

**Minutes of the Priston Parish Council Meeting held at Priston Village Hall on  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.00 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Doug Pattison (Chair), Peter Hopwood, John Lippiatt, Fiona Hassard, Claire Lawton and Louise Callan (Clerk).

**1. Apologies:** Cllr John Whybrow, Cllr Robert Davies, Cllr David Veale

**2. Minutes of last meeting:** Taken as read, approved and signed.

**3. Chair's Report**

3.1 A grant of £250 has been received by BANES (Community Empowerment Fund). The PC had recommended that this money be given to the Village Hall to contribute towards a hearing loop. It was agreed to match this funding and a further £250 is to be paid to the Village Hall. **Action: Clerk to transfer the money.**

3.2 Opinions divided on whether the treatment of the horse chestnut tree has been successful. It was decided to try the pheromone treatment for another year and burn the infected leaves.

3.3 The Village Design Statement committee met to move onto the next stage and have the document made into a supplementary planning document. A planning consultant is required to assist with this. Assuming a further public consultation is not required, a cost of £250-£300 will be incurred. It was agreed that the parish council would fund these costs.

3.4 It was agreed to donate £60 to the Christmas procession. **Action: Clerk to send money to Nicky Slee.**

**4. Clerk's Report**

4.1 The bank balance stood at £9,589.99. Costs over £100 included the clerk's salary (£250 x2), Defibrillator training (£322.40) and broadband installation in the village hall (£120). Truespeed are not going to charge the village hall for ongoing costs, so the parish council will not have to meet these costs as previously agreed. Payments due in next period are listed in the Financial Report. The General Data Protection Regulation will come into force in May 2018 and the Parish Council needs to comply with this. The Festival collects personal data via the PC hosted website.

**Action: Clerk to inform Festival Committee about GDPR and review whether the Parish Council needs to take any other action.**

4.1 Penny Rogers has surveyed all the finger posts which mention Priston and presented a detailed report. Louise Callan had obtained quotes to have the finger posts professionally restored. A request was made for the Parish Council to contribute towards the work as BANES do not maintain them as a matter of course. The costs are quite high, so it was requested that further quotes are obtained before a decision can be taken regarding supporting this project. **Action: Clerk to pursue.**

Next year's meeting dates agreed as follows:

22<sup>nd</sup> January    19<sup>th</sup> March    14<sup>th</sup> May (+AGM)    9<sup>th</sup> July    10<sup>th</sup> September    19<sup>th</sup> November

17<sup>th</sup> March - Annual Parish Meeting

**Action: Clerk to book village hall for meetings.**

**5.** The new recycling and rubbish collections have been implemented and after some early teething problems all is functioning well.

**6. WWI event – The battle's over – A Nation's Tribute.** A national event is being planned to commemorate the end of the First World War on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. It was agreed that the village would take part and Claire Lippiatt will manage the programme for the day. **Action: Claire Lippiatt to progress.**

**6. BT Phone Box.** The door needs repairing. **Action: Doug Pattison to liaise with Bob Hunt.**

**7. Civil Defence Plan: No progress to report.**

**8. Planning: – Parcel 5856 Walnut Tree Hill.** The developer has been given until the end of November by BANES to put forward new planning applications for the landscaping and the shipping container. A BANES planning officer had objected to the latest lighting scheme submitted.

**Bramble Barn.** It was agreed to support the application to convert a garage into living accommodation. **Action: Clerk to submit comments to BANES.**

**Willow Barn:** Application to be looked at in more detail. **Action: Robert Davies to liaise with the home owners.**

**9. Children’s play area:** A letter has been sent to potential landowners, but no further progress to report.

**10. Seat on the village green:** Mike Robotham is working on a new design for a metal seat.

**11. Highways - Triangle at the bottom of Priston Lane:** No progress to report.

**12. Footpaths and Bridleways:** John Whybrow had consulted villagers on the dog fouling issue. It was felt that on reflection it was not currently a serious issue.

**13. Roads and Highways:** The exit from Priston Lane onto the B3115 through Timsbury is due to be improved as part of the development of two houses on adjacent land.

**14. Defibrillators:** 21 people attended the defibrillator training on October 25<sup>th</sup>. 27 People are now up to date with the training. Contact details to be circulated to other residents, once complete. **Action: John Wilkinson to send out contacts willing to help in the event of a cardiac emergency.**

**15. External meetings:**

Fiona Hassard and Louise Callan attended the Bathavon South meeting in Freshford.

**16. Any other Business:** The BANES Joint Spatial Strategy is open for consultation until January. **Action: Robert Davies to review and comment.**

**17. Date of next meeting:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018.

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