

Minutes of the Priston Parish Council Meeting

held at Priston Church on Monday 1st July 2019 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs Doug Pattison (Chair), Peter Hopwood, Fiona Hassard, Vicky Pai, Bruce Clarke, Robert Davies and Louise Callan and Jocelyn Nichols(Clerks).

1. **Apologies:** John Lippiatt
2. **Planning Application: 19/02169/LBA**

The meeting was set up to discuss our response to the planning application which had halted the works to improve the village hall roof and toilets.

Neils Cross explained that the planning application was the result of a complaint that certain village hall works which were visible did not comply to the grade 11 listed building status.

Robert Davies had drafted a planning response and after much discussion it was agreed the council would send the following comments:

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‘Priston Parish Council notes that a previous application for the Village Hall (17/03148/LBA) included a proposal for “Remedial work to the roof is to resolve localised roof leaking, which is necessary to protect the original fabric of the building.

The remedial work to the roof will include carefully removing existing tiles, cleaning and relaying. All leadwork to be removed, along with existing battens and renewed with a breathable membrane, timber battens and leadwork in accordance with current legislation.” The Parish Council’s view is that the word “include” acknowledges that not all the remedial work is necessarily apparent at survey and that consent is implied for carrying out other related works which are relatively minor but which are necessary to secure the integrity of the repair and do not infringe on the historic fabric.

The Parish Council therefore fully supports the further works, namely the replacement of the wall plate, the roof timbers and other minor works.

In offering its SUPPORT, Priston Parish Council emphasises that this process entails a delay of several months in the completion of this important community project for which substantial funding has been raised both inside and outside the village. In particular, this delay threatens the viability of the Priston Festival in mid-September, a popular local three-day event centred on the Village Hall and which attracts crowds from the local area and beyond. We would request, therefore, that the application is considered as a matter of great urgency.’

The parish council agreed that we would invite Councillor Matt McCabe to the next meeting on Monday 8 July to try to stress the urgency of the works being completed in order to allow the music festival to go ahead in September.

All villagers were encouraged to also comment on the planning application.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm.

Signed

Date

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