

**Draft Minutes of the Priston Parish Council Meeting held at Priston Village Hall on
Monday 11th September 2017 at 7.00 pm**

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

Matters raised by the public:

It was mentioned that it wasn't appropriate to clear the ditch running down Priston Hill as part of the PAGE litter picking. PAGE were thanked for the excellent job they do of clearing the litter. It was agreed that the parish council would ask BANES to attend to this ditch in future and it would be treated as a separate issue from the litter picking. Flytipping was reported on Priston Lane. **Action: Clerk to report flytipping to BANES.**

1. Apologies: Cllr Clare Lawton, Cllr Robert Davies

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

3. Chair's Report

3.1. BANES have agreed to resurface the section of road in front of Pressbarrow Dairy, including improving the camber to deal with potential flooding.

3.2 A consultation has been received about ward boundary changes. It is a complex issue. **Action: Cllr David Veale to consider whether it is necessary for Priston to comment and report back.**

3.3 Priston has been offered the opportunity of a grant of £250 from BANES Community Empowerment Fund. It was proposed to use this for part payment of a hearing loop for the Village Hall. The grant is dependent on the parish council supporting the application with a donation of the same amount. This was proposed and agreed. **Action: Clerk to complete and return application form.**

3.4 It was noted that some of the finger posts signs that mention Priston are in disrepair. BANES do not repair these historical signs as a matter of course, but some parish councils are repairing them with grants and other income. **Action: Clerk and Penny Rogers to review signs and recommend work required.**

3.5 Steve Lawton had kindly written to the RAF regarding the increased helicopter air traffic. Although the RAF had said that the helicopter flights would reduce, this had not been the case. Steve had sent a further email outlining continuing concerns. It was suggested that if this continued, planning law might be consulted to see if there was a breach of use of the areas where the helicopters land. **Action: Monitor activity over coming months.**

5. Clerk's Report

5.1 The bank balance stood at £7,467.39. The YTD expenditure against budget and a bank reconciliation were presented. The insurance had been renewed at £280, fixed for three years. A new computer was purchased with funding from the Transparency Grant. The Annual Audit had been approved without amendment by Grant Thornton. The rubbish collections are changing over the next quarter to move everyone to wheelie bins. Various consultations had been received including the Parish Charter. Fiona Hassard agreed to send a reply to this consultation.

6. To discuss a Civil Defence Plan: Several members of the council had retrieved the last document produced in 2009 and there was some discussion about what would be appropriate for any emergencies now. **Action: Clerk and Doug Pattison to follow up with BANES Emergency Planning Team.**

7. BT Phone Box. Various ideas were put forward for use of the phone box. In the meantime it was decided that Doug Pattison would ask Bob Hunt for a quote to repair the door. Volunteers are needed to clean and repair the box. **Action: Doug Pattison to liaise with Bob.**

8. Planning: – Parcel 5856 Walnut Tree Hill. There was a discussion regarding the fact that the planning permission has been breached. This relates to the landscaping (including a rendered wall instead of a stone rubble wall and the installation of a sea container in the garden). It was reported that residents are unhappy about this and enforcement seems to be slow. Legally, retrospective planning may be applied for after structures have been built incorrectly. The

query was raised as to when and how residents could make comments to BANES on the subject. **Action: David Veale to meet with senior planning officers to find out what the current situation is.**

The village hall has had its planning application for improvements approved.

9. Flooding: BANES have installed a large pipe alongside the village hall and it is hoped that this will stop flooding in front of the village hall and pub. The pipe purchased earlier in the year has now been installed across the Bendalls' fields to take the water away from Farmborough Lane. John Lippiatt was thanked for the work involved. It is now hoped that the flooding will now be prevented in front of Pressbarrow Dairy.

10. Children's play area: A working group has been set up and a request for land was put in The Link. Nothing has come of this. The group is writing to two landowners to request the use of some of their land. There may be some costs attached and this project may approach the pc in future for funds.

11. Seat on the village green: Mike Robotham is working on a new design for a metal seat.

12. Highways - Triangle at the bottom of Priston Lane: No progress to report.

13. Footpaths and Bridleways: John Whybrow had consulted villagers on the dog fouling issue. It was felt that on reflection it was not currently a serious issue.

15. Roads and Highways: The exit from Priston Lane onto the B3115 through Timsbury is due to be improved as part of the development of two houses on adjacent land.

16. Defibrillators: Training has been booked for 25th October in the village hall. Residents to be encouraged to attend. **Action: Clerk to assist in promoting the event.**

19. External meetings:

Future meetings:

ALCA:	28 th September, AGM 7 th October
Parishes Liaison:	26 th October (LC)
Bathavon Forum,	15 th November (Freshford) (FH)

21. Any other Business: None.

22. Date of next meeting: Monday 20th November.