

The following are the DRAFT minutes of an ordinary meeting of Priston Parish Council held on Monday 3 April 2006 in the Village Hall, Priston commencing at 7.00pm. These have not yet been approved as an accurate record of proceedings by the Parish Council.

Councillor Bowyer presided, Councillors Cross, Geake, Hughes, Lippiatt, Nokes, Whybrow and Parish Clerk were present.

1. **Apologies** received from District Councillor Mrs Rosemary Todd.
2. **The Minutes of the meeting** held on 6 February 2006 were read, confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising:**
The Granary, Church Farm – The Clerk advised she had written to confirm her telephone conversation with the Buildings at Risk Officer but had been unsuccessful in obtaining information on any action taken. Messages had been left on the Planning Services callminder. The Chairman confirmed she had spoken to a family member who had been happy with the action taken by the Parish Council.
4. **Correspondence** – Letter received regarding the collection of household refuse from the edge of properties. An implementation date of 5 June 2006 had been scheduled. The letter to be circulated to all councillors and information extracted for inclusion in The Link.
Also noted receipt of letter from Cam Valley Wildlife Group regarding Radstock Rail land and Regeneration Plans. This also to be circulated to councillors.
5. **Financial Report** - The Clerk reported that expenditure for the year had been £2,561 and approximately £100 would be carried forward into the new financial year. A full financial report would be given at the Annual General Meeting. Agreed to remit the annual subscription to ALCA in the sum of £55.22p. The Clerk concluded her report by advising that she would soon be completing the annual return which had been received from the auditors.
6. **Decisions Made by Non-elected Bodies (Regional Spatial Strategy)** – Noted that support had been given to Bitton Parish Council in its opposition to non-elected bodies taking decisions which affect the daily lives of residents and the areas in which we live.
7. **Priston Website** – Mr Bottle gave a brief resumé of new inclusions in the website including photographs of the recent eclipse in Turkey. The Chairman again thanked Mr Bottle on behalf of the Parish Council and residents for this excellent facility.
8. **Footpaths and Bridleways** – Mr Whybrow advised that the orange warning tape was still in situ on the footbridge at Priston Mill.
9. **Planning Application:**
Priston Mill Farm – Change of use (Barns) - Noted the receipt of a new Planning Application which would be circulated to councillors.
10. **Any other business** –
 - (i) Reported that a gully was currently blocked on the Farmborough lane.
 - (ii) Noted that trees were decaying and beginning to lean over the Manor wall.
 - (iii) Councillor Hughes commented that he did not think that the expected work had been carried out to the gully on Priston Hill.
 - (iv) The Clerk to contact the Highways Inspector again regarding potholes on Priston Hill and the Marksbury lane.
 - (v) Noted that a staddle stone on the Village Green had recently been moved by a manoeuvring

lorry.

(vi) Councillor Geake advised that he would be standing down at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman in accepting Councillor Geake's resignation with great regret requested that he formally advise the Clerk of his decision.

11. Date of Annual General Meeting - Monday 15 May 2006 commencing 7.00pm followed by an ordinary Parish Council Meeting.

There being no further business for consideration the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.45pm and continued by welcoming residents to the Annual Parish Meeting.