

**Draft Minutes of the Priston Parish Council Meeting held at Priston Village Hall on
Monday 15th May 2017 at 7.00 pm**

Present: Cllrs Doug Pattison (Chair), Claire Lawton, John Lippiatt, Peter Hopwood, Robert Davies, John Whybrow, Fiona Hassard and Louise Callan (Clerk).

1. Apologies: None

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

3. Chair's Report:

There was no update on the tree planting at Newton St Loe, but it was agreed that the message had been passed on regarding planning enforcement and the matter would now not be taken any further. David Veale was following up about the Farmborough Road re-surfacing, but in his absence, there was no update. Further to a proposal at the last meeting, it was agreed not to request that white lines should be painted outside Swallowdale.

4. Clerk's Report:

4.1 Financial Report: The bank balance stood at 5,838.33. The first instalment (£3,060) of the precept had been paid and expenses of £300 incurred. Expenses for the next period were agreed as per the attached breakdown. A PAYE scheme has been set up for the Clerk's salary.

4.2 The Annual Parish Meeting was a big success with around 50 villagers. It was agreed to stick to the Saturday morning timing and to allocate some time for coffee beforehand. Noise from the kitchen was a distraction and we should seek to resolve this next year.

4.3 The council's assets were discussed and the asset register reviewed. It was agreed to dispose of the filing cabinet, old computer and printer for £1 to Christine Hunt. It was not clear how depreciation should be handled on the asset register. **Action: Clerk to investigate with ALCA.**

4.4 The public phone has now been removed from the box, but we have not received any paperwork regarding the adoption of the box itself. **Action: Clerk to find out further information from BANES.**

4.5 The Clerk presented the details of a laptop computer and software. **Action: Clerk to submit request for funding from Transparency Fund and purchase equipment.**

5. The 2016/17 Annual Governance Statement was reviewed, approved and signed. The internal auditor's recommendations were read out and it was agreed to implement them.

6. The 2016/17 Accounting Statement was reviewed, approved and signed.

7. The 2017 Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment were considered. Minor changes were made to point 8 in the Standing Orders to add clarity to the item. Actions relating to the Annual Governance and Accounting Statement were amended in the Financial Regulations to reflect the process more accurately. Some changes were made to the Risk Assessment in regards to the defibrillators and website.

8. The Councillors all reviewed the 2017 Register of Interests and signed the documents.

9. Roads and Highways: There was no update on the repairs required for the Farmborough Road outside Pressbarrow Dairy. **Action: Cllr Veale to provide further information at the next meeting.**

10. Planning: There was no further information about the Milking Parlour planning application. The application for 9 Priston had been rejected on the grounds that the volume was too great.

A number of points were raised about Parcel 5856. Permission was granted for a low retaining wall across the

garden to be clad in stone rubble. This is not the case and BANES planning enforcement have been notified. There was discussion about the fact that although much time is spent discussing the merits of planning applications, adherence to plans is not always in evidence. **Action: Cllr Pattison to raise the matter with Cllr David Veale.**

11. Flooding: BANES' investigation of the flooding outside the village hall had been postponed. A number of drainage pipes and ditches are blocked on Priston Lane. **Action: Cllr Doug Pattison and Louise Callan to investigate further.** A drainage engineer had visited the village to look at the need for a gulley below Village Farm. No action had been evident in the meantime. **Action: Clerk to find out what was happening.**

12. Children's Play Area: Cllr Hassard reported back on her recent survey to parents of young children. (See appendix). There was discussion about a possible way forward and it was agreed to investigate the use of some land for use over the summer. The practicalities make this proposal difficult to implement, but the council could help with public liability and other issues around setting up some space. **Action: Cllr Hassard to set up a working party of mothers to discuss further and to ask the Jones family about potentially using some of their land.**

13. Triangle of Grass at the Bottom of Priston Lane: No progress made. A scheme required for implementation. **Action: Clerk to work with councillors on plan.**

14. Village Green Seat Renewal: Cllr Davies was in discussion with Mike Robotham to design a new, more durable seat. **Action: Cllr Davies to continue to move project on.**

15. Footpaths and Bridleways: Repair to bridleway B20/7 behind cricket pitch. Planings have been delivered to the landowner and action is awaited from him. **Bridleway BA20/11 (behind the Piggeries).** The Public Rights of Way officer is taking up with the landowner the issue of the unsatisfactory surface laid on the bridleway adjacent to Piggeries.

16. Any Other Business: A request was made for the Parish Council to support the installation and on-going costs of broadband (supplied by Truespeed) in the Village Hall. Installation costs could either be £120 or £1300, depending on access to existing cabling. The Parish Council decided unanimously to pay for installation of £120 and the first year's operating costs of £540. Concern was raised about a skip on the road. **Action: Clerk to look into regulations.** Concern was also expressed about Chinook helicopters flying low over the village at night and landing in nearby fields. **Action: Cllr Lawton to investigate further.**

16. External Meetings:

	May	June	Sept	Oct
ALCA	25/5/17		28/9/17	
Parishes Liaison		23/6/17		26/10/17
Bathavon Forum	9/5/17 (FH,DP)			

No-one was available to attend the next ALCA meeting. **Action: Clerk to send apologies.**

17. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting was moved from July 10th to July 3rd.

Signed

Date

REPORT TO PRISTON PARISH COUNCIL - Meeting 15/5/17 YOUNG PERSONS "PLAY AREA"

Following discussion earlier in the year 19 village families with children or grandchildren, age range from 3 to 13, were asked the following questions:

1. Would you support another attempt to create some sort of "play area" for the young people of Priston?
2. What would you consider appropriate for your children (Please list the ages of the children). ie whether a swing/play equipment on a grassy area, areas to kick a ball, ride a bike etc etc.
3. What would the children themselves in your household like (within reason!)
4. Suggestions as to where , ie on public land or does anyone own any land that they would be prepared to have used as a play area?
5. If there is enough support, would you be prepared to join a "working party" to try to make this happen. In summary, the following was received:

11 very positive responses indicating a high level of demand. These respondents were also prepared to join a working party to pursue this further. 2 negative: i.e. wouldn't use or don't think is appropriate in Priston. Reminder - no response or no longer applicable, i.e. children too old. The responses highlighted the following as highly desirable:

- 1) Informal play area: few bits of apparatus, could be logs and ropes, basic swings or a "nest swing", basket ball hoop, potentially fenced off with a gate so dog free. This is requires land, however does not need to be large.
- 2) Safe area for bike riding: could be provided with severe speed bumps before and after the pub in conjunction with "Quiet Lane" signs
- 3) Area to kick a ball around: One respondent has offered their orchard area, which has football goals, for general use. The above would not all need to be in the same area could be tackled individually.

Main questions are:

- a) Where: brainstorming required, however if area to kick a ball around is provided (see 3 above) the amount of land required for 1 above, i.e. small informal play area, could be quite small.
- b) Costs: Precept, lottery application, fundraising. The village hall committee is about to investigate applications for roof improvements and overall hall improvement there could be an opportunity to make a joint application including a sum for play area behind the hall.

Cllr Fiona Hassard