

Minutes of the Priston Parish Council Meeting

Held on Zoom on Monday 6th July 2020 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs Doug Pattison (Chair), Peter Hopwood, Vicky Pai, Fiona Hassard, Robert Davies, Bruce Clarke, John Lippiatt and Jocelyn Nichols (Clerk). John Wilkinson and Richard Bottle also attended.

Villagers were asked if there was anything they wished to be raised at the meeting. No matters were raised.

1. Apologies: None

2. Minutes of last meeting: Agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. Matters arising: Bruce has asked Bristol Water if they were interested in taking over our fountain, and they were not. Robert has submitted our response to B&NES consultation about the Local Plan partial update and Statement of Community Involvement. Doug has discussed the change of use of the extended garden with new Mead Cottage residents. Robert is liaising with B&NES about the footpath around the sewage works. As soon as he is able Graham Stark will visit Taunton to establish the official position of the path.

4. Chair's Report: Councillors were asked if we could offer the use of the village green to the pub for outdoor seating while we are expected to keep our distance. It was agreed that we would offer the green. It was agreed we would not offer to be involved in the Centre for Sustainable Energy Carbon Footprinting tool.

Councillors were reminded that we would be holding virtual meetings until at least next year.

CATP is still operating although neighbours seem to be helping those who are vulnerable without the need for council involvement.

The clerk has been in post for a year, and thanked for her work, so it was agreed to increase her salary by 2%.

5. Clerk's Report: Finances: The bank balance stood at £6,607.09 on 29 June. The items of expenditure on the financial report were noted, and if we spend as per the approved budget we will end the financial year on 31 March with £1,935.

Our AGAR report was sent to PKF Littlejohn on 14 May. The exercise of public rights runs from 15 June to 24 July. ALCA are suggesting a subscription increase of 10%, which was agreed by Councillors.

Green Thumb have treated the village green today, and we will add the triangle to be treated in the autumn.

Councillors agreed that we would continue with our current insurance provider as long as the final quote is cheaper than the quotes of £402 from Zurich and £378 from BHIB.

6. To review and sign the 2020 Councillors' Register of Interests: Councillors will update their forms, and the updates will be published on the website.

7. Wilmington Defibrillator: Wilmington residents now have their defibrillator, and the Wilmington organiser has provided a training video for them while we await being able to hold a training session. A new trainer, Simon Brooks, has agreed to conduct the training. Priston needs another defibrillator at the top of the village and we have a benefactor who will pay for it. Quotes are being obtained.

8. Website Accessibility Regulations: Richard has gone live with the new accessible website at the end of May, councillors' and testers' feedback is that it is excellent, and much easier to view on smartphones. He has completed testing and an audit trail of the testing has been given to the clerk. He has published an accessibility statement which can be accessed on the footer of every page of the website. Richard has reviewed and made every document since September 2018 accessible and has given updates to the clerk to use in future.

Councillors expressed their very grateful thanks to Richard for all his really hard work creating the new website.

9. Equality and Diversity Policy: Councillors agreed our one paragraph policy.

10. Roads and Highways: The road outside the dairy will be tarmacked in about 6 weeks. Priston Hill would also be improved then.

Hemlock has grown all over the parish this year. PPE should be worn for removal, and care taken when burning it to not inhale the spores. **Action: John will investigate the best method of eradication.**

11. Planning: a) Development of Fonthill Cottage has been permitted. b) The retrospective planning application for the stables off Blind Lane has been permitted.

12. Emergency Plan: A PEG training meeting will be scheduled when possible, and the emergency plan will be removed from future agendas.

13. Footpaths: The broken stile on the way to Timsbury has been reported to B&NES. Clay pigeon shells have been landing on a footpath. **Action: Robert will draft a letter for the clerk to send to Dave Walcott of the Meadowcroft shoot.**

14. External Meetings: The Parish Liaison Thursday 16 July 2020 at 5.30 will be attended by Doug and Jocelyn, Cam Valley Forum Wednesday 29 July 2020 6pm will be attended by Fiona and Robert.

15. Date of next meeting: Monday 7th September 2020 on Zoom.

Signed

Date

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