

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH AMENITIES, COUNTRYSIDE AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15th AUGUST 2012**

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

		<i>Present:</i> Rachel Thompson (Chair), Kate Greet, Robin Maine, Richard White, Matt Clark; also in attendance Lilly Neal and Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
1		<i>Apologies for absence:</i> Alan Hutfield, Jean Mulchinock, Tina Bath.	
2		<i>Public Forum:</i> No matters were raised.	
3		<i>Declarations of Interest:</i> To make such declarations as required by the Council Code of Conduct adopted on 1 st August 2012. Matt Clark noted his membership of PFF Committee. Robin Maine advised a DP Interest regarding works to the village green.	
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 18 th July 2012 were accepted and signed as a true record with the correction of the name Dally (“e” omitted) in item 7g.	
6		<i>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</i> a: Jubilee Bench: The bench had now been placed and a photo would be placed on the website. b: PARC project list: Rachel had circulated an updated and simplified list and it was agreed that the items at the top of the list should be given greater discussion time at meetings. It was agreed to elevate Priddy Pool above Village gateways on the priority list. c: “A” boards outside New Inn: Matt and Rachel to speak to George on this matter. Any other matters arising will be dealt with under Agenda items 7 – 12.	MC/RMT
7		<i>Village Greens (Robin Maine)</i> a: Telephone kiosk project and Defibrillator: The Priddy machine had been installed and the electrical works completed. Thanks were recorded to Tim Hancock for these works. It was necessary to carry out fortnightly checks on the equipment and inform the ambulance service that this had been done. Lilly Neal agreed to carry this out for the first three months.	LN/AH

	<p>b: Village Green drainage: Robin had spoken to Dave Gibbons who had given an approximate verbal quote of £800 to dig a new soakaway for road drainage. Matt had contacted a number of specialist drainage companies, one of whom had advised that new drainage pipework should be run across the village green to discharge into Priddy Green Sink and that to install land drainage to the village green and associated road drainage could cost up to £8000.</p> <p>More detailed information and costing would be required before a final decision on the scope of the works could be made. Rachel/Robin/Matt to meet with PFF to discuss possible funding and also to contact the AONB regarding SDF funding. It was generally agreed that funding any scheme costing up to £8000 would be difficult. It was therefore agreed to write a brief specification and obtain three quotes for the renewal of the road drainage soakaway and associated pipework.</p> <p>c: Kerbing project: The purchase of the kerbs had been approved by the Parish Council and this was in hand; the clerk to contact Tom Owen regarding a date for the works to commence.</p> <p>d: Sheepwash Area behind Pincross: this was deferred</p> <p>e: Top green top soiling: It was agreed to defer these works until alternative parking arrangements could be put in place.</p> <p>f: Reinstatement of lower green: Robin had re-seeded the lower green and would pass his invoice to PFF for payment direct.</p> <p>g: Review of village greens maintenance: Quotes to be obtained for village greens maintenance; an item to be placed in PEW/website/notice board asking for expressions of interest from local companies and a brief specification to be prepared for tendering purposes.</p> <p>It was agreed to ask Martin Edwards to add the strimming of the round grass area outside the New Inn to his existing remit.</p>	<p>RMT</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8	<p><i>Highways, Verges and assets (Tina Bath)</i></p> <p>a: Village gateways project: No further quotes for the works had been forthcoming. It was suggested that the stone removed from the sheepwash area could be used for the gateway at Pelting and that the walls could be built using volunteer labour. Matt to check on grants and volunteer organisations.</p> <p>b: Highways/Assets Report: deferred</p> <p>c: Wild flower project: deferred</p>	<p>MC</p>

9	<p><u>Rights of Way, Commons, Open Spaces (Rachel Thompson)</u> a) Dark Lane / Priddy Pool restoration project: Rachel asked if anyone would be able to lead this project. It was agreed that volunteers from the village should be recruited. Rachel to meet with John Dixon from the Amphibian Group to discuss proposals. b) PPLO ROW report: Richard had walked a number of footpaths and was preparing a summary of his findings. Robin had pass on copy of definitive map he held.</p>	RMT RM/RW
10	<p><u>SSSI's (Jean Mulchinock)</u> a) Mineries signs project: deferred</p>	
11	<p><u>Ancient Monuments (Kate Greet)</u> a) Priddy Circles update: awaiting court proceedings on 31st August.</p>	
12	<p><u>Caves (Alan Hutfield)</u> The clerk noted that a new entrance gate was to be fitted to Priddy Green Sink in the near future.</p>	
13	<p><u>Committee Business:</u> a: Car park adjoining village hall: It was agreed that a specification for the clearance and surfacing of the proposed car park should be prepared and tenders sought. A draft lease was also required. Once costings had been prepared a discussion with users regarding annual funding could proceed.</p>	Clerk
14	<p><u>Recommendations to the Parish Council:</u> None</p>	
15	<p><u>Matters of Report:</u> None</p>	
16	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> 19th September 2012; 7.30pm; New Inn, Priddy.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9pm.

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