

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

	Present: Rachel Thompson (chair), Kate Greet, Tina Bath, Jean Mulchinock, Robin Maine, Richard White, Matt Clarke, Alan Hutfield. Also in attendance; Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
1	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> None	
2	<u>Public Forum:</u> The meeting will be adjourned for 5 minutes to allow public participation. No members of the public were present.	
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> The minutes of the meeting held on 21 ST November 2012 were agreed and signed as a true record with the addition of the sentence: "Tina raised a query on whether business rates would be payable" at the end of para 6b.	
6	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u> a: Sheepwash Area/Village gateways: The sheepwash area had been completed. The clerk to pass a copy of Martin Edwards invoices which had been paid to Rachel for the SDF claim to be made. Martin Edwards had the stone from the sheepwash was ready to move to the gateway location. The clerk had yet to write to Bill Selway regarding the Pelting gateway as a query had been raised about insurance. Tina confirmed that Bill Selway had PL insurance but not "chapter 8" training (placing of road signs.) Tina agreed to liaise with Bill regarding the signs; clerk to confirm order with Bill. b: Car park adjoining village hall: The PC had agreed to fund the application; clerk to prepare and circulate the Design Statement after the festive period. Any other matters arising will be dealt with under Agenda items 7 – 12.	Clerk TB Clerk Clerk
7	<u>Village Greens (Robin Maine)</u> a: Village Green drainage: Gibbons to commence works in the new year. It was noted that the gullies had been "sucked" recently.	

	<p>b: Village greens maintenance: The PC had included the quotation given by Gibbons within the budget for next year.</p> <p>c: Top Green condition: Jean was awaiting quotes for the rubberised material.</p> <p>d: Top Green roads associated with greens registration: The PC had allowed the costs for the necessary kerbing in the budget. It was agreed to write formally to SCC regarding adoption of the roads; Rachel to confirm procedure with Neil Corp. Monies had been allowed for the two signs; the wording to be confirmed and the signs organised as soon as possible.</p> <p>e: Forthcoming events on the village greens: The clerk had been in correspondence with the Hunt and a meeting had been organised for Friday 21st when stewarding, etc would be discussed.</p>	RMT Clerk
8	<p><u>Highways, Verges and assets (Tina Bath)</u></p> <p>a: Highways/Assets Report: The white lining at the bottom of The Batch had been completed.</p> <p>The continuing problem of flooding at Townsend was been dealt with by Tom Killen who was in contact with highways. Flooding at Sunnycroft on the Wells Road had been tackled by Matt but the drain cover could not be removed to allow clearance of the gully.</p> <p>b: Update on phone box situation: Alan H advised that the cost of a fully refurbished phone box was at least £3500 and that there was a delivery period of three months. Enquiries with various reclamation yards had located a suitable un-refurbished box at Frome Reclamation for a cost of £960. The clerk to speak to Ben Selway about a quote for repainting and an insurance claim to be prepared as soon as possible.</p> <p>It was agreed that the defibrillator should be relocated and Robin suggested the entrance to the cavers changing barn (Maines Barn) which was accepted with thanks. Alan H to organise relocation as soon as possible. Duncan Massey to be asked to check the machine over.</p>	Clerk AH
9	<p><u>Rights of Way, Commons, Open Spaces (Rachel Thompson)</u></p> <p>a) Dark Lane / Priddy Pool restoration project: Rachel confirmed that the trees had been cut back and that Gibbons would be starting in the New Year.</p> <p>b) PPLO ROW report: nothing to report.</p>	
10	<p><u>SSSI's (Jean Mulchinock)</u></p> <p>a) Mineries signs project: the email to be circulated had been agreed, Jean to send out in the New Year.</p>	JM

11	<u>Ancient Monuments (Kate Greet):</u> Nothing to report.	
12	<u>Caves (Alan Hutfield):</u> the matter of “fracking” had come to prominence again after the government had agreed that the process could continue. A watchful eye to be kept on the situation locally.	
13	<u>Committee Business:</u> The amended Terms of Reference had been circulated and would be adopted by the PC on 2 nd January.	
14	<u>Recommendations to the Parish Council:</u> None	
15	<u>Matters of Report:</u> None	
16	<u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> 16 th January 2013; 7.30pm; venue: The New Inn, Priddy.	

The meeting closed at 8.29pm

Alan Butcher

Parish Clerk

5th January 2013

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