

The following are the DRAFT minutes of an ordinary meeting of Priston Parish Council held on Monday 20 September 2010 in the Village Hall, Priston. These have not yet been approved as an accurate record of proceedings. (Date of next meeting Monday 6 December.)

Councillor Hughes presided, Councillors Cross, Hopwood, Lippiatt, Pattison, Whybrow and Wilkinson and the Parish Clerk were present. The Chairman welcomed village residents Mr Davies, Mrs Grimshaw and Mr Harris.

1. **Apologies** received from District Councillor Clarke.
2. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 10 July 2010. The Chairman advised of an error in transcription in item 6 **Village Green**: the Women's Institute had not been dissolved but had continued for several years after the seat had been presented in 1973. This amendment was noted in the minute book after which the minutes were accepted as a true record of proceedings and the book signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising**
 - (i) **Grit Bins** – No response yet received although the Clerk advised that the subject of Grit Bins had been raised at a recent meeting of the Parishes' Cluster Group and decisions would be forthcoming to all parishes who had submitted requests. In response to her question at that meeting, an officer of the District Council had recommended that parishes should not purchase their own bins at this time pending availability of salt.
 - (ii) **Invoice for unmetered supply of electricity to telephone kiosk** – The Clerk had contacted EDF and Western Power and been assured that no further invoices would be issued. However, a second account had been received and assurances again given that there would be no reoccurrence.
4. **Correspondence**:
 - (i) Notice of **AGM of ALCA** to be held on Thursday 16 October. Noted the proposed increase of subscription to ALCA and also the possible dissolution of ALCA. Councillor Pattison advised he would be available to accompany the Clerk to this meeting.
 - (ii) Email received from the Chairman of Englishcombe Parish Council regarding changes to the schedule of the **768 Bus Route** which appeared to have been made without consultation with B&NES Council. The Clerk to make enquiries of local residents who are known to use the bus, on a regular basis, to ascertain the inconvenience caused by these changes, and to write to Englishcombe Parish Council to advise that we abhor the underhanded way in which these changes were implemented.
 - (iii) Letter recently received regarding the **Privatisation of the Royal Mail** would be included with other documentation currently circulating.
 - (iv) A note of thanks from Mrs Broomfield to the Parish Council in respect of birthday greetings recently sent.
5. **Financial Report**: The Clerk reported a balance at the bank of £3,851.58 including £1,000 Ward Councillor's Initiative Fund and the balance in the PRIDE account of £1,257.96 which included refunded VAT. Invoices received from Zurich Insurance renewal in the sum of £531.77 and Mazars (External Auditors) in the sum of £141 including VAT. The Clerk wished to pay her salary for the second quarter of the year of £412.50 plus reimbursement of three months Broadband charges £38.97, brass plate for the bench on the village green £19.60 including VAT and cartridge refills for the copier/scanner of £25. Total cheque £496.47. Concluding her report the Clerk advised that the Annual Report and Certificate had been received from Mazars and displayed for 14 days as required.
6. **Village Green** – The renovation of the green would be commenced in the following days. Sincere thanks were extended to Mr Davies for providing the metal ring to enclose stone chippings around the tree.
7. **Conservation Area** – The Chairman advised he had spoken with the previous Parish Council Chairman who had confirmed that this subject had been discussed at great length in the 1970s but no action had been taken at this time. He continued by commenting that the parish is in the Green Belt which provides some protection. Agreed no great advantage in pursuing this subject.

8. **Defibrillator:** The Chairman declared the formal meeting closed to enable village residents to participate in the discussion on the paper compiled by the Defibrillator Committee, a copy of which would be placed on file. Councillor Wilkinson thanked Mr Harris and Mr Bottle for their input in the compilation of the discussion paper. Following extended discussion, it was formally proposed by Councillor Pattison, seconded Councillor Hopwood and agreed that every household be given the code to access the defibrillator cabinet, which would be kept locked. The telephone numbers of trained personnel would, with their permission, be given to each household. It was however emphasised that the ambulance service must be contacted. At the conclusion of this discussion, Councillor Wilkinson thanked the Chairman for arranging the repair of the light over the cabinet and Mr Davis offered to make a protective stainless steel cover.
9. **Priston Website:** No formal report received but noted that the website is kept up to date with useful information by Mr Bottle whose efforts were again acknowledged by the Parish Council.
10. **Footpaths and Bridleways:** (i) BOAT at Priston Mill: Councillor Whybrow advised the report was in the process of being written. District Councillor Clarke had been kept up to date on this subject. (ii) Comments were made on “No Dog Walking” notices which have been displayed in the parish. Councillor Whybrow to investigate. (iii) Councillor Cross advised that the Footpath sign in Priston Lane, at the bottom of Cleeve Hill, was in need of replacement. The Clerk to contact Public Rights of Way.
11. **Planning Applications:**
The Old Coach House, Priston Lane – Erection of two-storey side/front extension and restoration of building – Noted the withdrawal of this application.
Milking Parlour, Church Farm – Provision of photovoltaic panels – Noted receipt of Consent decision from Planning Services.
1 The Woodlands – Single Storey Side Extension – New application currently circulating.
12. **Date of Next Meeting:** Agreed the next meeting be held on Monday 6 December 2010.
13. **Any Other Business:** (i) Concern was expressed at the **speed of agricultural vehicles** through the village. Councillor Lippiatt undertook to speak with contractors working on his family’s farm and also other farms in the locality.
(ii) Concern also expressed at the condition of **trees overhanging** the local roads. The Chairman volunteered to confirm the situation and contact home owners as appropriate.
(iii) **Children’s Play Area** – Councillor Pattison advised of a letter he had recently received from two of the younger residents of the parish and read his reply.

There being no further business for discussion the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm and thanked Councillors and residents for their attendance and participation.