

**The following are the DRAFT minutes of an ordinary meeting of Priston Parish Council held on Monday 4 April 2005 in the Village Hall, Priston. These have not yet been approved, by the Councillors, as an accurate record of proceedings.**

Councillor Hughes presided, Councillors Cross, Geake, Nokes, Whybrow and Parish Clerk were present.

1. **Apologies** received from Councillors Bowyer and Lippiatt and District Councillor Mrs Todd.
2. **The Minutes of the meeting** held on 7 February were read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising:**
  - (i) **Computer** - No further progress had been made with supply of computer.
  - (ii) **The Countryside Agency (Map of Registered Common Land)** - After checking of maps held in parish archives and a visit by the Clerk to the local Commons Registration Officer it has transpired that the piece of land adjacent to Wood Lodge, Barnstables and Pressbarrow Farm was only provisionally registered as common land in 1969. It had been withdrawn on the recommendation of Somerset County Council as it formed a right of way to the properties. The Village Green was, however, formally registered.
  - (iii) **Contract of Employment** - The Clerk advised she had arranged a meeting with the Internal Auditor and would seek his advice in the compilation of an appropriate Contract of Employment.
4. **Correspondence** - The Clerk advised (a) of an invitation to attend the launch of a Community Contact Vehicle at Keynsham Police Station on the rescheduled date of 20 April; (b) letter written to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee as requested at the previous meeting and (c) letter from the editors of The Link. Agreed this latter be held over for discussion at the next meeting which it was hoped all councillors would be able to attend.
5. **Financial Report** - The Clerk reported a current balance at the bank of £530.10 and cash balance of £4.94p. Mrs Hunt apologised for omitting to send cheques to the Village Hall and The Link as donations for the year ending 31 March 2005. This oversight had been rectified on 16 February. Noted that confirmation of the precept had been received and also the Annual Return from Mazars. Councillors were in agreement to renew annual membership with ALCA, in the sum of £54.66, but not to renew with Community Action.
6. **Priston Website** - No report available. Mr Bottle was again thanked for a most interesting and fascinating website.
7. **Footpaths and Bridleways** - Nothing to report.
8. **Planning Applications:**
  - Priston Mill Farm** - Use of barns as longterm storage - Noted receipt of consent form.
  - Milking Parlour, Church Farm Lane** - Recently received application returned to Planning Services with no objections raised.
9. **Any other business** - Councillor Nokes again expressed concern at the volume of traffic, including transporters using the Mill Lane. The Chairman advised he had been assured that steps have been taken to discourage traffic using this road.
10. **Date of Annual General meeting** - Confirmed as Monday 16 May, commencing 7.00pm, to be followed by an ordinary meeting.

There being no further business for consideration the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.40pm and proceeded with the formal business of the Annual Parish Meeting.