

**PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2013**

**VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: PRIDDY VILLAGE HALL @ 7.30pm**

		Present: Cllrs Alan Hutfield (Chair), Rachel Thompson, Kate Greet, Chris Dyke, Lilly Neal, Richard White, Sharon Sparkes; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
	1	<u>Apologies for absence.</u> Harvey Siggs, Tom Killen.	
	2	<u>Public Forum:</u> The Chairman adjourned the meeting for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow public participation. Eight members of the public were present; no matters were raised.	
	3	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None.	
	4	<u>Resolutions relating to the conduct of the Meeting.</u> None	
	5	<u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> Minutes of the meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record. Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record.	
	6	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meetings:</u> <b>a: Fly tipping:</b> Nothing had been reported <b>b: Mendip District Council Local Plan:</b> The response had been completed and submitted on line. <b>c: Adoption of roads to Top Green:</b> The proposed works to the kerbing to allow the application for adoption to be made was scheduled to start immediately after Easter. <b>d: Signs to Top Green and Pincross:</b> These were being collected on 7 <sup>th</sup> March and would be erected by 10 <sup>th</sup> March. <b>e: Closure of New Inn:</b> To be discussed under 9d).	Clerk

7	<u>Police Report.</u> Nothing received.	
8	<p><u>Council Reports:</u>  <b>a: Somerset County Council:</b> No report  <b>b: Mendip District Council:</b> Tom Killen had advised that the planning application for land adjoining Baytree Cottage would be considered by the planning board.</p>	
9	<p><u>Parish Council Matters:</u>  a: Village Green Registration:  i) Confirmation of agreed rights of access:  It was agreed to prepare a plan showing the existing access rights agreed during the recent registration process which is to be sent to each adjoining owner with an existing access across the green. Rachel and the Clerk to liaise and bring plan to next meeting. Kate had been in contact with the Open Spaces Society and would circulate information when received.  ii) New rights of access associated with current and future proposals for new dwellings and legal advice received: An email had been received from Hedleys outlining the situation with accesses across the village greens and indicating that the Parish Council was under no obligation to allow any new access or increased use of an existing access. The Clerk to ask Hedleys to confirm this in a formal letter.  iii) In the light of ii) above the following resolution was put to the meeting: <i>“that Priddy Parish Council will not grant any new access across the greens nor agree to the intensification or divergence from any existing established access.”</i> This was agreed unanimously.  b: Deed of Covenant between Mr and Mrs Walker and Priddy Parish Council – confirmation of acceptance and signature. This was agreed and the deed signed.</p>	<p>RMT/Clerk   KG   Clerk</p>



10	<p><u>Committee Business:</u>  <b>a: PARC Committee:</b>  i) Proposed car park adjoining village hall:  Planning application: various surveys as required by the planners were in preparation. Clerk to write to Albert Thompson to thank him for his input. Sanction for additional clerks hours to prepare additional information required by planners; this was agreed as 4 hours.</p> <p>Car parking on village greens: The installation of dragons teeth on the top green was discussed. Sharon was concerned about Parish Council liability. Kate to obtain a leaflet on the matter prepared by the OSS. Alan H to confirm costs of installation.</p> p>ii) Phone box claim and defibrillator update: Details of the foundation for the new box were required; Alan H to contact Unicorn Kiosks. The temporary light to the defibrillator to be repaired.	<p>Clerk</p> <p>KG/AH</p> <p>AH</p>
11	<p><u>Planning:</u>  Applications will be available for inspection for fifteen minutes before the meeting commences. No applications had been received.</p>	
12	<p><u>Financial:</u>  <b>a: Clerks salary and expenses for February:</b> £210.00; this was agreed and a cheque raised.  <b>b: Reimbursement to Kate Greet for Open Spaces Society Membership:</b> £45; this was agreed and a cheque raised.  <b>c: Invoice for village hall hire:</b> £48; this was agreed and a cheque raised.  <b>d: Invoice for village green signs from Frome Signs:</b> £36; this was agreed and a cheque raised.  <b>e: 2012/13 Accounts and Audit:</b> The Clerk advised the time table for the preparation of the accounts and Annual Report.</p>	

13	<p><u>Correspondence:</u> all email correspondence received has been circulated to councillors, any further correspondence will be available at the meeting. A number of items were circulated.</p>	
14	<p><u>Matters of Report:</u> It was reported that 4 x 4's had been trying to access Dark Lane; Barry Payne agreed to move a tree stump to prevent vehicle access.</p> <p>It was noted that the area around the cave plaque on the lower green is becoming eroded. It was agreed to position a paving slab provided by Alan H to resolve the situation.</p> <p>Great concern was expressed about the continuing verge damage along Pelting. Caroline Shipsey had reported an unsatisfactory conversion with the tractor driver. The matter had been reported to highways again. Sharon to speak to land owner about the issue.</p>	<p>AH</p> <p>SS</p>
15	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next scheduled meeting is on 10th April 2013 – <b>please note change of date.</b></p>	

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

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