

**An ordinary meeting of Priston Parish Council was held on Monday 16 September 2002 in the Village Hall, Priston.**

Mr Hughes presided, Mrs Bowyer, Mr Hopwood, Miss Nokes, Mr Perriton, and Parish Clerk were present. The Chairman welcomed Councillor Mrs Todd and Mr Broomfield to the meeting.

1. **Apologies** received from Mr Jones.
2. **Minutes** The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed.
3. **Matters Arising:** Noted that no acknowledgement had been received in response to letters written to Messrs H and S Jones.
4. **Financial Report** - The Clerk reported a balance at the bank of £547.92 and a petty cash balance of £6.34p. The insurance had been renewed with Zurich in the sum of £183.75p
5. **Internal Auditor's Report** -  
Copies of Mr Harris' report of 17 July had been distributed to all Parish Councillors and, after its contents were noted and discussed, it was proposed by Mrs Bowyer and agreed unanimously that the handwritten minute book be retained and that one copy of the draft minutes be circulated by the Clerk to councillors. It was suggested that councillors should initial this copy to signify that it had been received and read.
6. **Priston Website** - No further information received.
7. **Annual Bid for Locally Prioritised Requests** -  
After discussion it was agreed to submit the same three requests as last year ie Drain at the entrance to Church Farm, footpath at Hill View and bridge at Conygre Brook.
8. **Planning Applications:**
  - (I) **Land Adjacent to Hill Farm House** - Mrs Todd reported that the Planning Officer responsible for this application had advised he was waiting to hear from the Environment Agency.
  - (ii) **Stable Block, Blind Lane, Tunley** - Noted the application had been returned opposing this proposed development. Agreed that a photocopy of the petition signed by local residents should be sent to the Case Officer.
9. **Any other business** -
  - (a) Noted that Priston would host the Inter-Village Quiz on Thursday 7 November.
  - (B) The Clerk to contact the Highways Inspector regarding potholes on Mill Lane, an identified hole at the junction of Summerlea which had not been repaired and also remind him that the gullies are still higher than the road surface of Priston Lane.
  - (C) Concern was expressed at the very poor surface of the road at Padleigh in Englishcombe Parish. Mrs Todd advised that this was scheduled for repair.
  - (D) Mr Perriton advised that the footpath at Rockhill was still in need of attention following a visit by the enforcement officer earlier in the year. It was hoped that finance would be available from the District Council.
  - (E) Noted that the Town/Parish Contact Meetings held by Transportation, Access and Waste Management had been renamed as "Cluster Meetings". Miss Nokes offered to accompany the Clerk to the next meeting on 23 September as Mr Hughes would be on holiday.
  - (F) Noted that the village roads had not been swept in recent weeks. The Clerk to contact the Cleansing Inspector.
  - (G) The Clerk advised that a new litter bin for the Village Green had been requested from Transportation, Access and Waste Management.
10. **Date of next meeting** Agreed the next meeting be held on Monday 2 December 2002 commencing 7.00pm. Meeting closed at 8.05 pm.