

**Unapproved Minutes of the Priston Parish Council Meeting held at Priston Village Hall on
Monday 21st November 2016 at 7.00 pm**

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Present: Cllrs Doug Pattison (Chair) Peter Hopwood, Fiona Hassard, Robert Davies, Claire Lawton, John Lippiatt, John Whybrow , David Veale (District Councillor) and Louise Callan (Clerk).

Matters raised by Parishioners:

Aylet Anderson kindly offered to continue to act as the flood liaison warden and will collate and re-circulate information about flooding, as it happens. It was also pointed out that ever since the road through the village was resurfaced, rainwater does not flow down the drains and into the stream, but is flowing onto the privately owned bridges, damaging the surfaces. **Action: Cllr Veale to follow up.**

1. Apologies: None

2. Minutes of last meeting: Taken as read, approved and signed.

3. Chair's Report:

3.1. Cllrs Pattison and Davies had reviewed the Joint Spatial Strategy and Joint Planning Strategy. The plans do not appear to have a direct impact on Priston, however Cllr Davies wished to submit feedback. **Action: Send feedback by 19.12.16 - Cllr Davies to liaise with Clerk.**

3.2 Work had been carried out by PAGE to burn infected leaves on the horse Chestnut Tree at the bottom of the Manor garden. This was to try to preserve this tree as it is an important part of the centre of the village. Further treatment involves adding pheromone traps, at a small cost. This was not agreed. Other trees in the village centre will not be treated as they are growing in clusters and any attempt to treat them may be ineffective. **Action: Decision to be made about funding pheromone traps at next meeting.**

3.3. Cllr Pattison had obtained quotes to renew the seat of the circular bench on the village green in teak and in plastic. The teak option was very expensive, but plastic not favoured by all. Cllr Davies offered the services of his firm to look at a metal option. **Action: Cllr Pattison to investigate further with Cllr Davies and report at next meeting.**

3.4 The bund and tree planting have taken place in front of the barns at Newton St Loe in accordance with the planning permission. The trees are still immature and not visible from Priston.

4. Clerk's Report:

4.1 The bank balance was £8,421.22 on 14th November. The financial statement was presented and it was agreed that all invoices due before the next meeting (as listed on the attached financial report) should be paid. **Action: Clerk to pay bills.**

4.2 It was agreed that Doug Pattison, Louise Callan and Richard Bottle should create a working party to review the requirements in relation to the website. **Action: Cllr Pattison to arrange a meeting in January 2017.**

4.3 Councillors were asked whether they were receiving the right level of information via the clerk. It was agreed that the amount and nature of the emails forwarded on was appropriate.

4.4 The following dates were agreed for 2017 meetings:

23rd January
20th March (Ordinary Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting)
15th May (AGM and Ordinary Meeting)
10th July
11th September
20th November

4.5 There was no update on funding for a Parish Council computer, but the clerk reported that the application had to be made on the ALCA website. **Action: Clerk to pursue and report back at next meeting.**

5. Creation of a children's play area in Priston

Cllr Hassard had been approached regarding a play area in Priston. This topic has been raised in the past but a resolution has not been found due to a lack of public land to situate a play area. Some suggestions were dismissed as unsuitable. A more acceptable idea might be to create a 'quiet lane' around Summer Lea which would require some signage and agreement from the residents. It was also suggested that painting white lines in front of The Old Post Office and Swallowdale might prevent dangerous parking on that part of the road. **Action: Cllr Hassard to liaise with village mums. Cllr Pattison to speak to residents about white lines.**

6. Roads and Highways:

Preparations for Winter: John Lippiatt agreed to put the new grit bin out on Farmborough Lane and to check that the others were well stocked with grit.

Drainage Pipe for field opposite Lippiatt's Dairy on Farmborough Lane: Agreement has been reached regarding paying for and installing a pipe to take floodwater away from Farmborough Lane and discharge it into Conygre Brook. The total cost of the pipe is £1,750, payment for which will be split between Priston Parish Council: £550, The Ward Councillors' Initiative Fund: £600 & BANES Highways Budget: £600. The pipe will be installed at no cost by John Lippiatt and Richard Bendall. Priston Parish Council will pay the total amount and claim the contributions from BANES. Five cars were stranded in flood water on 21/11/16, so it is hoped that once this pipe is in place the flooding will be stopped or substantially reduced. **Action: Clerk to complete form for Ward Councillor's Initiative Fund, Cllr Lippiatt to order pipe from Mole Valley Farmers, Clerk to pay for pipe prior to delivery.**

Following substantial rainfall, the road and railings have been damaged on Marksbury Lane where the road runs over the Conygre Brook. **Action: Clerk to investigate and report to BANES.**

7. Planning:

Peter Brookes and Penny Rogers circulated plans for a sustainable eco-house they are planning to self-build in their garden. The proposed 3 bed house is in-keeping with surrounding buildings in terms of height and materials. It was agreed that the concept and plans were acceptable in principle and the parish council would be supportive of the planning application.

8. To agree purchase of Christmas lights for Village Centre:

It is not practical to place lights on the walnut tree on the village green due to the need for an electricity cable crossing the road. Other options were discussed. It was decided not to purchase and erect lights this year.

9. Adopting the BT telephone kiosk:

It was agreed unanimously to adopt the BT telephone kiosk and agree to BT's proposal to remove the public phone. No decision was taken on a future use for the phone kiosk. **Action: Clerk to write to BANES to confirm.**

10. Defibrillators:

A refresher training course was held on 28th October where there were six attendees. At a cost of £320 for the course this turned out to be expensive. John Wilkinson is looking into increasing the number of attendees for future training courses and also at alternative training providers. There are now 21 people who are certificated and willing to be called out in the event of a cardiac emergency.

10. Report on topics from external meetings:

Libraries: Substantial cuts need to be made from the BANES library budget of £1.9m. It is therefore likely that the mobile library buses will be discontinued within the next 18 months. The library officers are happy to discuss the creation of more local library facilities, which would be run by volunteers.

Waste Recycling: In a bid to increase recycling BANES are changing waste collections from Autumn 2017. Each lorry load of landfill cost £1,000 to dispose of, while each lorry of recycling generates money. Wheelie bins will be distributed to all households for landfill waste and these will be collected fortnightly. Recycling will continue to be collected weekly and garden waste fortnightly.

Parishes Liaison: The joint spatial strategy consultation was discussed. The plans for local devolution are moving forward. The parish sweepers scheme has been resuscitated. Priston may wish to look into this for leaf removal.

11. Any Other business:

It was agreed to store the teak bench from the village green in Louise Callan’s garage over winter. It was also agreed to support Cam Valley Wildlife in 2017 for £50.

15. Dates of future external meetings:

Future meetings:

ALCA:	18 th January
Parishes Liaison:	15 th February
Bathavon Forum,	11 th January (AGM)

17. Date of next meeting: Monday 23rd January 2017

Signed

Date

