

**MINUTES OF THE 101ST ORDINARY MEETING OF
PORTISHEAD & NORTH WESTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT THE FOLK HALL, HIGH STREET, PORTISHEAD
ON WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2001**

PRESENT Councillor Mrs Cruse – in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Bickley, Brine, Brown, J H Clark, J S Clark, Daws,
Mrs Haysom, J Johnston, M Johnston, Mrs Mason, Palmer, Pickering,
Walters, Whitfield

Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council

APOLOGIES Councillor Pasley, Terry

Before commencing the formal business of the meeting members observed a minutes silence as a mark of respect following the recent tragic events in America.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Mr Ken Rossiter, a resident of Newlands Hill, to express his concerns about the effectiveness of the Severnside Sirens, one of which was located in Portishead. In particular, Mr Rossiter asked if any councillors had heard the siren on the previous Sunday and questioned whether the Council were satisfied with the arrangements.

In reply, Councillor Walters, as a former member of the Severnside Siren Trust, confirmed that the Trust were concerned that there was only one siren located in Portishead and were hoping to provide an additional siren in due course. He confirmed that the siren had been tested on Sunday 9th September.

A straw-poll indicated that out of the 10 councillors in Portishead on Sunday only 2 heard the siren.

Standing Orders were resumed.

836 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 100th Ordinary Meeting of Portishead and North Weston Town Council held on 8th August 2001 be confirmed as correct.

837 PARISH WHARF LEISURE CENTRE

Standing Orders were suspended to allow members to question Mr Russ Currie, North Somerset Council Recreation Officer, about recent problems at the Parish Wharf Leisure Centre.

Mr Currie acknowledged that many of the problems, particularly in respect of the water features and water temperature, originated from defects from when the Leisure Centre was built. He confirmed that North Somerset Council were discussing remedial action with the contractor and architect and that this may involve digging up the Leisure Pool. He also confirmed that the Council were considering taking legal action and he was therefore unable to give any further details as he did not wish to prejudice the Council's legal position.

Mr Currie also confirmed that other issues raised by councillors, particularly the standard of cleanliness, and non-functioning display unit, would be taken up with the pool management.

In answering other questions raised by councillors Mr Currie confirmed that the requirement for people to shower before entering the pool was not enforced as this European ruling was not considered to be particularly effective.

He also undertook to investigate both the provision of "poop-scoop" bins on the adjoining play area site and security problems at the open-air pool at the Lake Grounds.

The Chairman thanked Mr Currie for attending the meeting.

838 MINOR AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS

Members were informed that a vacancy for a minor authority nominated governor had arisen at Portishead Primary School following the completion of Councillor J Johnston's term of office.

RESOLVED that

Councillor J Johnston be re-appointed as minor authority governor for Portishead Primary School for a further four-year term.

839 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND BANK RECONCILIATION/CASH STATEMENT

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Payments and Bank Reconciliation/Cash Statement for the month of August 2001 be approved.

840 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillor J Johnston, Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented the report of the meeting held on 8th September 2001.

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

**01/P/1625/RM CHARLCOMBE CARAVAN PARK, DOWN ROAD,
PORTISHEAD**

Amend 3rd bullet point of preamble to read –

- The eight housing association units were in two short, inward facing, terraces. Could they be realigned to face the view?

01/P/1527/F 63 WOODHILL ROAD, PORTISHEAD

Convert existing nursing home into four flats and one house.

Amend recommendation to read –

We are concerned about the car parking in this area and consider that the existing car parking provision in Battery Lane should be included in the application.

We also wish to point out that this site is in a conservation area and this should be taken into account.

Recommend REFUSAL

The report of the meeting held on 8th September 2001 is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

841 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN PUT BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Education Provision in Portishead – Review taking place Autumn 2002.

Nominations for Town and Parish Council Representative on NSC Standards

Committee – Town Council result 1st A Pickering, 2nd R Fox, Joint 3rd D Millier/T Wilson

New Bus Service – Service 660 serving Portishead to Yatton.

Parish Wharf Leisure Centre – Thanks received for donation towards replacement Aqua Run.

Use of Folk Hall Car Park – Negotiations with consultants ceased.

The Chairman also informed members the former Councillor Gerald Barker was getting married on 6th October 2001. Members asked that their congratulations be forwarded.

The following items were circulated for information –

NSC – Highways Services Information Sheet – July 2001

Bristol Transport Forum – Report of meeting 6th August 2001

Redcliffe Bay Hall Management Committee – Report of meeting 10th July 2001

NSC Planning & Enforcement – Best Value Review

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

..... Chairman

10th October 2001