

An ordinary meeting of Priston Parish Council was held on Monday 12 May 2003 immediately following the Annual General Meeting.

Mr Hughes presided, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Cross, Miss C Nokes, Mrs Seymour, Mr Whybrow and Parish Clerk were present.

The Chairman welcomed the new Councillors to their first meeting and also Mr and Mrs Broomfield and Miss M Nokes.

1. **Apologies** received from Mr Hopwood and District Councillor Mrs Todd.
2. **Minutes** The minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2003 were read, confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - Potholes** - A further deep pothole had appeared in the lower end of the High Street and the Clerk had contacted BANES "Action Line" for its repair. The Clerk was requested to contact the Highways Inspector regarding the condition of Mill Lane near the bridge.
4. **Correspondence** - The Clerk read a letter received from the Public Rights of Way Team Leader advising that arrangements were being made for BOAT BA15/19 to be closed for six months, possibly from 2nd June, to enable major maintenance works to be carried out.
5. **Financial Report** - The Clerk reported that the first instalment of the precept had been received and there was currently a balance at the bank of £805.10 and a cash balance of £15.05. Mrs Hunt advised that changes were being made to the Audit Regulations and that she needed to purchase replacement insert pages for the Practitioners' Guide at a cost of £11.99. The Annual Return for year ending 31 March 2003 had been received from Mazars.
6. **Code of Practice/Register of Interest** - Mrs Hunt reported that she was required to advise the District Council's Solicitor of any changes to the Register of Interests completed by re-elected Councillors. Confirmed that there had been no change in circumstances. Documentation on the Code of Practice adopted by the Parish Council and forms for Register of Interest were passed to the newly elected Councillors for their perusal and completion as appropriate.
7. **Appointment of Footpath Representative** - Mr Whybrow volunteered to act in this capacity for the coming year. Thanking Mr Whybrow for his offer Mr Hughes formally proposed the appointment, seconded Miss Nokes and agreed.
8. **Appointment of Village Hall Representative** - Mrs Seymour agreed to continue in this capacity. Formally proposed Mr Hughes, seconded Mrs Bowyer.
9. **Parish Plans - received from the Countryside Agency** - Agreed this item be held over to a later meeting to give Mrs Cross and Mr Whybrow an opportunity to read this documentation.
10. **Priston Website** - Noted that minutes of Parish Council meetings are continuing to be placed on the Website.

11. Planning Related -

(i) Land Adjacent to Hill Farm House - No result yet available following appeal

(ii) Stable Block, Blind Lane, Tunley - No result yet available following appeal.

(iii) Grain Store, Wilmington Farm - Application agreed by Planning Office.

(iv) Former Skittle Alley - The Clerk read a letter received from Mrs Seymour regarding the construction of the house on the site of the former skittle alley. After discussions during which Mr Hughes and Mrs Seymour gave information on the apparent problems, including noting that the construction was higher than shown on the plans submitted to the Parish Council and that Mrs Seymour and her husband's objections to rooflights overlooking their property appeared to have been ignored, Councillors were in agreement that the Parish Council should give its support and write to the Planning Office.

12. Date of next meeting Agreed the next meeting be held on Monday 7 July 2003.

There being no further business for consideration the Chairman again thanked Councillors for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm