



Priddy Parish Council

Minutes of Priddy Parish Council
held on **Wednesday 2 March 2022**
at **7:00pm** in Priddy Village Hall

Present: Cllrs R Thompson (Chairman); C Dyke; D Collier.

In attendance: G Pettitt (Parish Clerk), Cllr M Pullin four members of the public.

Public Forum:

- Statement of concern over meeting procedure was noted. Council confirmed that procedures had been undertaken according to protocol.
- Land at the B3135 end of Nine Barrows Lane is very beneficial to biodiversity that may be affected. Council will keep inquirer informed.

34. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Butterell and Phippen.

Resolved: To approve apologies from Cllrs Butterell and Phippen and reasons given. Approved. Apologies also received from L Chinnock, Avon & Somerset Police; T Killen, Mendip District Council.

35. Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

36. Exclusion of the Press and Public: There were no exclusions from Press and Public.

37. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of 2 February 2022. Approved and signed as a true record.

38. Co-option: No applications were received for co-option to Council.

39. Reports:

- Somerset County Council:** Cllr Pullin informed Council that he would be standing down at the upcoming election. He introduced D Baker to the meeting who will be standing as a Conservative candidate alongside D Swain; Lib Dem candidates Cllrs T Robbins and E Hobbs will also be standing.
- Mendip District Council:** No Report.
- Avon & Somerset Police:**

Report - 01/02/22-28/02/22

02/02/22- Road Traffic Collision – Hunters Lodge Cross Roads.

06/02/22- Road Traffic Collision – Wellington Farm, Priddy.

17/02/22- Concern for Welfare – Swildons Hole Cavern, Priddy, All concerned are safe and well.

18/02/22- Road Related Incident – Eastwater Farm, Public footpath a cable has come down across the path, N-Power are attending.

28/02/22- Road Related Incident – Old Bristol Road, call reporting a vehicle driving in excessive speed between Stockhill Woods and Hunters Lodge Cross Roads, the vehicle has passed the informant 4x but no VRM was obtained.

We continue to Patrol the village of Priddy and surrounding areas.

We have noticed a further increase in the theft of Catalytic converters and also the theft of high value vehicles this has mainly been within the City itself, but I would like to stress the importance of not leaving doors unlocked, windows open or vehicle keys on display, always put them away out of sight.

40. Clerk's Report:

a. **Protected Landscapes Consultation** : May be responded to by individuals and council by 9 April. It is wide ranging and includes measures to mitigate against 4x4 vehicle off-road usage. Parish will be informed at 14 March Consultation as well as the mail list to help council represent parishioner views.

Resolved: To delegate response to Clerk with liaison with Cllrs. Approved.

b. **SW Heritage List:** Clerk to send listed buildings report to Cllrs. Parish to be consulted on preferred additions to the Heritage List.

c. **Meeting Schedule: Resolved:** To approve schedule of 6 weekly meeting dates and trial for one year. Approved.

41. Update on Unitary Authority: The Clerk provided feedback from the pilot Frome LCN.

42. Consultation / Website:

a. **Update on draft Priddy Parish Consultation:** Practicalities were discussed.

Resolved: To approve up to £60 for stationery and refreshments. Approved.

- 43. Queen's Platinum Jubilee event:** Grant has been received from SALC for £2,250. Preparations are going well. The beacon will be a joint event with Westbury-sub-Mendip on Thurs 2 June; a run will be held on Friday; Church Service will be held on the green on Sunday 4 June.
Resolved: To purchase a Jubilee Bench - £695 – with engraving - £60. Fixtures to ground - £65. Approved.
- 44. Traffic Calming Advisory Group:** Noted useful report from the group. Quiet Lanes – looking at possibility of whole village establishing 20mph limit and AONB at 40mph with a new gateway at Lower Pitts or Eastwater. Display at the Consultation will ask residents for priorities. Cllr Collier will arrange large prints. School will be approached soon to start the poster competition.
- 45. Highways Matters:**
- a. **Communication with Somerset County Council:**
 - a.i) **Nine Barrows triangle:** Traffic team are investigating
 - a.ii) **Post Box:** Verge inspection by Highways has been arranged. Cllr Thompson will send registry plan for Top Green.
 - a.iii) **Priddy and Townsend Pool:** Cllr Thompson will send a map to Officer, Neil Corp.
 - a.iv) **Nine Barrows Lane & Dale Lane:** Traffic team are considering request for removal from Sat Navs.
 - a.v) **Unowned land at Nine Barrows:** Cllr Thompson will send map to Officer, Neil Corp.
 - a.vi) **Repair of roads across Upper Green:** Inspection arranged.
- 46. Environmental Initiatives and Maintenance**
- a. **Environment Working Group: Resolved:** To set up an Environment Working Group, residents to be asked to join at the Consultation evening and Terms of Reference brought to next Full Council for approval. Approved.
 - b. **Deer Leap car park access:** No further news.
 - c. **Tree planting:** To go ahead 22 March after permission from land owners. **Resolved:** To contact three land owners involved. Approved.
 - d. **Hurdle Stack:** Contract will go ahead over next few weeks.
 - e. **Phone box Library:** Permission has been given to place books in the church. Cllr Phippen is looking having a box for books, either in the Queen Victoria or the phone box.
 - f. **Phone box maintenance / painting:** This will be included in the asset inspection in April – items such as this can be shared at the Consultation for parish support.
- 47. Finance and Budget Review:**
- a. **Payments: Resolved:** To approve payments including: Staff Salary & Expenses; Defib. Pads £62.40; PDF Sam £74.90; Krystal web hosting & Shift Design £385.58; Flagpole maintenance £113.82, noting chqs 977 & 978 for web hosting and designed were cancelled. Approved.
 - b. **Application for funding:** Application from Mendip CAB deferred to next meeting.
- 48. Planning Applications**
- a. **2022/0077/FUL** – Formation of 4m wide cow track and gateway onto Coxton End Lane – Dale Farm, Dale Lane.
Resolved: To offer No Objection to 2022/0077/FUL. Approved.
- 49. Policy Review**
- a. **Bye Laws:** Noted.
 - b. **Calendar of Events:** Noted this is maintained by Clerk.
 - c. **Policy for Users of the Green:** Deferred.
 - d. **Priddy Green Filming & Activities Policy and Application Form:** Deferred.
- 50. Matters of Report**
- a. Query whether tables may be used again.
 - b. Council was very sorry to hear of Judy Baynes' passing. She was a much loved landlady of the Queen Victoria Inn for many years.

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 6 April 2022, 7pm

Signed

Dated

ACTIONS

Item 40.a. Protected Landscapes Consultation	Clerk & Cllrs
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