

**MINUTES OF PORTISHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
29th MARCH 2017 7.30PM**

PRESENT: - Councillor Oyns - in the Chair

Councillors: - Cameron, Clark, R. Cruse, M. Cruse, Huffadine-Cooper, Mason

Staff: - Jo Duffy – Clerk of the Council

Public: - There were 6 members of the public in attendance

RW1674 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item .1)

There was one 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.

APOLOGIES (Agenda item .2)

Apologies were received from Councillors Burden, Cottrell, Lord & Koops.

RW1675 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda item .3)

There were 3 members of the public in attendance who wished to address the meeting: -

- A resident spoke about the plans for the Cabstand junction and about the lack of an apology from a Town Councillor.
- A resident spoke about the possibility of introducing a 'Pump Track' to Portishead.
- A resident spoke about inaccuracies in the minutes, as well as a skate/wheels' park, the speed activation sign and civil parking enforcement.

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

Clerks Note:- The members agreed to change the order of the meeting and suspend standing orders to allow Mr. Chavasse to address the committee.

RW1676 TO DISCUSS THE DONATION OF BENCHES FROM THE PORTISHEAD LIONS CLUB TO THE TOWN (Agenda item .10)

Mr. Chavasse of Portishead Lions Club spoke about benches and indicated that the Lions did not want to impose on the Town Council the type of bench they should have or where they should be placed.

The meeting reviewed possible locations including between the Halls & Woodhouse Pub and Parish Wharf Leisure Centre along the dock edge, the wide walkway North East of the lock gates facing the sea on the lower level and the area where Portbury Ditch comes out into the estuary which features a capstan. The Clerk was asked to work with the Club to agree a style of bench and their locations. It was noted that there would be a need for the Town Council and Lions to liaise with North Somerset Council on locations.

Clerks Note: Standing orders were reconvened.

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council accepts the very kind offer of benches from Portishead Lions Club and allow them the total freedom to select the style of bench and location.

A vote was taken with a majority in favour.

RW1677 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES ON THE PILL PARK CONSULTATION (Agenda item .4)

The meeting reviewed a set of pictures taken of the Pill Park shore line and noted the unsuitability of the proposed pontoons.

RW1678 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES ON THE AVON WAY HALL CONSULTATION (Agenda item .5)

The Clerk gave a brief verbal update on Avon Way Hall.

RW1679 TO NOTE THE FINAL PLANS FOR THE CABSTAND/BRUNEL COURT IMPROVEMENT WORKS AS PROVIDED BY NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL FOLLOWING REQUESTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL (Agenda item .6)

A brief discussion took place and points were raised about the comments made during public participation, the removal of redundant street furniture, the reinstatement of the bench and boulder and possible access issues created by the picket fence installed on the Town Garden.

The following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council expresses its concern regarding the lack of a pedestrian crossing outside the petrol station on the southbound carriage way of the High Street.

RW1680 TO DISCUSS MARKING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE PORTISHEAD DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK FOR PORTISHEAD QUAYS AT EAST PORTISHEAD CIRCA. 1997 (Agenda item .7)

The Clerk gave a brief verbal update on the marking the anniversary of the Portishead development framework for Portishead Quays at East Portishead circa. 1997. The Gordano Civic Society will ask its members if they wish to contribute.

RW1681 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE FELLING OF A DECAYING OAK TREE AT MEAD ROAD PLAY AREA (Agenda item .8)

A discussion took place and the following recommendation was made:

Portishead Town Council agrees to the felling of a decayed oak tree at its Mead Road play area. The work is to cost £1,420 plus VAT. The work is to take place as soon as possible. The felled tree is to be replaced by an English Oak or suitable alternative.

A vote was taken with all in favour.

RW1682 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES ON THE SKATE/WHEELS PARK (Agenda item .9)

The meeting discussed the vacant piece of land next to Portishead Medical Group and speculated whether it could be used for a skate/wheel's park. Cllr. Oyns will make further enquiries regarding the site.

RW1683 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN ORDERLY WORKING PARTY (Agenda item .11)

The Town Orderly Working Party will report back at the April Recreation & Works Committee meeting.

RW1684 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING (Agenda .12)

1. Cabstand works update
2. Town Orderly
3. Pill Park
4. Avon Way Hall
5. Skate/Wheels Park

RW1685 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.

Clerks note: The public left the room.

RW1686 HEAVEN'S FIELD – UPDATE (Agenda .13)

A brief discussion took place and it was agreed that Heavens Field update remains on the agenda indefinitely.

RW1687 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON BRISTOL ROAD PLAYING FIELDS (Agenda .14)

There was no update received.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.