

The following are the DRAFT minutes of an ordinary meeting of Priston Parish Council held on Monday 3 July 2006 in the Village Hall, Priston. These have not yet been approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

Councillor Bowyer presided, Councillors Cross, Hughes, Lippiatt, Nokes, Whybrow and Parish Clerk were present. The Chairman welcomed village resident Mr Toghill and District Councillor Mrs Rosemary Todd.

1. There were no **apologies**.
2. **The Minutes of the meeting** held on 15 May 2006 were read, confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - The Granary** – The Clerk read the email she had received from a member of the Historic Environment Team which advised that no specific grants are available for the repair of historic buildings. Councillor Hughes advised he had spoken with both Mr H and Mr O Jones. The Clerk to again contact the B&NES’ officer to request an update following his offered visit.
 - High Street** – The Clerk advised of her meeting with a Highways Inspector to discuss problems experienced with wide vehicles negotiating the narrowest section of the High Street. He had recommended a single white “keep clear” line for the length of the road adjacent to Arum House. After discussion it was agreed by the majority of councillors to accept this recommendation.
 - Neighbourhood Policing** – The Clerk read the letter she had written to Avon and Somerset Constabulary at Radstock.
 - Neighbourhood Watch Ringmaster** – The Clerk advised of the response she had received regarding her inclusion in the Ringmaster scheme. Again agreed it was not necessary for her to be included.
4. **Co-option of Councillor** – Councillor Bowyer informed councillors that only one elector from the parish had shown interest in joining the Parish Council and was therefore very pleased to proposed that Mr Peter Hopwood be co-opted. Seconded Councillor Hughes and agreed unanimously. The Clerk advised she had prepared Declaration of Acceptance and Register of Interest Forms for completion by Mr Hopwood.
5. **Correspondence:**
 - Financial Support** – The Clerk advised that she had written to the Citizens’ Advice Bureau at Midsomer Norton regretting that it was not possible to offer financial support.
6. **Financial Report** - The Clerk reported she had recently settled an account with Wessex Water for supply to the trough and fountain in the sum of £24.17. She was in the process of writing cheques for the first quarter of her annual salary, three months Broadband charges and £11 to her husband for brackets used in the repair of the former WI bench as requested by the Parish Council. Following the payment of these amounts the balance at the bank was £916.57 with no petty cash held.
7. **Register of Interests** – All councillors signed and dated their Register of Interests as confirmation there had been no changes since the original information had been supplied.
8. **Dial-a-Ride Scheme** – Following the circulation of letter and accompanying map regarding the possible expansion of both the Keynsham & District and Midsomer Norton & Radstock Dial-a-Ride schemes the Clerk was requested to arrange for the information to be passed, as appropriate, for inclusion on the Priston Website and in The Link. It was emphasised by District Councillor Todd that this service would only come to Priston if there is a need.
9. **Risk Assessment** – The Clerk distributed copies of the Parish Council’s Risk Assessment prepared by the Internal Auditor. An error in calculation was noted and, after a small amendment was made,

it was formally proposed by Councillor Bowyer and agreed unanimously to accept the recommendations.

10. Priston Website – Favourable comments were made on the photographs taken at the Flower Festival held in the church to celebrate the Queen’s 80th Birthday.

11. Footpaths and Bridleways – Councillor Whybrow reported that a stile on the footpath near the pond had been repaired and a gate at Priston Mill had been fitted with a latch which can be opened by horse riders. District Councillor Todd offered to make enquiries as to the current situation with regard to the long outstanding repair to the footbridge at the Mill.

12. Planning Applications:

Brook Cottage – two storey and single storey extensions. Noted this application had been referred to the Area B Development Control Committee meeting on 28th June with a “Refusal” recommendation. Councillor Todd had, however, spoken in favour of this development and the committee had agreed to approve.

Hill Farm – Reserved matters application for single dwelling. Letter sent to Planning Services on 5th June incorporating the views expressed by Councillors.

1 Summerlea – Erection of double garage and relocated vehicle access. Noted receipt of refusal form from Planning Services who had sited several policies from the Wansdyke and B&NES Local Plans. The proposed extension was too large on a building which had already been developed.

The Chairman reported that the Clerk had been requested to contact Planning Services regarding (i) a wall erected at **Arum House** and (ii) internal alterations at the **Ring O’Bells**. Planning Officers had confirmed that the wall erected at (i) does not breach planning control and Building Regulations have been applied for and approved at (ii).

11. Date of Next Meeting - Monday 18 September 2006 commencing 7.00pm.

12. Any other business:

(i) **Refuse Collections** – Numerous complaints had been received regarding non-collection of refuse on the scheduled day. Commented that the change to front-of-property collection has not been implemented satisfactorily. Councillor Todd advised of a public meeting to be held at Keynsham Town Hall on Wednesday 5th July.

(ii) **Changes to planning procedures** – Councillor Todd advised of changes to be made in the way in which Parish Councils are to be consulted on planning applications.

(iii) **B&NES’ Chairman** – Noted that Councillor Brinkhurst has asked to be better acquainted with what happens in the rural area and would like to be invited to a Parish Council meeting.

(iv) **Ambulance service** – Councillor Todd reported that the ambulance service, when called to an emergency, occasionally cannot find the destination. Arrangements were being made for her to visit the ambulance service to see how addresses are located.

(v) **Church clock** – Councillor Hughes advised he was again receiving complaints that it is not possible to see the church or the clock due to the large tree which shields it from view. The Clerk was requested to write again to the owner of the tree to request that it be trimmed

(vi) **Spilt silage** – Councillor Hughes had received complaints regarding the condition of the High Street following silage cutting. Commented that the roads are now being swept on a regular basis by the District Council and it is very unfortunate that, within a few days of a recent sweep, silage had been spilt. It was, however, agreed by all Councillors that we live in a working village.

(vii) **Holidays** – The Clerk asked Councillors to advise her of their holiday commitments to avoid delays in the circulation of planning applications and other urgent communications.

There being no further business for consideration the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm and thanked Councillors and resident for their attendance and participation.