

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH AMENITIES, COUNTRYSIDE AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18th JULY 2012**

VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: THE NEW INN, PRIDDY @ 7.30PM

		<i>Present:</i> Rachel Thompson (Chair), Alan Hutfield, Richard White, Matt Clarke, Jean Mulchinock, Kate Greet, Robin Maine: also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
	1	<i>Apologies for absence:</i> Tina Bath.	
	2	<i>Public Forum:</i> The meeting will be adjourned for 5 minutes to allow public participation. No members of the public were present.	
	3	<i>Declarations of Interest:</i> None. It was noted that committee members may be subject to the new Code of Conduct when adopted; Alan B to clarify.	AB
	4	<i>Resolutions relating to the conduct of the Meeting:</i> None.	
	5	<i>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</i> The minutes of the meeting held on 13 th June 2012 were agreed and signed as a true record.	
	6	<i>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</i> a: Bench and Jubilee Tree: The bench purchased by the Diamond Jubilee Fund had arrived. It was agreed to bring the bench to the green and position it a various locations to decide the best final position; AB to organise fixings. It was agreed not to proceed with the proposed tree. b: PARC project list: Rachel to update and circulate list. c: “A” boards outside New Inn: Awaiting relocation of vending vehicle before proceeding with this matter. d: Fingerpost Signs (AONB project): Awaiting confirmation of start date from AONB. Any other matters arising will be dealt with under Agenda items 7 – 12.	RMT/AH MC/AB RMT
	7	<i>Village Greens (Robin Maine)</i> a: Telephone kiosk project and Defibrillator: A temporary machine had been installed (Priddy’s machine awaiting new batteries) and the new signs for the kiosk received. These would be installed shortly. Training on use of the machine to be arranged.	AH

	<p>b: Village Green Soakaways and Gulleys: The gullies had been cleared and the pipework rodded before the Folk Festival but it appeared that the soakaways were blocked it may necessary for them to be re-excavated. The clerk had already contacted Somerset Highways on the matter.</p> <p>c: Kerbing project: Attempts to obtain a small number of kerbs had been unsuccessful. It was agreed to recommend that the Parish Council purchase a full pack of kerbs for approx £750.</p> <p>d: Sheepwash restoration project/survey details: the survey had been received from Albert Thompson which appeared to show that the area in the corner was possibly a “midden”. Alan B to circulate report. Rachel to contact Sarah Jackson regarding funding to level and seed the area.</p> <p>e: Top green top soiling: Robin had infilled the depression below the opening on the lowers section. It was agreed to soil and seed above the kerb on the top side of the road as a temporary repair until a more permanent solution could be found. The seeded area would need temporary fencing. Jean noted that a recycled rubber product could be used to improve the resilience of the surface; she will investigate further and circulate details.</p> <p>f: Reinstatement of lower green: It was agreed that the green should be allowed to dry out, damaged areas brought to a fine tilth and reseeded. Robin offered to carry out the works for £200. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the work be put in hand. Rachel and Alan to discuss the repairs with Dean Collier (PFF).</p> <p>g: Future use of village greens: Concern was expressed that should the conditions which prevailed in 2012 be repeated, similar damage to the green could occur. It was agreed that the Parish Council should be more involved in decisions about the use of the green in these circumstances. It was agreed to review and include additional requirements in the letter of consent for the use of the greens.</p> <p>It was noted that the green may not be available for use until 2013 and that events like the two Hunt meets may need to relocate; Kate to speak to Ashley Dalley to advise of situation.</p> <p>h: Review of village greens maintenance: Alan H had spoken to the contractor who cuts the school field and was awaiting a quote. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that alternative quotes using equipment with a lighter footprint be obtained for 2013.</p> <p>Robin agreed to cut the area behind Pincross.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>RMT</p> <p>RM</p> <p>JM</p> <p>PC</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>KG</p> <p>AB</p> <p>PC</p> <p>RM</p>
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8	<p><u>Highways, Verges and assets (Tina Bath)</u> a: Village gateways project: additional quotes were being sought. b: Highways/Assets Report: deferred until next meeting. Rachel reported that she was arranging a meeting with Somerset Highways to discuss the status of the Top Green roads. c: Dog fouling on verges and other village areas: Posters had been placed around the village although the impact was uncertain; Kate had spare posters if required..</p>	Clerk
9	<p><u>Rights of Way, Commons, Open Spaces (Rachel Thompson)</u> a) Dark Lane / Priddy Pool restoration project: An amphibian and general survey with recommendations had been received from John Dixon; Rachel to liaise regarding a site meeting; dates to be advised. b) PPLO ROW report: Rachel and Richard had met to discuss the Parish Path plan and formulate a survey sheet. Complaints had been received as follows: SCC ref WS8/22 (The Batch) – locked gate and obstruction SCC ref WS8/19 and 24 – Bulls in field (no signs) SCC WS8/27 – overgrown.</p>	RMT RMT
10	<p><u>SSSI's (Jean Mulchinock)</u> a) Mineries signs project: Jean had spoken to Barry Payne about siting a sign on his land; final details were in hand. She also suggested that a sign could be sited on land at the entrance to the Mineries owned by the Shepton Mallet Caving Club. Alan Butcher (club member) advised that he would bring the suggestion to the club committee for discussion. He also noted that the erection of any sign could not take place until the completion of the current building works.</p>	JM AB
11	<p><u>Ancient Monuments (Kate Greet)</u> a) Priddy Circles update: this had been postponed until 31st August 2012</p>	
12	<p><u>Caves and Fracking (Alan Hutfield)</u> The question of fracking in the area had been discussed in the media but it was not thought to be in the immediate locality.</p>	
13	<p><u>Committee Business:</u> a: Car park adjoining village hall: Alan H/Rachel to set a date for the meeting with Robin.</p>	AH

14	<u>Recommendations to the Parish Council:</u> i) that a pack of kerbs be purchased at a cost of £750. ii) that a quote from Robin Maine of £200 be accepted for the preparation and re-seeding of the lower green. iii) that quotes be obtained for village green maintenance using equipment with a lighter footprint.	
15	<u>Matters of Report:</u> None	
16	<u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> 15 th August 2012; 7.30pm; venue: The New Inn, Priddy.	

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

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