

## Minutes of the Priston Parish Council Meeting

Held in the Village Hall on Monday 9 May 2022

**Present:** Cllr Doug Pattison (Chair), Cllrs Vicky Pai, Fiona Hassard, John Lippiatt, Jocelyn Nichols (Clerk)

Parishioners were asked if there was anything they wished to be raised at the meeting: No issues were raised.

- 1. Apologies:** Cllrs Robert Davies, Bruce Clarke, Peter Hopwood, and Penny Rogers. B&NES Councillors Matt McCabe and Neil Butters
- 2. Minutes of last meeting:** Agreed and signed as a correct record.
- 3. Matters arising: Action: Vicky will invite our village agent to our next meeting. Clerk will chase Highways about signs at the top and bottom of Watery Lane warning that it is unsuitable for HGVs.**
- 4. Chair's Report:** The platinum jubilee activities were discussed. The rowan tree is looking very healthy.  
**Action: Clerk to investigate % pay rise being applied by other parish councils.**
- 5. Clerk's Report: Finances:** The bank balance stood at £11,547.22 on 22 April. Items of expenditure on the financial report were noted. If we spend as per the approved budget, and forecast expenditure, we would end the financial year on 31 March with about £6,000. The gritter has been added to this year's budget. **Action: John to order gritter.**  
The updated Asset Register was approved.
- 6. To consider, approve and sign the 2021/22 Annual Governance Statement:** The internal auditor has completed the audit report. After all agreeing the statement, and the certificate of exemption, the chair and the clerk signed the Annual Governance Statement which will be published on the website.
- 7. To consider, approve and sign the 2021/22 Accounting Statement: :** Receipts and payments for 2020/21 and 2021/22 were considered and approved. The chair and clerk signed the Accounting Statement which will be published on the website.
- 8. To consider and approve 2022 Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment:** Councillors have read and approved the updated documents.
- 9. To review and sign the 2022 Councillors' Register of Interests: Action: Councillors will update their forms for publishing on the website**
- 10. To agree dates for public access to accounts:** The notice of public rights will be advertised commencing on Monday 13 June 2022 and ending on Friday 22 July 2022.
- 11. Roads and Highways:** Potholes have been repaired on the Marksbury Road, and holes between Holt House and the dairy have been marked for infill.
- 12. Planning:** - Church Lane houses were approved for development.
- 13. Flooding:.** No new issues.
- 14. Fingerposts:** The new signpost looks great
- 15. Climate and ecological emergency: Action: Doug to ask Bath & West Community Energy to talk after the Saturday café about local electricity generation.** After this Penny will arrange a talk by the Duchy.

- 16. **Footpaths:** Fiona has "beat the bounds" of the parish footpaths, and provided details and photos of areas for action by the Somerset Ramblers.
- 17. **External meetings:** The Bathavon Area Forum is 22nd June, 2022, 6.00 pm. **Action: Clerk will list regular meetings for us to prioritise attendance.**
- 18. **Any other Business:** Doug is not renewing his personal Zoom account.
- 19. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 in the village hall. Fiona and Doug send apologies.

Signed .....

Date .....

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