

**MINUTES OF THE 124TH ORDINARY MEETING OF
PORTISHEAD & NORTH WESTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE FOLK HALL, HIGH STREET, PORTISHEAD
ON WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST 2003**

PRESENT Councillor Johnston – in the Chair

Councillor Mrs Bickley, Brown, J H Clark, Mrs Cruse, Daws, Gething,
Mrs Lord, Mrs Mason, A McMurray, J McMurray, Miers, Pasley,
Terry, Walters

Mrs P Rendle - Clerk of the Council

APOLOGIES Councillor Miss Griffiths, Rigby

1031 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Mr Beavis of 28 High View to address the Council in respect of planning application 03/P/1809/F – proposed single storey extension at 27 High View.

Mr Beavis reiterated the comments he made to the Planning Committee on 2nd August, particularly with regard to the length of the proposed extension and the detrimental effect it would have on his property. Mr Beavis also expressed his concern about the proposed car parking arrangements and drew members attention to the comments made by the Planning Inspector to a previous application which had suggested similar parking arrangements.

Mr Beavis urged the Council to recommend that the application be refused.

Standing Orders were resumed.

1032 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Mason

- Personal Interest in Minute No. 1036 – Planning Application 03/P/1809/F
Reason – acquaintance of neighbour at 28 High View

Councillor Gething

- Personal Interest in Minute No. 1036 – Planning Application 03/P/1788/F
Reason – acquaintance of applicant

Councillor Johnston

- Personal Interest in Minute No. 1036 – Planning Application 03/P/1800/F
Reason – acquaintance of applicant
- Personal Interest in Minute No. 1037 (RW517) – Replacement of North Weston Village Hall
Reason – Chairman of North Weston Village Hall Management Committee

Councillor Mrs Lord

- Personal Interest in Minute No. 1037 (RW518) – Lake Grounds
Reason – Owner of neighbouring property

Councillor J McMurray

- Personal Interest in Minute No. 1037 (RW519) – Portished Quays Public Art
Reason – Member of Portishead Quays Public Art Steering Group

Councillor Pasley

- Personal Interest in Minute No. 1037 (RW518) – Lake Grounds
Reason – Owner of neighbouring property

Declaration by members who serve on both the Town and District Council

Councillors Daws, Brown, J H Clark, Gething, Terry and Walters stated that any views they expressed on matters to also be considered at North Somerset Council would be provisional and based on the facts currently known. They would be exercising their rights to reconsider the matter afresh when the matter went before North Somerset Council.

1033 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 123rd Ordinary Meeting of Portishead and North Weston Town Council held on 9th July 2003 be confirmed as correct.

1034 MOTION TO COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO. 17

Councillor J McMurray proposed the following motion –

Motion

On behalf of the residents of Portishead and North Weston Town, the Council places on record their appreciation and thanks to Mr Bob Sommers for the leadership and dedication given by him, during his 12 years as Headteacher of Gordano School.

In addition to his original motion, Councillor McMurray also proposed that Mr Sommers be presented with a suitably engraved Town Council plaque.

During the ensuing discussion a number of members questioned whether it was appropriate for the Town Council to single out particular citizens for honour in this manner and cautioned against setting a precedent which could cause problems in the future. Other members spoke in support of the motion, acknowledging in particular the high standards and level of academic achievement attained at Gordano School under Mr Sommers' headship.

A subsequent motion to proceed to next business was defeated.

Upon being put to the vote the motion recorded above was carried. It was therefore RESOLVED that

On behalf of the residents of Portishead and North Weston Town, the Council places on record their appreciation and thanks to Mr Bob Sommers for the leadership and dedication given by him, during his 12 years as Headteacher of Gordano School.

Mr Sommers to be presented with a suitably engraved Town Council plaque.

1035 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND BANK RECONCILIATION/CASH STATEMENT

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Payments and Bank Reconciliation/Cash Statement for the month of July 2003 be APPROVED.

1036 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillor Mrs Bickley, Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented the report of the Committee meeting held on 2nd August 2003.

RESOLVED that the report and recommendations thereon be APPROVED.

The report of the Committee meeting held on 2nd August 2003 is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

1037 RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE

Councillor Mrs Cruse, Chairman of the Recreation and Works Committee, presented the report of the Committee meeting held on 23rd July 2003.

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

RW517 REPLACEMENT OF NORTH WESTON VILLAGE HALL

Amend recommendation 5. to read –

5. The working party and Clerk be authorised to spend up to £2,000 on initial “pump-priming” design and feasibility costs

The Council expressed their grateful thanks to the working party for their work so far.

RW518 LAKE GROUNDS

Amend recommendation 1. to read –

1. A sympathetic style of fencing be used around the patio and tea room.

Councillor Pasley voted against the Committee recommendation and asked that this be recorded.

The report of the Committee meeting held on 2^{3rd} July, 2003 is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

1038 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN PUT BEFORE THE COUNCIL

NSC Standards Committee – Mr Tony Horry elected as Town and Parish Council representative.

Local Authorities (Members Allowances) Regulations 2003 – In force with effect from 1st May 2003. Further information awaited.

Staffing Matter – Resignation of Mr Bob Crane.

Relocation of Disabled Toilet and other alterations – Building contract to commence 8th September 2003.

Training Events – Code of Conduct 15.9.03, Planning Workshop 9.10.03

The following items were circulated for information –

NSC Highways Services – June 2003

Redcliffe Bay Hall Man.Cttee – AGM 2.6.03

Portishead Community Safety Local Action Team – 20.5.03

Portishead Quays Public Art Steering Group – 15.7.03

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

..... Chairman

3rd September 2003