

The following are the DRAFT minutes of an ordinary meeting of Priston Parish Council held on Monday 12 July 2010 in the Village Hall, Priston. They have not yet been approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

Date of next meeting: Monday 20 September, not 13 September as previously published.

Councillor Hughes presided, Councillors Cross, Hopwood, Lippiatt, Whybrow and Wilkinson and the Parish Clerk were present. The Chairman welcomed village residents Mrs Anderson and Mrs Bowyer.

At the Chairman's invitation Mrs Anderson addressed the meeting regarding the No Footway signs and slow signs painted on the High Street and asking if these had been installed by the District Council without prior consultation with the Parish Council. Her comments were echoed by Mrs Bowyer. The Chairman replied that the Parish Council had discussed problems with speeding traffic over many months, as had been minuted, and, after consultation with the Area Traffic Engineer, had decided that these were the preferred action in an attempt to slow traffic for the safety of residents.

Mrs Bowyer drew attention to overhanging vegetation along the Farmborough road in the adjacent parish. The Clerk was requested to contact the Clerk to request attention.

The Chairman apologized for the late commencement of the meeting, due to a presentation by Councillor Cross of Parish Online. Thanks were extended to Councillor Cross for all her hard work inputting information into this new mapping scheme.

1. **Apologies** received from Councillor Pattison.

2. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 10 May 2010, 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** – Noted that the No Footway signs had at last been installed and Slow signs painted on the road.

(ii) **Telephone kiosk** – District Councillor Charles Gerrish had been contacted and, thanks to his involvement, the telephone and light in the kiosk had recently been repaired.

(iii) **Grit Bins** - The Clerk commented that she had again contacted the District Council asking if a decision had yet been made on the installation of grit bins for next winter. No response had been received. Agreed, as previously, that these are installed on the junction at "top turning" and adjacent to Pressbarrow barn (the pound) to enable these sections of road to be gritted by volunteers in the village.

4. **Correspondence:** (i) Letter from CPRE recently circulated. Proposed Councillor Cross, seconded Councillor Whybrow and agreed to remit £29 as annual membership. (ii) The Clerk advised that an invoice had been received from EDF for the unmetered electricity supply to the telephone kiosk in the sum of £21.36. She had returned this advising that the kiosk had not been adopted and remained the property of British Telecom. (iii) An email communication had been received advising of a meeting to discuss the draft Core Strategy with regard to 'C' villages. Agreed that, as this was not relevant to Priston, it was not necessary for a representative to attend.

5. **Financial Report:** The Clerk reported a balance at the bank of £4,465.44 including £1,000 Ward Councillor's Initiative Fund and the balance in the PRIDE account of £1,257.96 and advised that since the last meeting an invoice for water supplied to the trough and fountain had been paid, £16.09.

The Clerk wished to pay her salary for the first quarter of the year, to 30 June, of £412.50 plus three months Broadband charges £38.97, petty cash £24 and printer cartridge refills of £29. Total cheque £504.47. The Clerk commented that she had personally paid for a further black cartridge refill.

6. **Village Green** – The Chairman reported that the paving slabs had been delivered and the steel ring donated, however, it was felt that the current hot and dry weather was not conducive to the laying of grass turf.

The Chairman commented that he felt it an appropriate time to fix a commemorative plate to the seat which had been presented to the Parish Council in 1973 following the dissolution of Priston's Women's Institute. Agreed the Clerk arrange a suitable brass plate and Mrs Broomfield be invited to inaugurate.

The Clerk advised of an email received from Mr Bottle on behalf of the Festival Committee, regarding the planned renovation of the Green, and the reply she had sent.

7. **Defibrillator:** Councillor Wilkinson advised that the Defibrillator committee were considering the legalities of access to the defibrillator by trained personnel and other suggestions regarding the use of the equipment. When their discussions were complete their findings would be presented to the Parish Council for a formal decision to be made. It was also intended that a list of all trained personnel would be distributed to all households in the village.
8. **Priston Website:** The Clerk read the report received from Mr Bottle which included the information that the photo gallery had received a major revamp and also advising of forthcoming events, including the Priston Festival 17-19 September.
9. **Footpaths and Bridleways:** BOAT at Priston Mill: Councillor Whybrow advised the formal notices have been removed and the report would be written in September.
10. **Planning Applications:**
Applecot, Priston - Erection of two storey rear extension after demolition of existing lean-to
Noted receipt of consent form from Planning Services.
The Old Coach House, Priston – Erection of two-storey side/front extension and restoration of building – new application currently under consideration.
11. **Date of Next Meeting:** Agreed the next meeting be held on Monday 20 September, not 13 September as previously published. Meeting to commence as usual at 7.00pm.
12. **Any Other Business:**
The Clerk advised that the poster she had received advertising a Festival of British Archaeology and the opportunity to explore Englishcombe Village on Saturday 31 July would be displayed on the Parish Council Noticeboard.

There being no further business for discussion the Chairman declared this meeting closed at 7.50pm and thanked Councillors and residents for their attendance and participation.