

The following are the draft minutes of an ordinary meeting of Priston Parish Council held on Monday 30th March 2009 in the Village Hall, Priston. These have not yet been approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

Councillor Hughes presided, Councillors Hopwood, Lippiatt, Pattison, Whybrow and Wilkinson and Parish Clerk were present. The Chairman welcomed the large number of village residents attending this meeting and the following Annual Parish Meeting and District Councillor Clarke.

1. **Apologies** received from Councillor Cross.
2. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 9th February 2009, having been distributed to all councillors electronically, were accepted as an accurate record of proceedings and the minute book was signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising**
 - i) **Speeding Vehicles** – A further email had been received from T. Papaloucas (BANES Area Traffic Engineer) explaining the “85th percentile speeds”. Agreed to pursue the request to have 20mph painted on the road as had been carried out in an adjacent parish. Clerk to again contact the engineer.
 - ii) **Telephone Kiosk** – Noted no response received from English Heritage regarding the application for listing or the application to purchase the kiosk when no longer operational.
 - iii) **Drinking Fountain** – the Chairman reported that the tap had been replaced and fortunately had cost less than originally estimated. The tap having cost £116 plus £20 labour charges.
 - iv) **Road repairs** – The Chairman reported that repairs had been carried out at the Woodlands but expressed his annoyance that the contractors had not cleared the debris whilst in the area from another section of the road. Councillor Clarke advised of road repairs which are expected to be carried out in the parish.
 - v) **The Clerk** thanked the Councillors for their good wishes and the bouquet received following her recent surgery and also for agreeing an increase in her salary at the last meeting.
4. **Correspondence:**
 - i) The Clerk reminded the Council that a reply to an email, received from the Community Liaison Officer in November 2008, requesting a meeting with the Parish Council, had not yet been sent. Agreed she be invited to either of the meetings on 13th July or 14th September.
 - ii) An email received from the local PCSO regarding “Community Speed Watch” and the possible costs involved, was read and discussed. Noted that a team of at least six people, spending one or two hours per week, would be needed. Agreed that it was not possible to be involved in the scheme at present as the budget for the year had already been set.
 - iii) The Chairman advised of correspondence received informing the Parish Council of, and requesting comments on, a possible Traffic Regulation Order on the Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) from Priston Mill to Inglesbatch, which we fully support.
5. **Financial Report:**

The balance at the bank at the year end was £350.71. A full financial report would be available at the Annual General Meeting.

The Clerk advised that the annual subscription to Avon Local Councils Association (ALCA) in the sum of £57.54 was due for payment. Formally proposed by Councillor Wilkinson, seconded Councillor Pattison that this be remitted.
6. **Defibrillator:**

Councillor Wilkinson distributed copies of emails, between himself and a Community Response Manager of the Great Western Ambulance Service which gave an update on the situation with regard to public liability insurance covering the use of the defibrillator.

Councillor Hopwood addressed the meeting expressing great concern that unacceptable delays could be caused by awaiting the approval of the Ambulance Service before the box can be opened. In the discussion which followed it was commented that persons who are trained in the use of the equipment should be able to access the defibrillator.

Responding to Councillor Wilkinson's enquiry as to whether the Parish Council was prepared to take responsibility for the defibrillator, arrange its purchase, and reclaim the VAT incurred, the Parish Council gave its formal approval.

7. Priston Website:

Mr Bottle informed the meeting of the current contents of, and recent additions to, the website including photographs taken at the village social.

Mr Bottle was again thanked by the Chairman for the excellence of the website.

8. Footpaths and Bridleways:

Councillor Whybrow had nothing to report. It was however commented that the kissing gate behind is property is inaccessible due to horses using the area. The Chairman undertook to speak to the owner of the horses.

9. Planning Applications:

1 Hill View – The Chairman advised that details regarding the covenant on this land were still being investigated.

2 Wilmington – Erection of garage following demolition of existing – Noted decision of applicant to withdraw application.

2 Church Farm – Erection of first floor extension – Noted receipt of consent form from Planning Services.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 11th May - Annual General Meeting commencing 7.00pm, followed by Ordinary Meeting.

There being no further business for discussion this meeting was closed at 7.50pm and the Chairman continued by welcoming councillors and residents to the Annual Parish Meeting which followed.