

The following are the DRAFT minutes of an ordinary meeting of Priston Parish Council held on Monday 26^h March 2012 in the Village Hall, Priston . These have not yet been approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

The Chair was taken by Councillor Pattison and Councillors Cross, Davies, Girdlestone, Hopwood and Whybrow and the Parish Clerk were present. The Chairman welcomed village residents Mr Bottle, Mr and Mrs Broomfield, Mr Cross, Mrs Davies, Mr Hunt, Mr Neville and Mr Wilkinson and District Councillor David Veale

1. There were no **Apologies**.
2. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 30th January 2012, having been distributed electronically to Councillors, were accepted as a true record of proceedings and the minute book signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - Grit Bins** had been sited and rock salt provided but noted it had not been necessary to make use of this in the preceding months.
 - Emergency Procedure** – Councillor Cross advised that nothing further had been heard from the District Council.
 - Governance** – The Chairman advised Mr Anderson had agreed to act as Auditor for the current year.
 - Ponies/Wood Lodge** – Councillor Whybrow advised that there had been no further incidents.
4. No relevant **Correspondence**.
5. **Financial Report** - The Clerk read the report which had been distributed electronically to Councillors
Noted a balance at the bank of £2,109.30 including £1,238.06 in the Defibrillator account. Reimbursement of training fees had been made to Councillors Davies and Pattison as agreed at the meeting held on 30th January 2012 and to Mr Wilkinson for the purchase of two inexpensive mobile telephones, with £10 top up on each, for use in the event of an emergency and the use of the defibrillator. The Clerk would be writing a cheque for her salary, and reimbursement of expenses, for the fourth quarter of the financial year. In conclusion the Clerk informed the meeting a formal invoice for the annual subscription to ALCA, in the sum of £52.75, had been received and reminded members that it had been agreed to renew membership (£29) with CPRE. These latter two payments to be made after 1st April. **Action: Clerk**
6. **Queen's Diamond Jubilee** - The Chairman reported briefly on the discussions of this sub-committee and the plans so far agreed. The Parish Council was in agreement that the small number of children of Nailwell, who join with their friends in Priston on a regular basis, should be included in the presentation of a gift. Details of the activities and events planned would be published on the Priston Website and in The Link. **Action: Chairman**
7. **Governance** – Councillor Hopwood advised there were no changes since his report at the meeting on 30th January.
8. **Neighbourhood Plans** – Councillor Davies spoke to a paper he had prepared together with Councillors Cross and Pattison which gave the recommendations of the Planning Sub-Committee and advising that the Parish Council had not yet discussed whether the parish should construct a Neighbourhood Plan. If it is decided to proceed with this, it will probably be in conjunction with one or more neighbouring parishes and could take up to two years to bring to fruition.
Concluding his remarks, Councillor Davies said it would be preferable to have a Plan rather than not and that no formal decision would be made by the Parish Council without prior public consultation within the parish.
The Clerk would place a copy of the paper on file. **Action: Clerk**
9. **Defibrillator** – The report submitted by Mr Wilkinson which had been distributed electronically to Councillors was accepted and a copy would be placed on file. **Action: Clerk**
10. **Priston Website** - The report submitted by Mr Bottle, and which had been distributed electronically to Councillors, was accepted and a copy would be placed on file. **Action: Clerk**
11. **Footpaths and Bridleways** – The report submitted by Councillor Whybrow, which had been distributed electronically to Councillors, was accepted and a copy would be placed on file. **Action: Clerk**
Dog Fouling: Noted that unfortunately a resident had been served with a £50 fine by the BANES' Dog Warden.

12. **PACT meeting** – Councillor Hopwood reported he had raised the two issues as agreed at the previous meeting: (i) the Police representative at the meeting advised against the use of a mirror opposite Wood Lane. He felt it would give a false sense of security and it would be preferable for drivers to exercise caution when exiting this road; and (ii) the Clerk was requested by the BANES’ representative at the meeting, to provide relevant emails to enable him to follow up the Parish Council’s suggestion for the display of notices advising “Unsuitable for HGVS”. This had been done and a response was awaited.
Noted the next meeting would be held on Monday 18th June at Freshford.
13. **Planning Applications:**
The Old Coach House – To note further correspondence including the undertaking by the owner to install obscure glazing to windows which had caused concern. Correspondence to be placed on file as customary. **Action: Clerk**
Staddlestones – Erection of detached double garage – To note appeal by applicant and Inspector’s Report. Councillor Davies registered his interest in this application.
The Old Rectory (Left) – Internal and external alterations to include provision of additional living space within property and replacement glazing bars to windows – To note receipt of consent from Planning Services.
Site of Tunley Colliery – Erection of Agricultural Barn (General Permitted Development) – To note correspondence and decision by Planning Services that a full application must be submitted.
14. **Date of Annual General Meeting:** Monday 14th May 2012 commencing 7.00pm.
15. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 14th May 2012 immediately following Annual General Meeting
16. **Any Other Business:**
Parish Online – Councillor Cross advised that, during April, representatives of a Dutch company would be driving through the village to photograph Priston’s roads for inclusion in the Parish Online mapping system which the Parish Council uses to communicate with BANES.
HMRC – Councillor Davies offered his support to the Clerk in completing the end of year return to HMRC.

There being no further business for discussion Councillor Pattison declared the meeting closed and proceeded with the formal business of the Annual Parish meeting.