

The following are the DRAFT minutes of an ordinary meeting of Priston Parish Council held on Monday 8th September 2014 in the Village Hall, Priston. These have not yet been approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

Councillor Pattison presided and Councillors Davies, Girdlestone, Hopwood, Lippiatt and Whybrow and the Parish Clerk were present. The Chairman welcomed village residents Mr H Jones and Mrs Rideout and District Councillor Veale.

Prior to the formal business of the meeting the Chairman paid tribute to Horace Broomfield who had recently died. Mr Broomfield had been a Parish Councillor for 21 years and had contributed greatly to the village and parish. The Parish Council observed a minute's silence in his memory. The Council regretted to learn that Mrs Broomfield had fallen recently and it was agreed the best wishes of the Council be conveyed to her. **Action: Clerk**

1. **Apologies** received from Councillor Cross.
2. **Minutes of the ordinary meeting** held on 14th July 2014 having been distributed by email to Councillors, were approved as an accurate record of proceedings and the minute book signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising:** (i) **Projector Screen** – The Chairman to continue to make enquiries regarding the purchase of a suitable screen for Council use. **Action: Chairman**
(ii) **Parish Design Statement** – Councillor Davies reported he had been advised of the relevant officer in BANES.
(iii) **Parish Ranger Scheme** – The Chairman advised that no meeting of the PAGE group had been held recently and would speak informally to Peter and Penny Brookes, organisers of the group **Action: Chairman**
(vi) **Wansdyke Telecom** – The Clerk had written again to Wansdyke Telecom and a reply had been received advising of the current situation.
4. **Correspondence:** (i) The Clerk reported she had written as requested to the Great Western Air Ambulance.
(ii) The Chairman informed the meeting he had received copies of emails, to and from BANES, from the resident adjacent to the small green who has been experiencing problems with landslip. District Councillor Veale advised he had been involved in discussions with the resident.
(iii) A letter had been received from a village resident regarding the large stone at the top of Priston Hill over which vehicles are occasionally driven. A suggestion was made that white paint be applied to the surface to draw attention to its existence. This suggestion was agreed and the Chairman volunteered to make the necessary arrangements. **Action: Chairman**
(iv) The Chairman advised he had received a further letter from the resident of Tunley regarding the proposed changes and building at the junction of Wood Lane. He would arrange an acknowledgement. **Action: Chairman**
(v) A complaint has been received from the landlords of the Ring o' Bells regarding the siting of the litter bin on the wall of the Village Hall. Consideration to be given to possible resiting. **Action: Councillors**
(vi) Councillor Davies reported that a resident had enquired as to the current situation with regard to the bollards at Nailwell. District Councillor Veale responded by advising that BANES continue to seek a solution.
6. **Financial Report:** The report distributed by email to Councillors, and published on the Priston Website, was read to the Council. Noted cheques written since the previous meeting: Parish Council insurance £265, copy of Governance and Accountability in Local Councils £23, CPRE membership £36, Clerk's salary and reimbursements for the three months April to June totalling £794.74, repairs to defibrillator light £40.94, Green Thumb treatment of the Village Green (August). The current balance at the bank was £4,320.70 with no funds remaining in the defibrillator account. The Clerk to arrange payment of her salary for the current three months, and reimbursement of half of the broadband charge, at the end of September. **Action Clerk**
7. **BANES' Review of Housing Development Boundaries** - Councillor Davies spoke to a paper which had been prepared for the meeting which set out the criteria for a possible change to the HDB in the village. The Chairman displayed, on screen, two possible changes to the Boundary and after discussion, involving the residents in attendance, it was agreed to advise the Planning Office of the recommendation to amend the Boundary to exclude a section of the open space adjacent to Church Farm. A copy of the paper and map would be filed with the minute book for future reference. The Clerk to forward the necessary documentation to the Planning Office. **Action: Clerk**
8. **Rural 20mph Speed Limit Programme** – Noted correspondence received together with a map showing the extent of the proposed restrictions. After discussion it was agreed to recommend to BANES that the new signs be placed at the position of the current advisory speed limit. The Clerk to write an appropriate letter on behalf of the Parish Council. **Action: Clerk**

9. **Treatment to Village Green** – Councillor Davies advised he had contacted Green Thumb, as requested at the last meeting, and was very pleased to report that an offer had been made to give the Village Green extensive treatment, at a cost of £50 instead of the usual charge for this work of £199. Green Thumb’s offer was accepted with grateful thanks and the Clerk was requested to write accordingly. **Action: Clerk**
10. **Defibrillator** – The report prepared by Mr Wilkinson was accepted. This had been distributed by email to Councillors, published on the Priston Website and a copy placed on file. Noted that a fundraising skittle evening had been arranged for Saturday 11 October in the Ring o’Bells. **Action: Councillors**
11. **Footpaths and Bridleways** – Councillor Whybrow advised he had nothing to report to this meeting.
12. **Roads and Highways** – Councillor Girdlestone’s report, advising some of the potholes on Wood Lane/ Priston Lane had received attention by the Highways Department, had been distributed to Councillors by email, published on the Priston Website and a copy placed on file. The Clerk to ascertain from the Highways Inspector when the completion of the necessary repairs would be carried out. Also noted damage to the road surface near the gully cover at the top of Priston Hill. **Action: Clerk**
13. **Priston Website** - The report submitted by Mr Bottle, advising of updates since the previous meeting, had been distributed by email to Councillors and published on the website, was accepted and a copy placed on file.
14. **Planning application: Land Opposite Tunley Farm House, Wood Lane, Priston.** Outline application for the erection of two live/work buildings and re-alignment of highway. Noted this application had again been considered by the Development Control Committee and approved.
15. **Meetings to be attended outside the parish** –
 Tuesday 9th September Group Three BANES’ Parishes Cluster at Hinton Charterhouse - The Chairman and Clerk to attend.
 Wednesday 24 September – BANES’ Group ALCA at Saltford Hall – Councillor Davies and the Clerk to attend.
 Saturday 4 October – ALCA AGM –The Clerk to extend apologies as this date clashes with events in the village. **Action: Clerk**
 Wednesday 22 October – Parishes Liaison venue tba – In Councillor Cross’ absence it was suggested that she might be able to attend. The Clerk to contact her in this respect. **Action: Clerk**
 Monday 27 October – Parishes Forum at Radstock Police Station – Cou0ncillor Hopwood and the Clerk to attend.
16. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 17th November commencing 7.00pm
17. **Any Other Business:**
 There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned to the exterior of the Village Hall to consider the resiting of the litter bin. After discussion agreed the Chairman liase with the Village Hall Committee in this respect. **Action: Chairman**