

**The following are the DRAFT minutes of an ordinary meeting of Priston Parish Council held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in the Village Hall, Priston. These have not yet been approved as an accurate record of proceedings.**

Councillor Hughes presided, Councillors Cross, Hopwood, Pattison and Whybrow and the Parish Clerk were present. Councillor Lippiatt joined the meeting later. The Chairman welcomed the large number of village residents in attendance.

1. There were no **Apologies**.
2. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011, having been distributed electronically to Councillors, were accepted as a true record of proceedings and the minute book signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising:**
  - (i) **Grit Bins** – The Chairman advised that, together with the Clerk, he had attended a meeting at which the supply of grit bins was raised by several parish councils. The decision had been taken not to supply bins to Priston due to the locations suggested
  - (ii) **Village Green** – The Chairman informed the Council that he had spoken with a local tree surgeon who had confirmed the walnut tree should receive attention when in full leaf. An estimate of approximately £285 plus VAT had been given to reduce the crown height by 20-25%. A decision on this to be made by the new Parish Council following the local elections in May.
  - (iii) **Planning application: 36/37 Priston** – The Chairman advised this application was to go before Planning Committee in a few weeks.
  - (iv) **Passing Place** – Noted that the badly rutted passing place on the corner of the road leading from Priston Hill to B3115 had received attention from the Highways Department who had advised that more work would be carried out in the future.
  - (v) **1 Summerlea** – The Enforcement Officer had visited the property and also written to the owners. A response had been received advising that no commercial undertakings will take place at the garage in question.
4. There was no relevant **Correspondence**.
5. **Financial Report** - The Clerk reported an end of year balance in the Parish Council's account of £778.88 plus £1,000 Ward Councillor's Initiative Fund and the balance in the PRIDE account £1,257.96.
6. **Village Green** - Prior to the commencement of the meeting, photographs had been taken and formal thanks extended to Councillor Clarke for the financial support which enabled the refurbishment of the Village Green. Thanks were also extended to Mr Davies for providing the metal retaining ring and also to Mr Hunt for the refurbishment of the bench, which now showed a plaque to commemorate its association with the Women's Institute.
7. **Solar Photovoltaic Farms** –The Chairman reported he had been invited to attend a meeting of Dunkerton Parish Council and that 36 houses in this parish would look directly on to the site of the proposed solar farm in Priston Parish. The Chairman continued by advising he had recently been in conversation with the landowner who agreed with him that it was very unlikely the development would take place now that the Government had changed the tariff by reducing it by between 60 and 70%. Noted that no planning application had yet been received.
8. **Local Elections** – Noted the forthcoming elections and that the closing date for nominations was Monday 4 April at 12noon. Good wishes extended to all prospective candidates.
9. **Defibrillator** – Councillor Wilkinson advised all residents had been circulated with information to access the equipment.
10. **Priston Website:** Mr Bottle reported on the recent updates to the website including photographs of the recent Village Social and information regarding the public meeting on suggested Village Hall improvements. Mr Bottle was again thanked by the Chairman for keeping the website up to date.
11. **Footpaths and Bridleways:** Councillor Whybrow advised "Nothing to Report".

- 12. Planning Applications:**  
**The Old Rectory (Left) – Erection of Car Port (Retrospective)** – Noted receipt of Consent form from Planning Services.  
**The Old Dog Inn House – Erection of extension following demolition of existing structure (Retrospective)** – Documentation returned to Planning Services in support of this application.  
**Staddlestones – Erection of Porch** - Noted receipt of Consent form from Planning Services.  
**Rozel – Installation of Solar Photovoltaic Panels (Retrospective)** – Noted receipt of Consent form from Planning Services  
**36/37 Priston – Erection of 2-storey extensions following demolition of lean-to** – New application circulated. (Already reported at item 3 above.)  
**1 Hill View – Installation of 5no windows in the basement on the NE elevation (Retrospective)** – new application recently circulated and returned to Planning Services with no objections raised.
- 13. Date of Annual General Meeting** – The Clerk proposed that the Annual General Meeting be postponed for one week due to the need for documentation to be issued to and for the newly elected Parish Council by the Returning Officer following the elections on 5 May. Agreed that this meeting now be held on Monday 16 May, commencing 7.00pm followed immediately by an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting.
- 14. Any Other Business:** Councillor Wilkinson, who was not standing for re-election expressed sincere thanks to the Parish Council and parishioners for their support which enabled the purchase and installation of the defibrillator. In thanking him for these comments, the Chairman commented that he was very sorry to lose Councillor Wilkinson and that the Council had enjoyed his input. He hoped that he would continue to be responsible for the defibrillator. Councillor Wilkinson advised he would be happy to do this if it were the wish of the new Council.

There being no further business for discussion the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.25pm and proceeded with the formal business of the Annual Parish Meeting which would be followed by an audio visual show by village resident Mr W Collett.