

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH AMENITIES, COUNTRYSIDE AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20th FEBRUARY 2013**

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

	Present: Rachel Thompson (Chair), Alan Hutfield, Robin Maine, Kate Greet, Richard White, Matt Clarke; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
1	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> Jean Mulchinock, Tina Bath.	
2	<u>Public Forum:</u> The meeting was adjourned for 5 minutes to allow public participation. Roger Dors asked that details of the village greens registration and agreed accesses be published. He also raised the matter of parking on the village greens which he believed to be unlawful. Finally, he commented on the new gateway in Pelting and its proximity to the road edge.	
3	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> Robin Maine declared an interest in respect of the car park.	
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 16 th February 2013 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 and gateway signage: Works to the sheepwash and gateway had been completed and the SDF Grant received. The “Liability” signs had been ordered. Alan H reiterated the options and discussions which had led to the construction of the Pelting Gateway. It was agreed to gauge village reaction over the next few months and to discuss again later in the year and, if necessary, at the Annual Meeting. Robin felt that no further gateways should be built. It was agreed that if any further gateways were to be built it would not be until 2014/15. The question of signs to the gateway was discussed and it was agreed to display the signage options again at the proposed Open Meeting on 8 th March and at the Annual Meeting.	KG

	<p>b: Car park adjoining village hall: A letter had been received from the planners requesting further information which included site levels, an archaeological survey, tree survey, biodiversity and wildlife survey. The clerk to organise level and tree survey, Kate to speak to Albert Thompson re: archaeology, Richard to check on SSSI status and Rachel to speak to SWT about wildlife and Biodiversity. It was agreed to recommend that 5 additional hours be sanctioned for the clerk to progress the application.</p> <p>Kate to organise membership of the Open Spaces Soc (already agreed by PC). Information about parking on village greens to be circulated to parishioners once received from the OSS.</p> <p>c: Village Green drainage: The new soak away appeared to be working.</p> <p>Any other matters arising will be dealt with under Agenda items 7 – 12.</p>	<p>Clerk KG RMT</p> <p>KG</p>
7	<p><u>Village Greens (Robin Maine)</u></p> <p>a: Top Green condition: This had deteriorated over recent weeks and the possibility of placing “dragons teeth” posts to prevent people driving along and passing on the grass was discussed. Alan H to investigate costs of these posts. Kate/Matt to place signs asking people not to park in the lay by. Jean had circulated a quote for a rubber crumb additive to strengthen soil.</p> <p>b: Top Green roads adoption: The PC had agreed that the remedial works to the road and kerbing should be started after Easter.</p> <p>c: Village green events in 2013: The clerk had prepared a draft letter initially to be sent to the Folk Festival but also in a modified form to other organisations using the greens. A meeting was to be arranged with PFF to discuss proposals for the 2013 festival.</p>	<p>AH KG/MC</p>
8	<p><u>Highways, Verges and assets (Tina Bath)</u></p> <p>a: Highways/Assets Report: The condition of the bench at Two Trees to be checked.</p> <p>b: Verge erosion including Pincross triangle: It was agreed to place topsoil as required to repair areas of verge erosion to Pincross. Concern was expressed at the damage to the verge outside Pincross caused by vehicles parking. Matt to speak to resident before a formal letter is considered. Robin to speak to Julian Clothier about the substantial verge erosion in Pelting caused by tractors turning in.</p> <p>c: Update on phone box situation: The new box had been ordered, a plan of the base was required so that this could be prepared before delivery. Alan H noted a problem with the defib light which he was investigating.</p>	<p>MC</p> <p>RM</p> <p>AH</p>

9	<u><i>Rights of Way, Commons, Open Spaces (Rachel Thompson)</i></u> a) Dark Lane / Priddy Pool restoration project: It was agreed to use the balance of the SDF money to fund this year's proposed works which could include the restoration of the dam. The works to Dark lane were to be undertaken in 2014/15. b) PPLO ROW report: The condition of the west Mendip Way near White Pit was noted as being poor and difficult to walk along. Highways to be asked to look at the matter. c) Condition of Dursdon Drove: Robin noted that the Drove had been upgraded about 20 years ago but there were now sections which were impassable and the safety of walkers and horses and riders could be compromised. After discussion, it was agreed 3 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstentions to write to Highways to ask them to resolve the problem.	Clerk
10	<u><i>SSSI's (Jean Mulchinock)</i></u> a) Mineries signs project: deferred.	
11	<u><i>Ancient Monuments (Kate Greet)</i></u> : Nothing to report.	
12	<u><i>Caves and Fracking (Alan Hutfield)</i></u> : Alan H noted that Mendip DC were against fracking within their area.	
13	<u><i>Committee Business:</i></u> a) Project funding: Clerk to provide details of funding for the years 2012/13 and 2013/14 taking into account recent grant monies received and spent and Parish Council budgets. This would be circulated after the forthcoming PC Finance Committee meeting on 13 th March.	Clerk
14	<u><i>Recommendations to the Parish Council:</i></u> Additional hours for Clerk in respect of car park planning application.	
15	<u><i>Matters of Report:</i></u> There was a discussion about the use of the Nordrach notice board. A query had been raised by a local resident about the refurbishment of the signpost at Nordrach. Kate noted a request from the AONB for nominations for a new SDF panel member; to be added onto the PC agenda; Kate to email Sarah Jackson to advise that nomination would be slightly overtime. An update on the situation with Westbury Village stores was given.	KG
16	<u><i>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</i></u> 20 th March 2013; 7.30pm; venue Hunters Lodge Inn, Priddy.	

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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