

**The following are the DRAFT minutes of an ordinary meeting of Priston Parish Council held on Monday 4 July 2005 in the Village Hall, Priston commencing at 7.00pm. These have not yet been approved by Councillors as an accurate record of proceedings.**

Councillor Bowyer presided, Councillors Cross, Geake, Hughes, Lippiatt, Nokes, Whybrow and Parish Clerk were present. The Chairman welcomed District Councillor Mrs Todd

1. There were no **apologies**.
2. **The Minutes of the meeting** held on 16 May were read, confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising:**
  - (i) **Computer** - Councillor Todd suggested the Clerk telephone the Corporate Projects Team at Bath and North East Somerset Council for advice and support.
  - (ii) Noted that **Straw** had been cleared.
  - (iii) **Telephone Box** - The Clerk reported that English Heritage need to be contacted to request the listing of the Gilbert Scott telephone box providing a photograph and site details. The Chairman volunteered to arranged a photograph.
  - (iv) **Ditches** - Councillor Todd provided a map on which current and perceived ditches could be annotated. Copies to be distributed to councillors for suggestions.
  - (v) **The Link** - A note of thanks had been received from the editors of The Link in acknowledgement of £50 donation.
4. **Correspondence** - The Clerk advised of (a) a request for support from the Citizens Advice Bureau. After extended discussion it was reluctantly agreed that the Parish Council is not in a position to make a donation to this very worthwhile cause and the Clerk was requested to write accordingly; and (b) communication from the Senior Arboricultural Officer of B&NES advising of a presentation of the new High Hedges legislation to be given at the Guildhall, Bath on Tuesday 26 July commencing 2.00pm.
5. **Financial Report** - The Clerk reported the current balance at the bank was £1,278.33 and cash in hand of £14.69. The Clerk requested the formal approval of Councillors to make payment of £50 to the Internal Auditor for the current year and to pay the first quarter of her annual salary (£375). Mrs Hunt also requested the ratification of her purchase of a secondhand four-drawer filing cabinet in the sum of £45 plus VAT. This to replace an assortment of stacking boxes currently used for filing Parish Council documentation. These payments all formally approved.
6. **Register of Interests** - All councillors signed and dated their Register of Interests as confirmation that there had been no changes since the original information had been supplied.
7. **Priston Website** - No report available.
8. **Footpaths and Bridleways** - Nothing to report.
9. **Planning Application - Milking Parlour, Church Farm** - Noted receipt of consent form from Planning Services.
10. **Any other business** -
  - (i) In response to comments regarding the trimming of verges, it was noted that any complaints can be registered through the B&NES Action Line.
  - (ii) Noted the erection of telephone poles in Mill Lane. These had been sited without any notification to the Parish Council or adjacent land owners.

(iii) The Clerk was requested to write to Royal Mail regarding the delivery of post, that is when the regular postman is on leave a “relief” postman can complete deliveries in the village as much as two hours earlier than the regular person. It was also commented that there have been occasions when unsorted bundles of mail have been delivered to temporarily unoccupied homes which causes delay of sometimes up to two weeks before being passed to the rightful recipients.

(iv) **Bus Service No.768** - Councillor Todd advised she was very concerned at the reduction of this bus service, and services to other local villages. She pointed out that the gritter currently attends in winter and this service could be lost if the bus is discontinued. In the discussion which followed it was agreed that (a) consideration be given by councillors to the problem for further discussion at the next meeting; (b) nominate a member of the Parish Council to liaise with Councillor Todd and other parishes; and (c) the Clerk insert an article in The Link to request villagers to advise her of the degree of usage of this bus service.

(v) **Road Report** - Councillor Todd provided a copy of a road report with the information that resurfacing work was scheduled to be carried out to the Marksbury Lane in August/September this year.

(vi) **Parish Plan** - Following discussion on the possible instigation of a Parish Plan in this parish, it was pointed out that an article requesting input from residents had been placed in The Link when the original document was issued, without any response. The Clerk to provide the current Chairman with the copy of the Plan held on file.

(vii) **Insurance** - There was discussion on the current insurance cover for the Memorial Seat (£500) at the conclusion of which it was proposed by Councillor Geake that this be increased to £750 unless the increase in premium is substantial. The Clerk to contact the insurers to request this information .

**11. Date of next meeting** - Monday 19 September 2005 commencing 7.00pm.

There being no further business for consideration the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm and thanked Councillors for their participation and attendance.