

**PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH AMENITIES, COUNTRYSIDE AND RECREATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2013**

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

	Present: Rachel Thompson (Chair), Alan Hutfield, Kate Greet, Robin Maine, Matt Clarke, Richard White; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
1	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> Jean Mulchinock	
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 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2012 were agreed and signed as a true record.	
6	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u> a: Sheepwash Area/Village gateways: The area of the sheepwash had been completed except for the removal of some pallets. It was agreed that the area would be seeded in the spring and that wild flower seeds could possibly be sown around the edges of the area. Works on the gateway in Pelting had commenced. b: Car park adjoining village hall: The planning application would be submitted shortly. Any other matters arising will be dealt with under Agenda items 7 – 12.	Clerk
7	<u>Village Greens (Robin Maine)</u> a: Village Green drainage: Awaiting D Gibbons to carry out the works, expected shortly. b: Top Green condition: There was a deterioration in the condition of the green. It was noted that cars often parked in the access onto the green itself blocking cars using the green below the road. It was agreed to place a notice asking cars to desist in parking in the access, Kate to prepare notice, Matt to provide suitable stakes. c: Top Green roads adoption: A letter requesting adoption had been sent to Somerset Road Records. It was felt that the works to the kerbing to make up the road to adoption standard should not be commenced until the adoption was confirmed.	KG/MC

		d: Village green events in 2013: It was agreed that a letter be drafted to organisations using the greens seeking information about the events proposed and suggesting that a wet weather contingency be included in their plans.	Clerk
8		<u>Highways, Verges and assets (Tina Bath)</u> a: Highways/Assets Report: The clerk had contacted highways about Draycott and Cheddar Gorge closures. b: Update on phone box situation: Alan H had received a quote for a new phone box from Unicorn Kiosks and it was agreed to submit the insurance claim based on this quote.	Clerk
9		<u>Rights of Way, Commons, Open Spaces (Rachel Thompson)</u> a) Dark Lane / Priddy Pool restoration project: D Gibbons to commence works on the pond shortly; the same machine digging the village green soakaway will be used for the works to the pond. b) PPLO ROW report: Report to be prepared.	RMT/RW
10		<u>SSSI's (Jean Mulchinock)</u> a) Mineries signs project: Nothing to report	
11		<u>Ancient Monuments (Kate Greet):</u> Kate advised that the AONB had received a Lottery grant for works to Blackdown and Burrington Ham. There was a discussion about the proposals as the area fell within the parish.	
12		<u>Caves and Fracking (Alan Hutfield):</u> Alan H noted the Mendip DC were against fracking in their area.	
13		<u>Committee Business:</u> None	
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> 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2013; 7.30pm; venue provisionally The Hunters Lodge Inn, Priddy.	

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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