

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2013**

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

		Present: Cllrs Alan Hutfield (Chair), Rachel Thompson, Kate Greet, Lilly Neal, Chris Dyke, Sharon Sparkes, Richard White: also in attendance Tom Killen and Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
	1	<u>Apologies for absence.:</u> Harvey Siggs (SCC)	
	2	<u>Public Forum:</u> The Chairman adjourned the meeting for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow public participation. Ten members of the public were present. Marilyn McManus and Matt Clarke separately raised the question of dog fouling particularly related to the proposed hunt kennels and asked how the Parish Council would deal with complaints about fouling. In response to a question most councillors were unsure of the laws regarding dog fouling on public roads. Marilyn McManus also raised a point about the proposed extension to Townsend Cottage (agenda 9c)	
	3	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> Rachel Thompson declared an interest in the planning application for Townsend Cottage (agenda 9c)	
	4	<u>Resolutions relating to the conduct of the Meeting.</u> None	
	5	<u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 24 th July 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record. Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 14 th August 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record. Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 22 nd August 2013 as a true record.	

6	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meetings:</u></p> <p>a: Fly tipping including rubbish left after the travellers departure at The Splotts and Nine Barrows Lane. The area of the Splotts had been cleared but rubbish remained in Nine Barrows Lane; Tom Killen/Nigel Taylor to be advised.</p> <p>b: Adoption of roads to Top Green: In hand with the clerk</p> <p>c: Continuing verge damage in Pelting Drove: The promised letter from Neil Corp had not, as yet, been forthcoming and there had been no action to date. Rachel to speak to Neil Corp.</p> <p>d: Fingerpost sign at Nordrach: Clerk to write to highways with copy to the AONB about the fingerpost which is in a poor state of repair; it was suggested that the works could be funded by a small grant from SCC (mentioned in Harvey Siggs report). Rachel suggested that SDF funding could be available.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Rachel</p> <p>Clerk</p>
7	<p><u>Police Report.</u> No report.</p>	
8	<p><u>Council Reports:</u></p> <p>a: Somerset County Council: Harvey Siggs had sent a report (Attached to these minutes)</p> <p>b: Mendip District Council: Tom Killen reported on taxi licensing and flooding issues and advised that additional planners had been recruited to deal with an increase in applications. Developers were taking advantage of an apparent shortfall in the 5 year housing supply. The new local plan was nearing completion. Works had started at the Council Offices on the new Mendip hub. Car parking charges were to remain the same with a new pay by phone facility. Alan Hutfield raised the issue of dog fouling and Tom advised that there was no legal requirement for it to be cleared up.</p>	
9	<p><u>Parish Council Matters:</u></p> <p>a: The New Inn (Asset of Community Value):</p> <p>i) Grants for feasibility stage including summary of responses to village survey. The grant application prepared by Rachel, Dean Collier and Alan Butcher was being finalised and would be sent off shortly.</p>	

		<p>Help had been enlisted from Maureen Macalister who advised on tourism and who had been recommended by the AONB. Kate advised that the Community Council for Somerset offered an application review service.</p> <p>iii) Community involvement timetable: It was agreed to arrange a public meeting and invite Maureen Macalister and the regional adviser from “Thepubisthehub” organisation to outline possible options. Rachel/Kate to liaise to arrange a meeting at the end of September.</p> <p>b: AONB Draft management Plan 2014 – 19: response by 4th October 2013 – This to be passed to the PARC Committee.</p> <p>c: Updated Asset Register: This had been circulated; it was adopted with the addition of the Pelting gateway walls at £1000.00</p>	<p>Kate/Rachel</p> <p>PARC</p>
	10	<p><u>Committee Business:</u></p> <p>a: PARC Committee:</p> <p>Gates on Dursdon Drove – The rights of way officer at SCC had written to the land holder without response. The matter would be referred for enforcement.</p> <p>b: Sheep Fair Committee:</p> <p>Report on 2013 fair and problems with travellers at The Splotts. The problems at the 2013 fair were mostly before the event and the fair had passed off without incident. The clerk advised that takings on the day showed an increase over 2011. Meeting to be arranged with Sheep Fair Committee to discuss future of Fair – This to be arranged for early October.</p>	
	11	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p>Applications will be available for inspection for fifteen minutes before the meeting commences.</p> <p>a: Conservation Area Status for Priddy and Parish Plan: Kate had discussed the updating of the Parish Plan with Albert Thompson and Paul Bryan of the AONB. The history group would also be asked to participate and the project</p>	

	<p>publicised to parishioner. A small working group would then be formed to take things forward with advise from David Clarke at Mendip who had confirmed that he would also edit and publish the final Appraisal document.</p> <p>b: Application 2013/1595. Proposed two storey extension and erection of detached garage building at Sunnycroft, Wells Road, Priddy BA5 3AZ for Mr J Speed-Mett, Sunnycroft, Priddy. The clerk had advised on the previous application for the ancillary building now being built at the end of the plot covered within the “red line” of this application. Concern was expressed about the fact that this was not shown on the site plan for this application. The application was approved 6 for, 1 abstention with the matter of the adjoining ancillary building to be raised with the planners.</p> <p>c: Application 2013/1798 – Proposed two storey extension to the west of the dwelling. Townsend Cottage, Townsend, Priddy BA5 3BP for Mrs R Thompson. Cllr Thompson left the meeting at this point. Comments concerning the trend for larger four bedroom houses were considered although it was noted that a smaller separate property would not be possible in this case. The application was approved 5 in favour, 1 abstention.</p>	
12	<p><i>Financial:</i></p> <p>a: Clerks salary and expenses for July and August: £433.64; this was approved with the addition of postal expenses in connection with the planning appeal response making the total £441.85.</p> <p>b: Parish Online subscription: £12.00; this was agreed and a cheque drawn.</p> <p>c: Shortfall on cost of rebuilding hurdle stack: This was £1517. A grant of £500 from Mendip was promised by Tom Killen and it was hoped that £500 would be forthcoming from the Sheep Fair, the remaining amount to be raised from village events or fund raising activities.</p> <p>d: Finance Committee Meeting: This to be on 25th September 2013.</p>	

13	<u>Correspondence:</u> all email correspondence received has been circulated to councillors, any further correspondence will be available at the meeting. Minor correspondence was circulated.	
14	<u>Matters of Report:</u> The matter of the Festival at Fernhill Farm was raised. Nigel Callaghan who had raised the matter had been contacted by Mendip who had advised that the farm had the appropriate licence for such an event. The matter of the caravan parked on land off Nine Barrows Lane was discussed. Tom Killen advised that enforcement to remove the caravan would not be possible as it was considered a temporary structure. There was concern about setting a precedent by not taking some form of action. It was agreed to write to the owners on the matter.	Clerk
15	<u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next scheduled meeting is on 2 nd October 2013.	

The meeting closed at 9pm

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