

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Priston Parish Council
Held at 7 pm on Monday 9th May 2022 in the village hall

Present: Cllrs Doug Pattison (Chair), Vicky Pai, Fiona Hassard, John Lippiatt, Jocelyn Nichols (Clerk), together with Gail Pattison

1. **Apologies:** Peter Hopwood, Robert Davies, Bruce Clarke, B&NES Councillors Neil Butters and Matt McCabe, Penny Rogers
2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 3rd May 2021 were approved and signed.
3. **Matters Arising:** None.
4. **Chairman's Report for the year ending 31st March 2022:** Parish Council - The Council has remained the same, and meetings have continued thanks mainly to Zoom.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Planning is well underway for celebrations in the Village in June, with our beacon being lit on Thursday evening, a 50s dinner in the Hall on Friday, and on Sunday a “street party” and silly games on the cricket field.

Planning – Church Farm. A revised application to build 2 detached houses on the site of the barns was objected to for a number of reasons, including being outside the Housing Development Boundary and not following the Priston Village Design Statement. At the recent B&NES Planning Committee meeting they agreed to have a site visit, however the application was eventually approved.

New Farm on Marksbury Lane. An application for a dog training facility was supported by the Parish Council, but has been refused.

The Roost (Bramble Barn). An application to extend the curtilage was supported by the Parish Council, and has been approved.

COVID – The Coronavirus Action Team – Priston, or CAT-P, has continued to give advice and support to our vulnerable villagers during the year, and Aylet Anderson introduced our Village Loop during periods of lockdown to give more instantaneous news than the Link.

Climate Emergency – Penny Rogers and her team have continued to lead our response to the climate and ecological emergency. The 2021 Climate Forum was held in the Village Hall in October, attended by over 70, and judged a great success, particularly the enthusiasm of our young people. Tree planting is proceeding apace, with 900 planted at Village Farm, Aylet has started “Lose it or Like it” to aid re-use in the village, and we even had Biodiversity Bingo! There was an informative talk by Gregor Heating after the annual parish meeting in support of this endeavour.

Highways and footpaths – There were road surface improvements on Priston Hill and also on Farmborough Lane. The Fix-my-Street app continues to be a very effective way to get potholes etc. fixed, and parishioners are encouraged to use it. A new improved horse gate has been installed by the cricket field, and the change to the footpath past the sewage works requested by the landowner has become law. The continuing repairs to fingerposts led by Penny Rogers have been funded by the Parish Council and other council grants.

Flooding – A major flood in Watery Lane was caused by a large plastic toy; this and a serious collapse of the pipe have been repaired by B&NES Highways division. The trash screen at the start of the culvert has not yet been installed.

PEG — The Priston Emergency Group or PEG WhatsApp group – designed to alert villagers to a local emergency - now has over 70 members. Remember this is not just for you to help others in distress, but is also there for you to call for help.

Defibrillators – Many thanks to John Wilkinson, for having led the way to bring defibrillators to our Parish; we now have four, one in Wilmington. And to Roger Morrad who has kindly taken over his role as administrator.

Priston Cricket Field – The sale of the field took place without needing support from the PC, and I am delighted to say that the cricket club are able to continue to use it.

Priston Website - Once again thanks to Richard Bottle for maintaining the website.

Thanks - Finally thank you to our Parish Clerk Jocelyn Nichols, and all of our Councillors for their good work and support over the past year, and to all our villagers for their selfless support to neighbours.

5. **Financial Report for the year ending 31st March 2022:** The Parish Council started the year with £7,066 in the bank and finished with £8,865. The precept was £6,700 and gross expenditure was £5,151.
6. **Election of Chairman:** Cllr Pattison was proposed by Cllr Pai and seconded by Cllr Hassard. 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 Lippiatt, seconded by Cllr Pattison. Agreed unanimously.
9. **Appointment of Internal Auditor:** Cllr Pattison proposed and Cllr Hassard seconded the nomination of Robin Anderson as the internal auditor. Agreed unanimously.
10. **Appointment of Footpath Representative:** Cllr Hassard agreed to continue this role for the coming year. Agreed unanimously.
11. **Appointment of Village Hall Representative:** The village hall committee will decide if this role is needed as we are liaising well at present.
12. **Appointment of Roads and Highways Representative:** Cllr Lippiatt agreed to continue in this role, and it was agreed unanimously.
13. **Appointment of Representative to Priston AED Project.** Roger Morad has agreed to manage our defibrillators.
14. **Appointment of Climate and Ecological Emergency Representative:** Penny Rogers and Peter Brookes agreed to carry on in this role.
15. **Any other business:** None.

Signed:

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