

The following are the DRAFT minutes of an ordinary meeting of Priston Parish Council held on Monday 30th November 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 resident Mrs Anderson.

1. **Apologies** received from village resident Mrs Bowyer and District Councillor Clarke.
2. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 14th September 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 reminded the Council that the new road signage was expected in the next week as had been agreed with the Area Traffic Engineer.
 - (ii) **Planning Seminar** – Councillor Cross reported on the seminar which she had attended on 3 October and commented that this had been a good presentation.
4. **Correspondence:** (i) The Clerk advised of three items recently received, (i) **South Stoke** parish regarding the proposed new neighbourhood in an urban extension to South/South West Bath; (ii) **The Forest of Avon** advising their partnership would end in October and (iii) **Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill** requesting support of the Parish Council. Councillors Cross' and Hopwood's offer to attend the exhibition arranged in South Stoke parish was noted. Agreed the Clerk write to the seven MPs selected to adopt the Bill as the sample letter provided.
5. **Financial Report:** The Clerk reported a current balance at the bank of £1,975.82 following receipt of second instalment of precept on 1 October. After discussion it was agreed that the following payments be made: invoice to cover supply of water to the trough and drinking fountain £16.89; donations to The Link and Village Hall £50 and £75 respectively; subscription to the Cam Valley Wildlife Group £5; donation to Midsomer Norton and Radstock Ring-and-Ride £35 and also the Clerk to receive her salary for the three months October to December and receive reimbursement of Broadband and refill print cartridge charges totalling £494.47.
6. **Telephone Kiosk** – The Clerk advised of recent email correspondence between btpayphones, the district council and herself. After brief discussion it was agreed the telephone kiosk should be retained as an operational telephone. The Clerk to advise the relevant personnel accordingly. Noted that the use and costs of all public telephones would continue to be monitored by BT and if this kiosk is targeted for removal in the future, BT cannot guarantee it would still be available for "adoption".
7. **Ward Councillors' Initiative** – The Clerk advised she had been contacted on 4 November by the Funding and Programmes Team of B&NES and had provided bank details to enable the cheque to be paid directly into the Parish Council's account.
8. **Core Strategy Spatial Options Consultation** – Councillor Cross reported on the discussions of the small committee which had considered Priston's input into the consultation. A copy of the response to be placed on file by the Clerk. The Chairman thanked Councillor Cross for all her hard work in this respect.

There was some discussion on **Healthy Conversations** and resources being utilised by the District Council in this respect. Councillor Wilkinson repeated previous comments stating that he had been impressed by the organisation and content of the meeting he had attended in September.
9. **Defibrillator** - Councillor Wilkinson reported he had been advised that it was sufficient for fortnightly reports to be prepared instead of weekly. It was hoped the loan appliance would shortly be replaced with a new defibrillator. Councillor Wilkinson concluded by advising that there had been some discussion by the Defibrillator Committee that, as the Parish Council now own the defibrillator, the balance in the defibrillator account could be transferred to the Parish Council.

10. **Priston Website:** No report available.
11. **Footpaths and Bridleways:** Councillor Whybrow advised that formal consultation on the implementation of a Traffic Regulation Order on the BOAT at Mill Lane was still in progress. The Public Rights of Way Officer, who had recently transferred from B&NES to another authority, was not to be replaced and the Enforcement Officer would be employed for three days per week prior to retirement and also would not be replaced.
12. **Planning Related and Planning Applications:**
4 Wilmington - Erection of two storey side extension – Noted decision of Secretary of State to dismiss the appeal.
9 High Street, Priston – Erection of single storey side and rear extension and garage/office – Application refused by Planning Services.
Underhill Cottage, Priston – Provision of pitched roof to existing garage (Councillor Pattison registered his interest in this application) Documentation returned to Planning Services supported by Councillors.
13. **Schedule of Meetings for 2010** – Agreed meetings be held on 8 February, 29 March (Annual Parish and ordinary), 10 May (AGM and ordinary), 12 July, 13 September and 6 December. The Clerk to liaise with regular hall user and make the necessary reservations with the Hall Booking Manager.
14. **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 8th February commencing 7.00pm.
15. **Any Other Business :**
The Chairman informed the Council he had recently received a complaint from a resident regarding an implement shed at Brook Cottage which, it appeared, was being converted to stabling. He continued by advising that, after advice had been sought from Planning Services, he had spoken with the owners of the property and informed them they were contravening Planning Regulations. The resident promised she would contact Planning Services to inform them of her actions and ask their advice. It had, however, transpired that instead, she had consulted with a Planning Officer of the former Wansdyke District Council. He had advised her to take no further action.
Following discussion, during which it was commented the structure had been built many years ago as a field shelter, it was formally proposed by Councillor Wilkinson that no further action be taken by the Parish Council, seconded Councillor Pattison and agreed.

There being no further business for discussion the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm thanked Councillors and the resident present for their participation and attendance.