

An extraordinary meeting of Priston Parish Council was held on Friday 2nd August 2013 in the Village Hall, Priston commencing at 6.30pm

The Chair was taken by Councillor Pattison, Councillors Cross, Davies, Girdlestone, Hopwood and Lippiatt and the Parish Clerk were present.

Prior to the commencement of discussions Councillor Hopwood registered his interest in these applications and, at the invitation of the chairman, addressed the Parish Council advising of changing demand and the need for competitive overnight accommodation for the wedding party and special guests. It is noted that Councillor Hopwood took no part in the assessment or decision making process of these applications.

1. **Apologies** received from Councillor Whybrow.
2. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and consider the response to Planning Services in respect of **Planning Applications 13/02824/FUL and 13/02825/LBA The Watermill, Priston Mill Lane, Priston.**
Internal and external alterations for the conversion of Priston Mill and stables into overnight accommodation for use in conjunction with existing wedding function.
3. The application was considered in accordance with the recently amended Planning Checklist, being used by the Parish Council, following changes to the BANES' Core Strategy. A document, forming the basis of a response to Planning Services and drafted by the Parish Council's Planning Sub-Committee, was distributed to Councillors.
After full discussion, during which reference was made to the saved policies of the BANES' Local Plan (adopted 2007) and the National Planning Policy Framework, relevant to this application, it was the unanimous decision of the Parish Council to support the application and to write to Planning Services accordingly. **Action: Clerk**
Councillor Whybrow, although unable to attend this extraordinary meeting, had previously given his support of the applications.
The plans for these applications was displayed via a laptop computer onto a projector screen. A problem was however experienced with the resolution and clarity of the screening of the documentation received electronically from Planning Services. It was agreed Planning Services be advised of this. **Action: Chairman and Clerk**
4. **Any Other Business** – Councillor Cross spoke on the urgency to discuss the Parish Council's involvement in the Placemaking Plan Process and, prior to the meeting, had electronically distributed a suggested list of requirements and draft questionnaire for use when discussing any future development in the parish. After brief discussion during which Councillor Pattison advised he did not feel there was any real urgency at this stage, Councillors Davies and Hopwood volunteered to attend a Placemaking Plan Consultation Programme being held in Keynsham in 28 September. It was agreed to hold a special meeting after this date to make a decision on the action to be taken within the parish.
Action: Councillors Davies and Hopwood