

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Priston Parish Council  
Held at 7 pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in the Village Hall Priston**

**Present:** Cllrs Doug Pattison (Chair), Fiona Hassard, Robert Davies, John Whybrow, Louise Callan (clerk).

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Peter Hopwood, John Lippiatt and Claire Lawton
2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 201: Approved and signed.
3. **Matters Arising:** None.
4. **Chairman's Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018:**

**Parish Council** - The Council has remained the same as last year.

**Village Design Statement** - BANES has confirmed that our VDS has the status of a 'material consideration' in planning matters, and after a number of additions concerning the historic background to the village, is being offered for adoption as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), which should increase its authority.

**Finance** - There has been a slight increase in the Precept this year to allow for inflation. A grant of £390 was obtained to fund a new Parish Council laptop, and a grant of £250 received from BANES Community Empowerment Fund has been donated to the Village Hall to contribute towards a hearing loop. The Parish Council matched this funding and donated a further £250.

#### **Planning**

**Walnut Tree Hill.** A considerable amount of Parish Council time has been spent concerning the areas where planning permission has not been followed. Despite considerable objections from the Parish Council and villagers the shipping container has this week been approved. The outcome for the wall to the North is expected soon, although a rubble stone finish is the current approved solution.

**The Milking Parlour.** With Support from the Parish Council, approval has been given for a new home to be built.

**Bramble Barn.** The Parish Council supported the application to turn a garage into living accommodation. No outcome yet.

**Trout Cottage, 9 High Street.** Despite support from the Parish Council approval has not been given for a larger garage.

**Village Farm.** A request for prior approval for a change of use agricultural building to a dwelling house at was also supported. This has now been approved.

**Mead Cottage.** An application to remove the agricultural tie on the building was supported by the Parish Council, but was not approved by BANES.

**Highways and Footpaths** – The larger pipes to lead flood water away across the fields from the road at the Milking Parlour were installed by John Lippiatt and the Bendalls in the autumn, and although flooding still occurred during heavy rain, the new pipe has been successful in reducing flooding far more rapidly than in the past. John Lippiatt and Highways will work together to resurface the road when the weather improves. BANES have installed a new large pipe alongside the Village Hall, which has greatly reduced the water flowing in front of the VH. The grit bins were well used during the snow, and the PC is

considering buying a small grit spreader.

**Children’s Play Area** – There has been no success in finding a suitable site.

**Phone Box** – The phone box is now owned by the Parish Council, and Bob Hunt’s repairs to the door have been completed. Repainting is underway, and the Gardening Club has agreed to recommend planting inside.

**Defibrillator** - a successful training session for 21 people was arranged in October, and many thanks to John Wilkinson for his continuing support to this project.

**Priston Website** - Once again thanks to Richard Bottle for his sterling efforts on our behalf.

**Thanks** - Finally thank you to our Parish Clerk Louise Callan, and all of our Councillors for their good work and support over the past year.

5. **Financial Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

The Parish Council started the year with £5,154.29 in the bank and finished with £7,435.05. Total expenditure was £5,395.09. A full breakdown of income and costs is attached to the minutes.

6. **Election of Chairman:** Cllr Pattison vacated the Chair which was taken by Cllr Hassard. Cllr Pattison was proposed by Cllr Hassard and seconded by Cllr Whybrow. Cllr Pattison was elected unanimously to the position.

7. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office – Chairman:** Cllr Pattison accepted the position and signed the Acceptance of Office.

8. **Election of Vice-Chairman:** Cllr Hopwood was proposed by Cllr Pattison, seconded by Cllr Davies. Agreed unanimously.

9. **Appointment of Internal Auditor:** Cllr Pattison proposed and Cllr Davies seconded the nomination of Robin Anderson as the internal auditor. Agreed unanimously.

10. **Appointment of Footpath Representative:** Cllr Whybrow agreed to continue in this role. Nomination proposed by Cllr Hassard and seconded by Cllr Davies. Agreed unanimously.

11. **Appointment of Village Hall Representative:** Cllr Fiona Hassard was proposed for this role by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Pattison and it was agreed unanimously.

12. **Appointment of Roads and Highways Representative:** Cllr Lippiatt was proposed for this role by Cllr Hassard, seconded by Cllr Pattison and it was agreed unanimously.

13. **Appointment of Representative to Priston AED Project:** John Wilkinson agreed to continue to act in this capacity.

14. Any other business: None.

Signed: .....

Position: .....

Date: .....