

Minutes of the Priston Parish Council Meeting

held at Priston Village Hall on Monday 19th November 2018 at 7.00 pm

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

It was confirmed that the CAM Valley Forum would take place in Priston on Wednesday 21st November and BANES would present the Breathe project, a scheme designed to reduce high levels of pollution in Bath. Clerk to check that questions could be asked.

1. Apologies: John Whybrow, Fiona Hassard

2. Minutes of last meeting: Agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. Matters arising: 15 People attended the defibrillator training and it was an excellent session. It was agreed that the Parish Council would fund a further training with the same company in May 2019. **Action: John Wilkinson to book.**

4. Chair's Report: Doug Pattison had written a further letter to B&NES about their interpretation of planning laws and had received a reply. It was decided to not to continue to write any further letters to the council about this topic. The commemoration of the 1918 Armistice had been a huge success with something for everyone, from the tree planting on Saturday to the church service on Sunday morning and the beacon event on Pensdown in the evening with drinks in the pub. Claire Lawton was thanked for all her work in organising the weekend. The trumpeter was given a gift voucher for £25 and it was agreed that this would be reimbursed by the parish council. A collection was made for SAAFA and £198 raised. The Village Design Statement had been printed and distributed to all households. It was agreed that it was a beautifully produced document. The remaining copies would be kept by the Clerk for new residents. A small number are for sale at £10. **Action: Clerk to advertise the remaining copies in The Link and was to write to Tony Baldaro and the rest of the team thanking them for their work.**

5. Clerk's Report:

Financial Report: The bank balance stood at £9,403.23 on 16 November. (See financial report for full breakdown of expenditure.) An updated draft budget was presented showing committed costs and estimates for existing proposals for expenditure. See website for copy of the budget and proposals to spend the precept. Tunley Parish Council had alerted the Clerk to the fact that a field had been cleared close to houses in Tunley to erect stables. The land in question is in Priston Parish, although the effects of the building are more pertinent to the residents of Tunley. Planning permission had not been sought for this development and a fire had been caused during the clearing of vegetation, requiring the attendance of the fire brigade. **The Clerk had alerted B&NES planning to the breach of planning and it was suggested that Tunley PC should take any further action required.** Village Hall noticeboards: The church had decided that they wished to continue with their current noticeboard. **Action: Clerk to investigate whether the Village Hall was still interested in renewing their noticeboard and potentially combining it with a new noticeboard for the Parish Council.** The PC web page has been completely updated so that all statutory documents are now current.

6. The Parish Council had been approached for a donation to the Village Hall Fund Raising. It was agreed that £2,000 would be donated. The current amount raised is £27,000 which will cover essential roof repairs. A further amount has been requested from the Big Lottery Fund and a substantial figure would need to be raised by the village to complete all the desired improvements. An Auction of Promises is planned for early 2019. The Parish council fully supports this effort to improve facilities in the village.

7. B&NES are proposing to introduced a Clean Air Charging Zone in Bath. This was to be discussed at the CAM Valley Forum, where further details would be given. Residents were invited to attend this meeting.

8. The Clerk would like to encourage residents to share lifts where possible to make a small contribution to reducing pollution. An app for Liftsharing would be promoted in January.

10. A request was made to change the village Facebook page from a community page to a group page to allow more people to add posts and to create more online conversations. **Action: Clerk to liaise with Owain Jones to create page.**

11. Three large stones had been moved from Village Farm to the verge along the road outside Underhill Cottage. The plan was to move these onto the triangle at the bottom of Watery Lane, but it was felt that as the stones were rather large this may not be permitted by Highways. **Action: Clerk to ask permission from Highways**

12. **Emergency Planning:** Nothing to report.

13. **Seat Renewal:** Nothing to report.

14. **Flooding:** The Bendalls had cleared the pipe under the road leading to Marksbury, but it wasn't clear whether they wanted the grille (which would be supplied by BANES) to be erected on their land. John Lippiatt agreed to dig out the ditch on Watery Lane to divert water into the stream, rather than down the road. **Action: Clerk to write to the Bendalls and Stephen Jones about the grille and the ditch.**

15. **Roads and Highways:** It was agreed to buy a grit spreader at a cost of £600. **Action: John Lippiatt to purchase and manage.**

Triangle of Grass at the Bottom of Priston Lane: John Lippiatt to take top surface off. Louise Callan to source the topsoil. To be seeded initially and bulbs planted. It was agreed to add some large stones (less than 30 cm high) at the edges. Budget of £500 although it is unlikely to cost this much. **Action: John Lippiatt and Louise Callan to pursue.**

16. **Footpaths:** There is now a permissive footpath in addition to the public footpath beyond the sewage works.

17. **External Meetings:** Fiona Hassard and Peter Hopwood agreed to attend the Parishes Liaison meeting. Fiona submitted a short report.

2019 PC Meetings	Jan	March	May (+ AGM)	July	September	November
	21st	18th	13th	8th	9th	18th

18. **AOB.** Doug Pattison suggested changing the water fountain so that water bottles could be filled from it and the access to running water could be displayed on a public app. A quote was required to change the fountain into a tap. It was suggested that we should erect road signage about the speed limit being 20 miles per hour and that white wooden posts could be erected at the entry points to the village, close to the current speed limit signs. (A subsequent discussion with the police indicated that our own signage would be taken down by the council, but if the PC wished to pay for additional regulation road signs, B&NES would possibly be able to erect them.)

19. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 21st January 2019 at 7 pm.

Signed

Date