr. M. Cruse returned to the room.

RW1693 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES ON THE PILL PARK CONSULTATION (Agenda item .8)

There was nothing to report.

RW1694 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES ON THE AVON WAY HALL CONSULTATION (Agenda item .9)

The Clerk briefed the meeting on the Avon Way Hall consultation and noted that the closing date for expressions of interest is 28th April 2017.

RW1695 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES ON THE CABSTAND/BRUNEL COURT IMPROVEMENT WORKS (Agenda item .10)

The meeting noted that there was no update.

RW1696 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES ON THE SKATE/WHEELS PARK (Agenda .11)

Cllr. Oyns confirmed that a meeting did take place on 26th April 2017 between the Ward Councillors, North Somerset Council officers and the Executive to discuss a skate/wheel's park in Portishead. He confirmed that the Town Council will receive a letter from North Somerset Council in due course.

RW1697 TO DISCUSS 'DOG POO BAG DISPENSERS' – CLLR. OYNS (Agenda item .12)

The meeting discussed the item at length. The following recommendation was made:

The Clerk is tasked with writing an article for the next edition of Gordano Living on the safe disposal of dog waste.

A vote was taken with all in favour.

RW1698 TO DISCUSS THE PUBLIC ART IN PORTISHEAD THAT FALLS UNDER PERSIMMONS RESPONSIBILITY – CLLR. OYNS (Agenda item .13)

The meeting was advised that the Viaggio sculpture on Pill Park will be dismantled shortly and put in to storage until a roundabout can be found to relocate it to.

RW1699 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING (Agenda item .14)

The following recommendation was made:

1. Pill Park
2. Avon Way
3. Wheels/Skatepark

RW1700 EXEMPT ITEM

The following resolution was made:

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s100 of the Local Government Act 1972) the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that its consideration would involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1.

A vote was taken with all in favour.

Clerk's note: The public left the room.

RW1701 HEAVEN'S FIELD – UPDATE (Agenda .15)

There was nothing to report.

RW1702 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON BRISTOL ROAD PLAYING FIELDS (Agenda .16)

This item was deferred until the next Recreation and Works Committee meeting.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.14pm.