

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
6th JUNE 2012**

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

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| | | <u>Present:</u> Cllrs Alan Hutfield (Chair), Rachel Thompson, Liz Turley, Richard White, Chris Dyke, Kate Greet; also in attendance Harvey Siggs, Alan Butcher (Clerk) | |
| | 1 | <u>Apologies for absence.</u> None received | |
| | 2 | <p><u>Public Forum:</u> The Chairman adjourned the meeting for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow public participation. Five members of the public were present></p> <p>Bill Lowe of Bill Lowe Ltd had been invited to give a brief presentation about proposed residential development at the site of the redundant BT communications tower north east of the Castle of Comfort. He advised that a planning application could be made within a few weeks.</p> <p>Nick Furze (in attendance) congratulated all those involved with the weekend's Jubilee celebrations.</p> <p>He commented on the gateway proposals and referred to the recent decision by BANES to impose a 20mph speed limit in residential areas. He queried whether a blanket 40mph limit could be introduced in the parish. He was still concerned about the speed of traffic in the parish and advised that he had seen details in the media of average speed cameras.</p> | |
| | 3 | <p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></p> <p>During the meeting Kate declared a personal interest in quotes being sought for the village gateway walls under item 6c.</p> <p>During the meeting Alan H declared a personal interest in the reimbursement of expenses to himself in respect of materials supplied for the phone box refurbishment.</p> | |

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| 4 | <p><u>Resolutions relating to the conduct of the Meeting.</u> None.</p> | |
| 5 | <p><u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> Minutes of the Annual PC meeting held on 2nd May 2012 were accepted and agreed as a true record.</p> <p>Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 21st May 2012 were accepted and agreed as a true record.</p> <p>Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 23rd May 2012 were accepted and agreed as a true record with one amendment: under item 5e) “Richard” was replaced with the word “Councillors”.</p> | |
| 6 | <p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meetings:</u></p> <p>a; Fly tipping: Nothing to report</p> <p>b: Emergency Planning: Richard was currently finalising the document which would be circulated for adoption at the July meeting</p> <p>c: Village Gateways: A summary of positive responses to the gateway proposals were as follows: Option 1 – 3, Option 2 – 4, Option 3 – 3, Option 4 – 4 and Option 5 – 11. Two further responses wanted the existing stones removed. The chair called for a vote on the proposals; 2 were in favour of option 5 (stones left as existing) and 4 were in favour of option 1 (stones walls around existing stones). No votes were taken on the other options and there was some discussion about the way the results of the consultation should be interpreted.</p> <p>The clerk suggested that the budget would allow for the walls to be built at the Pelting Road location and that mock up signs could be fixed to gauge public reaction. It was prop Rachel, sec Liz that the walls should be erected at the Pelting Road location and that mock up signs should be fixed. This was agreed 5 in favour, 1 against.</p> <p>Quotes for the walls and signs to be obtained for consideration at the next meeting.</p> <p>d: Fingerpost Signs Refurbishment: This item to be referred back to the PARC Committee in respect of the signs not included in the AONB project.</p> | <p>RW</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>PARC</p> |

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| | | <p>e: Village Greens Registration: Details of all the objections raised to the registration were read and the following course of action agreed in each case: Yard House; objection to be disposed of by agreement. New Inn; objection to be disposed of by agreement. New House (also part of New Inn objection): objection to be disposed of by agreement. Manor House: objection to be disposed of by agreement. Manor Farm; objection to be disposed of by agreement. St Cuthberts Farm; access objection - objection to be disposed of by agreement. St Cuthberts Farm; ownership objection – The Parish Council will not negotiate on this matter. It was noted that the claim for ownership of part of the verge outside Batch Cottage had been withdrawn by the owner. The situation regarding the Top Green roads was discussed as these are registered as footpaths. Harvey to check the situation. It was agreed that the matter could be resolved as a separate issue to the current registration process. There was continuing concern about the location of the fish and chip van; it was agreed to include this on the next agenda.</p> <p>f: Queens Diamond Jubilee: This had been a great success; there were a long list of people to thank. A “wash-up” meeting was to be arranged.</p> <p>g: Peacock problems: It was possible that the birds could be re-homed but it was noted that some residents of Pelting Road were happy with the birds being in residence. It was felt that if this was the general view then they should be enclosed. It was agreed that the clerk should write to residents in the area suggesting that the Parish Council were minded to organise the re-homing of the peacocks unless an offer to enclose them was forthcoming.</p> | <p>Agenda</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| 7 | | <u>Police Report.</u> No report. | |

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| 8 | <p><u>Council Reports:</u> a: Somerset County Council: Harvey Siggs noted that from 11th June 2012, a contractor had been hired to take over enforcement of parking from the police although Mendip DC would still be setting fees/times for car parks. The contractor would be dealing with both on and off street parking. In response to the question of a blanket speed limit for the area raised by Nick Furze, Harvey advised that this was unlikely to be put in place.</p> | |
| 9 | <p><u>Parish Council Matters:</u> a: Youth Provision: this matter was still in hand. b: Councillors training: The clerk will advise councillors of any forthcoming courses. c: Risk Assessment: in hand for the next meeting.</p> | Clerk AH/RW |
| 10 | <p><u>Committee Business:</u> a: PARC Committee – Recommendations to the Parish Council: i) Purchase of kerbs to enable completion of kerbing of lower village green outside Manor House. The quotation for a pack of kerbs of £750 was agreed to be outside budget limits; it was agreed to try to source the kerbs from other places or to try to share the costs with other bodies. Further discussion to take place at the next finance meeting. b: Sheep Fair Revenues Advisory Committee: i) Terms of Reference: Clerk to circulate previous papers for review. c: Sheep Fair Committee: i) Minutes of meeting held on 9th May 2012 including item regarding provision of skips and toilets to the Splotts. It was agreed that this matter was not within the Parish Councils remit; the Clerk to write to Tom Killen on the matter.</p> | Finance Clerk Clerk |
| 11 | <p><u>Planning:</u> Applications will be available for inspection for fifteen minutes before the meeting commences. An application had been received on 6th June which would require comment by 27th June 2012.</p> | |

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| 12 | <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>a: Clerks salary and expenses for May: £210.06; this was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>b: Annual Return and Accounts for 2011/12: this had been submitted within the deadline.</p> <p>c: Diamond Jubilee Donation: The clerk had opened a petty cash account in respect of the agreed donation of £200 which had been passed to Liz and the appreciation to the Internal Auditor of £40. It was agreed that a cheque for £240 be raised for the benefit of the Clerk by way of reimbursement.</p> <p>d: Phone Box refurbishment: It was agreed that a cheque for £53.94 be raised for Alan H in respect of materials purchased for the phone box.</p> | |
| 13 | <p><u>Correspondence:</u> all email correspondence received has been circulated to councillors, any further correspondence will be available at the meeting</p> | |
| 14 | <p><u>Matters of Report:</u></p> <p>Kate noted that the next newsletter was in preparation and asked for any contributions.</p> <p>It was agreed that the next Finance Meeting would be held on Thursday 28th June.</p> <p>Alan H presented Liz with a bouquet of flowers as thanks for her efforts in organising the Jubilee celebrations.</p> | |
| 15 | <p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>The next scheduled meeting is on 4th July 2012.</p> | |

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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