

**MINUTES OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF  
PORTISHEAD AND NORTH WESTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT  
THE FOLK HALL, HIGH STREET, PORTISHEAD ON  
WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2003, FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**PRESENT** Councillor Alan Pickering – Presiding

Councillors Mrs Bickley, Brown, J H Clark, J S Clark, Mrs Cruse, Daws, Gething, Ms Griffiths, Johnston, Mrs Lord, Mrs Mason, \*A McMurray, J McMurray, Miers, Rigby, Terry, Walters.

\*Councillor A McMurray arrived at 8.30pm

Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council

**APOLOGIES** Councillor Pasley

**ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2003/2004**

Councillor Mrs Bickley proposed, Councillor Daws seconded, the motion that Councillor Michael Johnston be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

There being no further nominations it was therefore RESOLVED that Councillor Michael Johnston be elected Chairman of the Council for the year 2003/2004.

The Clerk, acting as the Proper Officer of the Council, then received the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Johnston thanked the members of the Council for having elected him Chairman. He was delighted to be given the opportunity to represent the Town and would endeavour to live up to the confidence that had been placed in him. He was looking forward to the year ahead and pledged to do his best for the Council and the Town.

In paying tribute to the retiring Chairman, Councillor Johnston informed members that Alan Pickering was standing down as a Councillor after nearly 30 years of public service. During this time he had served as Chairman of both the former North Weston Parish Council and, on two occasions, the amalgamated Portishead and North Weston Town Council. He had also been presented to HM Queen Elizabeth II and HRH Prince Charles. Councillor Johnston thanked Alan for his hard work and service to the Town and, on behalf of all the members of the Council, presented him with a plaque to commemorate his term of office.

Councillor Johnston also presented Alan with a framed photograph that had been taken at the recent re-opening of the childrens play area at the Lake Grounds.

In reply, Alan thanked the Council for their support and friendship. He had thoroughly enjoyed his time as a Councillor and paid tribute to the many people he had met over the years. He wished the new Council every success.

In bringing his address to a close, Councillor Johnston expressed a wish that the new Council be vibrant and forward looking and urged all members to participate fully in Council meetings, discussions and debates in order to “get things done”.

### **ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2003/2004**

Councillor Mrs Cruse proposed, Councillor J McMurray seconded, the motion that Councillor Daws be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

There being no further nominations it was therefore RESOLVED that Councillor John Daws be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 2003/2004.

The Clerk, acting as the Proper Officer of the Council, then received the Vice-Chairman’s Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Daws thanked the members of the Council for having elected him Vice-Chairman. He pledged to serve the Council to the best of his ability and offered his full support to the Chairman.

### **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 2003/2004**

#### **Planning Committee**

It was RESOLVED to appoint the following core members to the Planning Committee –

Chairman of the Council	ex-officio
Vice-Chairman of the Council	ex-officio
Councillor Ms Griffiths	Central Ward
Councillor Rigby	Coast Ward
Councillor Mrs Bickley	East Ward
Councillor J S Clark	Redcliffe Bay Ward
Councillor Gething	South and North Weston Ward
Councillor Mrs Mason	West Ward

It was further RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Bickley be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

Councillors noted that it was intended to carry out a review of the Planning Committee procedures and administration at the earliest opportunity.

#### **Recreation & Works Committee**

It was RESOLVED to appoint the following core members to the Recreation and Works Committee –

Chairman of the Council	ex-officio
Vice-Chairman of the Council	ex-officio
Councillor J McMurray	Central Ward

Councillor Walters  
Councillor Mrs Lord  
Councillor Miers  
Councillor A McMurray  
Councillor Mrs Cruse

Coast Ward  
East Ward  
Redcliffe Bay Ward  
South and North Weston Ward  
West Ward

It was further RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Cruse be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

Councillors were reminded that membership of both Committees was open to all councillors who wished to attend the meetings, and the core members named constituted the minimum membership only.

**APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES FOR THE YEAR 2003/2004**

It was RESOLVED to appoint the following representatives on outside bodies –

Twining Association	Chairman (ex-officio) Councillor Mrs Lord
Portishead Youth Centre	Councillor Mrs Cruse
Avon Local Councils Association	Councillor Mrs Bickley Councillor J McMurray Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council
Bristol Road Playing Field Management Committee	Councillor A McMurray Councillor Terry
North Weston Allotments	Councillor J McMurray Councillor Walters
North Somerset Environment Group (Local Agenda 21)	Councillor Gething
Tree Warden	Councillor Gething
Portishead Partnership	Chairman (ex-officio) Councillor J S Clark Councillor Rigby
Redcliffe Bay Hall Management Committee	Councillor J S Clark Councillor Mrs Mason Councillor Miers
North Weston Village Hall Management Committee	Councillor Johnston

Bristol Transport Forum	Councillor Miers Councillor Mrs Lord - substitute
Conservation Area Advisory Committee	Councillor Gething Councillor Ms Griffiths
Portishead Quays Public Art Strategy	Councillor J McMurray
Gordano Councils Transport Group	Councillor Mrs Bickley Councillor Miers
Community Safety Local Action Team	Councillor Mrs Bickley Councillor Pasley Councillors Johnston and Walters – substitutes
Portishead Networking Group	Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council
North Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau	Councillor Pasley
Town Councils Forum	Chairman (ex-officio) Vice-Chairman (ex-officio) Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council
Portishead Tourism Group	Councillor Walters

## **APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

### **Vacancy**

It was RESOLVED that Dr V Poirer be re-appointed as minor authority representative on the governing body of St Joseph's RC School for a further four year term to May 2007.

### **Continuing appointments**

The following continuing minor authority appointments were noted –

Highdown Infants	Councillor Pasley (to February 2004)
Highdown Juniors	Mr A Pickering (to September 2004)
Portishead Primary	Dr J Johnston (to October 2005)
St Barnabas Primary	Mrs C Heidemeyer (to October 2003)
St Peters Primary	Dr M Kemp (to September 2004)

**APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORISED CHEQUE SIGNATORIES**

It was RESOLVED that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Chairman of the Recreation and Works Committee and Clerk be designated as authorised cheque signatories.

**CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2003/2004**

The calendar of meetings for 2003/2004 was APPROVED. It was further noted that arrangements for the meetings of the Planning Committee were being reviewed and could be changed in due course.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

It was RESOLVED to pay the following annual subscriptions –

- (a) Avon Local Councils Association - £1, 541.13. Councillor Walters asked that his vote against the payment of this subscription be recorded. The Clerk was asked to provide members with a briefing note about the role of the Association.
- (b) Avon Wildlife Trust – Friends of Weston Big Wood - £36. Councillor Gething declared a personal interest in the matter, as the former Chief Executive of the Trust.
- (c) Community Action - £20
- (d) Society of Local Council Clerk's - £95 (approx – actual figure to be confirmed January 2004).

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

.....Chairman

14<sup>th</sup> May 2003