

**Draft Minutes of the Priston Parish Council Meeting held at Priston Village Hall on  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 at 7.00 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Doug Pattison (Chair), Peter Hopwood, John Lippiatt, Cllr Robert Davies, Claire Lawton and Louise Callan (Clerk). Cllr David Veale

**Matters raised by Members of the Public:**

The village hall committee thanked the pc and BANES for the donations of £500 to purchase a hearing loop. This should be installed by May or June of 2018. An inspection had been made of Watery Lane and it was reported that there are considerable flooding problems taking place. Railings have been installed at a house on the exit of the Marksbury Road where it meets the A39. These are blocking the view to exit the road. This has been reported to BANES, but will be followed up by the Clerk. **Action: LC to contact Marksbury Clerk and BANES.**

**1. Apologies:** Cllrs John Whybrow, Fiona Hassard

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

**3. Matters Arising:** It has been proposed to extend commemoration of the end of WW1 to include an evening of reflection and poetry. A request was made for the Parish Council to fund refreshments. **Action: Claire Lawton to carry on with arrangements.** The list of contacts to operate the defibrillators had not yet been circulated. **Action: Clerk to contact John Wilkinson to complete.**

**3. Chair's Report**

3.1 It was agreed to respond to the Bus Service Consultation to comment that the existing service should be maintained and that the use of Farecar would be acceptable during the day. Trees on Priston Lane are falling into the road as is a hedge. **Action: David Veale to confirm what the policy is relating to landowners and their responsibility to keep the roads clear of trees and the clearance of ditches.**

**4. Clerk's Report**

4.1 The bank balance stood at £8,490.87 on 19<sup>th</sup> January. Expenses over £100 – clerk's salary x 2 (£500) and the donation for the hearing loop (£250). It was agreed to donate £35 to Dial-a-ride, although noted that this service cannot be used to travel into Bath. The Festival committee have confirmed that they will comply with GDPR and make necessary changes to the website. An email list of villagers will be set up for Parish Council use and permission will be sought from those who wish to be on it. The Parish Council will comply with GDPR and will create a relevant privacy policy for the website. Bristol Airport magazine distributed. **Action: Clerk to make payments, set up mailing list and privacy policy.**

**5. Precept:** It was agreed to increase the precept to £6,200 and to increase the Clerk's salary to £3,100 pa. **Action: Clerk to complete and return precept form to BANES.**

**6. Annual Parish Meeting – March 17<sup>th</sup>** It had been agreed with the Saturday Café that this village meeting could take place during the café, but the timing to be confirmed. It was agreed to pay £50 to provide refreshments. The format would be the same as last year with the PC and village groups giving a brief overview of their activities. **Action: Clerk to liaise with Sat. Café committee re timing and to ask relevant representatives if they wished to speak.**

**7. BT Phone Box.** It was agreed that Bob Hunt would repair the door. **Action: Doug Pattison to liaise with Bob Hunt.**

**8. Planning: – Parcel 5856 Walnut Tree Hill.** Two new planning applications had been submitted in December for the rendered wall in the garden and the shipping container. Both had attracted a large number of objections from villagers. Prior to a decision being taken by BANES, further plans were submitted in January. The parish council submitted objections to the applications. It is understood that the decisions will go to the planning committee and will not be delegated to officers.

**Mead Cottage.** A planning application was made to remove the agricultural tie on this building. The parish council agreed to support this application.

**The Milking Parlour.** An application was made to increase the height of the roof of this new build to accommodate extra insulation. The parish council agreed to support this application. **Action: Clerk to submit comments to BANES.**

**11. Highways –** It was agreed to allocate up to £1000 to assist in clearing any ditches to prevent flooding. There had still been flooding on Farmborough Lane, however this was put down to the extreme amount of rain and it was noted that the water drained away much quicker than before. The new pipe is therefore considered to be doing a good job. Drivers had still chosen to enter the floodwater and become stranded. The road will not be re-surfaced until a drain has been installed outside the dairy. Gritting is only done on Marksbury Lane when the school bus is operating and ice had caused problems for motorists when the road hadn't been gritted. A new grit bin was proposed but not agreed. The possibility of purchasing a grit spreader was discussed and it was agreed that this should be looked into further. There has been considerable flooding on Watery Lane, which needs investigating. The new pipe beside the village hall has been successful. **Action: Clerk to thank Jim McEwen for the work on the pipe in the village. Aylet Anderson and Niels Cross to look into Watery Lane Flooding. John Lippiatt to look into costs of a small grit spreader.**

**12. Footpaths and Bridleways:** Doug Pattison had asked Stephen Jones to put down the scalplings that were supplied to fill in the bridleway near the cricket club.

**15. External meetings:**

Doug agreed to attend the Parishes Liaison meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Apologies to be sent for January ALCA Meeting.

**16. Any other Business:** The re-allocation of the Ward Boundaries was discussed. Priston has been grouped with different parishes, some further away, including Hinton Charterhouse and Freshford. It was not felt that this new grouping would have a material effect on activities here.

**17. Date of next meeting:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

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