

The following are the DRAFT minutes of an ordinary meeting of Priston Parish Council held on Monday 13th July 2009 in the Village Hall, Priston. These have not yet been approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

Councillor Hughes presided, Councillors Cross, Hopwood, Lippiatt, Pattison, Whybrow and Wilkinson and Parish Clerk were present. The Chairman welcomed village residents Mrs Grimshaw and Mr Perriton and also Ms Joanna Brain, a B&NES' Community Liaison Officer.

The Chairman invited the village residents present to address the Council and Mr Perriton spoke on the frequency of the hi-lighting of pot holes and patches by the Highways Inspector without repairs being carried out. The Clerk to contact the Inspector.

1. **No Apologies** received.
2. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 11th May 2009, having been distributed electronically to all councillors, were accepted as a true record of proceedings and the minute book signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - (i) **Speeding Vehicles** – The Chairman advised the Clerk had been in contact with the Area Traffic Engineer and his decisions were awaited.
 - (ii) **Telephone Kiosk** – Agreed this be included as an agenda item as there had been further developments.
 - (iii) The Internal Auditor would arrange a **Terms of Reference** as requested.
 - (iv) The Chairman reported briefly on the **PACT meeting** held the previous Monday.
4. **B&NES' Community Liaison Officer** – The Chairman invited Ms Joanna Brain to address the meeting. Ms Brain spoke on the role played by Liaison Officers within the City of Bath and also in the rural areas and the tasks which can be undertaken within the community. The Council was advised that, if there are any projects which can be overseen by her department, she was happy to be contacted and to give her support.
5. **Register of Interest:** Councillor Lippiatt, who had been unable to attend the previous meeting, checked the details held by the Clerk and formally signed existing documentation to confirm that no changes had occurred.
6. There was no relevant **Correspondence**.
7. **Financial Report:** The Clerk reported a current balance at the bank of £1,879.20 and that she wished to pay her salary for the three months April to June and also reimburse herself for Broadband and refill print cartridge charges. A total amount of £479.60.
The Chairman reported that there had once again been problems with arranging the change of signatories with the National Westminster Bank causing a considerable delay in the issuing of cheques in payment of accounts. This unfortunate situation had subsequently led to the retention of Councillor Cross as one of the signatories together with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Council was reminded that any two of these would sign cheques for the foreseeable future.
8. **Scanner/Photocopier:** The Clerk advised that, subsequent to the last meeting, Councillor Wilkinson had obtained a recycled scanner/photocopier at no charge. New print cartridges for totalled £50.98. Councillor Wilkinson was thanked for arranging this equipment which is proving to be completely satisfactory and very useful.
9. **Gilbert Scott Telephone Kiosk** – The Chairman and Clerk reported that an MPAN number had been allocated by Western Power to enable the Parish Council to be responsible for the electricity supplied to the kiosk. Emails written and received by the Clerk regarding the adoption of the kiosk and electricity supply were read to the Council. The kiosk had not yet been adopted by the Parish Council. It was agreed that no further action should be taken at this time.

- 10. Village Green** – The Chairman reported that damage, which did not appear to have been accidental, had recently been caused to the seat around the walnut tree. The seat would be checked and repaired as necessary.
The Chairman continued by proposing that a suitable mower be purchased to trim the grass on the green and, after some discussion, seconded Councillor Pattison and also agreed that a maximum outlay of £150 be incurred. Subsequent to this decision Councillor Wilkinson advised he owned a mower, surplus to requirements, which may be suitable and which he would donate to the Parish Council. While accepting this offer, the Council also accepted Councillor Pattison’s offer to ascertain the extent of any repairs which may be necessary.
- 11. Defibrillator:** Councillor Wilkinson reported that the necessary planning permission, to site the defibrillator on the wall of the Village Hall had been applied for. A defibrillator was currently on loan from the suppliers for which a weekly report must be submitted. The Clerk confirmed she had contacted the Parish Council’s insurers as requested and no reply had yet been received. A further letter would be sent.
- 12. Priston Website:** No report available. Favourable comments were again made on the content of the Website.
- 13. Footpaths and Bridleways:** Councillor Whybrow advised of the current situation with regard to the BOAT at Mill Lane.
- 14. Planning Related and Planning Applications:**
1 Hill View, Priston – The Chairman reported that the Clerk had contacted a solicitor in Midsomer Norton, the office of B&NES solicitor and Somer Community Housing and no records are available regarding the details of the covenant on this property. The Chairman concluded that no further enquiries could be made and the matter had to be considered closed.
4 Wilmington - Erection of two storey side extension – Noted decision of Planning Services to refuse this application.
Priston Village Hall - External alterations to place Defibrillator Cabinet and Sign on front external wall – Documentation returned to Planning Services in support of this application.
Staddlestones, Priston – Alterations and extension to house, and erection of double garage and porch – Returned to Planning Services with some concerns expressed.
Parcel 5856, High Street, Priston - Documentation returned to Planning Services in support of this application.
9 High Street, Priston – Erection of single storey side and rear extension and garage/office - Documentation returned to Planning Services in support of this application.
- 15. Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 14th September commencing 7.00pm.
- 16. Any Other Business :**
9 Summerlea, Priston – Erection of single storey extension – The Chairman informed the Council that, although an application had been refused by Planning Services in July 2008, it appeared an extension was currently being built on the property. The Clerk to request the Enforcement Officer to investigate.

There being no further business for discussion the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.00pm and wished Councillors and residents an enjoyable summer.