

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH AMENITIES, COUNTRYSIDE AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19th SEPTEMBER 2012**

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

	<i>Present:</i> Rachel Thompson (Chair), Matt Clarke, Kate Greet, Robin Maine, Alan Hutfield; also in attendance Chris Dyke and Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
1	<i>Apologies for absence:</i> Richard White, Jean Mulchinock.	
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> Robin declared an interest in the proposed car park (landowner) and 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 15 th August 2012 were agreed and signed as a true record with the addition of the word “sisters” under item 3 (“Matt Clarke noted his <i>sisters</i> membership...”)	
6	<i>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</i> a: PARC project list: Rachel to circulate amended list b: “A” boards outside New Inn: Matt had spoken to George at the New Inn who was unwilling to move the ‘A’ Board citing the presence on the green on the Fish and chip van as a reason to retain the board. It was noted that the van only operated on the green for two hours per week. After discussion it was agreed that Matt should speak to George again and that, if there was no agreement to remove the board a letter asking for its removal should be sent. Any other matters arising will be dealt with under Agenda items 7 – 12.	RMT MC
7	<i>Village Greens (Robin Maine)</i> a: Village Green drainage: A third quote had been received in the sum of £900; clerk to compare lowest quotes and a recommendation to be made to the Parish Council. Rachel to discuss matter with Dean Collier (PFF). b: Reinstatement of lower green: Robin had added more topsoil to the lower areas and reseeded. It was agreed that subsoiling should be considered after the winter.	Clerk/RT

		<p>c: Kerbing project: Kerbs had been delivered and works should commence shortly.</p> <p>d: Sheepwash Area behind Pincross: these works to be combined with gateways project and stone from sheepwash to be used for gateways after sorting. A new application to be made to the SDF for the combined works.</p> <p>e: Top green top soiling: this work to be deferred until after alternative car parking was available.</p> <p>f: Review of village greens maintenance: Alan H had received a quote from Dean DLO at around £70 per cut. It was noted that depending on the type of machine used more cuts may be required to maintain the greens as previously. Further quotes to be sought.</p>	Clerk
8	<p><u>Highways, Verges and assets (Tina Bath)</u></p> <p>a: Village gateways project: further quotes for the works to be sought.</p> <p>b: Highways/Assets Report: It was noted that the AONB sign post project had been completed. Robin agreed to use a tractor and bucket to clear the build up of soil, etc against the kerbs around the green. A review of assets was required by the November meeting.</p> <p>c: Wild flower project: deferred.</p> <p>d: Defibrillator: Alan H has the inspection schedule in hand. The training event to be arranged, possibly for early December, Alan H to contact Duncan Massey.</p>	<p>RM TB</p> <p>AH</p>	
9	<p><u>Rights of Way, Commons, Open Spaces (Rachel Thompson)</u></p> <p>a) Dark Lane / Priddy Pool restoration project: a meeting had been held with John Dixon and it was proposed to clear half of the pond in 2012 and the remainder in 2013. Rachel to ask Martin Edwards for a preliminary quote for digging out the pond using a suitable digger to enable an application to be made to the SDF fund. Three quotes will be required to facilitate the works.</p> <p>b) PPLO ROW report: Richard had received the definitive map from Robin.</p>	RMT	
10	<p><u>SSSI's (Jean Mulchinock)</u></p> <p>a) Mineries signs project: Alan B confirmed that the Shepton Mallet CC committee had discussed the positioning of a sign on their land.</p>		
11	<p><u>Ancient Monuments (Kate Greet)</u></p> <p>a) Priddy Circles update: still awaiting court proceedings.</p>		
12	<p><u>Caves (Alan Hutfield):</u> It was noted that there was to be a open meeting about fracking in Wells on 25th September.</p>		

13	<u>Committee Business:</u> a: Car park adjoining village hall: Alan B tabled a preliminary plan. The question of planning was raised; Alan B to contact Tom Killen to ask if he can raise the matter with Mendip planners. An estimate of costs will be required. The matter to be included on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.	Clerk
14	<u>Recommendations to the Parish Council:</u> i) Drainage works on the village green. ii) Car park update.	
15	<u>Matters of Report:</u> It was noted that the Priddy fair implements sale was to take place in Martin Edwards field on 6 th October. Alan B to contact Tom Killen to advise that no car parking was possible on the village green.	Clerk
16	<u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> 17 th October 2012; 7.30pm; venue - The New Inn, Priddy.	

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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