

The following are the DRAFT minutes of an ordinary meeting of Priston Parish Council held on Monday 25th March 2013 in the Village Hall, Priston. These have not yet been agreed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Councillor Pattison presided and Councillors Cross, Davies, Girdlestone, Hopwood, Lippiatt and Whybrow and the Parish Clerk were present. The Chairman welcomed village residents Mr Bottle, Mr Cross, Mrs Davies, Mr Hunt and Mr Wilkinson and District Councillor Veale.

1. **Apologies** received from Mrs Pattison.
2. **Minutes of the ordinary meeting** held on 28th January 2013, 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:** Councillor Lippiatt advised he not yet been able to source the appropriate information with regard to the owner of Parcel 5856 High Street but would continue to make further enquiries. If he is unsuccessful steps to be taken to ascertain the address in Australia of a relative. **Action: Councillor Lippiatt**
Condition of bank at corner of Priston Lane – The Chairman advised that the requested details had not yet been received from the homeowner. **Action: Councillor Pattison**
4. **Correspondence** – Agreed to decline the invitation received from Western Power Distribution to attend a Stakeholder Workshop on 22nd April.
The Clerk advised of emails sent to the Highways Department regarding problems with roads in the parish. (i) Culvert, Priston Lane – first reported 29th December 2012. Further email 10th February and letter written by the Chairman on 14th February. Advice received from the Highways Inspector on 5th March that this work had been placed on a 28-day order. (ii) Pot hole in Priston Lane where a resident fell and which has been repaired. (iii) Pot hole outside 36/37 Priston. Subsequently repaired. (iv) Blocked gullies in Farmborough lane. Councillor Lippiatt advised these had been cleared. (v) Blocked gullies Priston Mill Lane. (vi) General condition of the road surface Farmborough lane. (vii) Flooding Priston Hill/lower end of High Street. No response to email sent 30th November and follow-up 10th February; and (viii) Corroded post near Village Green. Agreed the Clerk arrange a meeting between the Chairman and the Highways Inspector to discuss these problems on site. District Councillor Veale indicated that he would like to be involved in this meeting if at all possible.
Action: Clerk/Councillor Pattison
5. **Financial Report** - The report distributed electronically to Councillors was read to the Council, noting a balance at meeting of 28th January £2,966.17 including £945.47 in the defibrillator account. The cheques written since the previous meeting were noted: reimbursement for print cartridges £30.98; one new grit bin £152.34 and an item for the defibrillator £94.55. The Clerk would be paying her salary and reimbursement of expenses, for the three months January to March 2013 totalling £561.20 prior to the end of the financial year. The Council was advised advice had been received that renewal of membership of ALCA in the sum of £47.98 was due and a request for donation of £30 by Midsomer Norton and Radstock Dial-a-Ride, both for the year 2013/2014. Agreed unanimously these amounts be settled after 1st April.
In conclusion the Clerk advised (a) the Annual Return for completion after the year end had been received from the external auditors and (b) Mr Harris had indicated his willingness to return as Internal Auditor. Agreed unanimously the Clerk write a brief letter of thanks to Mr Anderson for his support in the previous financial year. A copy of the report had been placed on file and published on the Priston website. **Action: Clerk**
Agreed the new grit bin would be situated in Priston lane off the public highway. Councillor Lippiatt to liaise with the homeowner, of the most appropriate property, for this to be secured to the wall. **Councillor Lippiatt**
6. **Community Right to Bid** – The Chairman and Councillor Davies reported briefly on the discussions they had had recently with the owners of the Cricket Field and the Ring o' Bells.
7. **BANES' Core Strategy** – Councillor Cross felt strongly that the Parish Council should respond to the relevant aspects of the new Core Strategy as with the previous Core Strategy. Councillor Davies volunteered to support her in the reading of this document. **Action: Cllrs Cross and Davies**
8. **Number of Councillors on Town and Parish Councils** – Noted receipt of email from BANES' Solicitor, which had been circulated electronically to Councillors. Agreed unanimously to retain seven councillors as at present. The Clerk to respond appropriately. **Action: Clerk**
9. **Invitation to attend meeting of Dunkerton Parish Council on 27th March** – Councillor Davies volunteered to represent councillors at this meeting **Action: Councillor Davies**
10. **Defibrillator** – The report received from Mr Wilkinson and distributed electronically was accepted and a copy placed on file. In response to an enquiry, Councillors were advised it was possible for eight participants to attend each of the training/refresher sessions which had been arranged. Referring to the final paragraph of his report, Mr Wilkinson advised that when the handset of the land line in the telephone kiosk is replaced the

telephone reverts to “maintenance mode”. He has spoken with an engineer who would report this problem to a colleague.

11. **Footpaths and Bridleways** – The report submitted by Councillor Whybrow, which noted that the stile at Rockhill had been replaced by a kissing gate and also a bridle gate installed adjacent to Lammas Field Farm, had been distributed electronically was accepted and a copy placed on file.
12. **Priston Website** – The report submitted by Mr Bottle, and which had been distributed electronically, was accepted and a copy placed on file. The Chairman congratulated Mr Bottle for the magnificent way in which he keeps the website up to date.
13. **Planning related:** The Chairman referred to drawings recently received from the owner of land at the junction of Tunley Hill and Priston Lane. Whilst it was appreciated this was not a formal application, it was unanimously agreed the Parish Council write to him conveying support to the proposal, relating to the relocation of the junction of Priston Lane and the B3115 which will benefit users of Priston Lane as an access road, pending submission of documentation to Planning Services.
Action: Clerk
6 Summerlea Noted receipt of a new application, which was currently circulating, in respect of the proposed erection of an extension and improvements to the existing dwelling. Agreed the changes in the new Core Strategy must be incorporated into the discussion on this application and that a new Planning Application Checklist would need to be prepared.
Action: All Councillors
14. **Date of next meeting:** Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday 13th May 2013, commencing 7pm followed immediately by the first meeting of the new session..
15. **Any Other Business:** The Chairman advised of the quotation received for treatment of the village green. Agreed a decision on this be made at the next meeting.

There being no further matters for discussion the Chairman declared the meeting closed and proceeded with the formal business of the Annual Parish Meeting.