

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

	Present: Rachel Thompson (Chair), Alan Hutfield, Kate Greet, Richard White, Robin Maine, Jean Mulchinock, Tina Bath, Matt Clarke; 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 20th February 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record.	
6	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u> a: Village gateways signage: Options on website, response forms to be added to website and options brought forward for display at Annual Meeting. b: Car park adjoining village hall: Kate had forwarded surveys and details to the Clerk. The level survey to be completed shortly and the additional information submitted to MDC. Any other matters arising will be dealt with under Agenda items 7 – 12.	Clerk Clerk
7	<u>Village Greens (Robin Maine)</u> a: Top Green condition and installation of dragons teeth: Kate to forward information from OSS to Alan H for pricing. b: Sub-soiling on lower green: Robin to contact Dave Gibbons when weather is suitable. c: Village green events in 2013: A meeting had been held with PFF and PFF to obtain costs for using track ways if required. Entrances to tents had been relocated where possible to be accessed off roads. It had been suggested that a five year plan should be prepared for the maintenance and enhancement of the green. Matt to contact consultant who deals with B&W showground to discuss costs.	KG/AH RM MC

8	<p><u>Highways, Verges and assets</u> a: New committee member to take over from Tina Bath dealing with Assets Register: Matt Clarke agreed to deal with the Assets. b: Highways/Assets Report: Clerk to send Assets Register to Matt. Matt had spoken to residents about car parking on the corner of Pincross. It was noted that there would be a change of tenants in the properties shortly. Concern was expressed about access to the rear of Pincross for grass cutting. Clerk to write to landlords to advise that access is required. It was noted that a record of grass cutting, etc to the area will need to be minuted. c: Verge erosion including Pincross triangle and Pelting: It was reported that the verges damaged by tractors were to be “tidied up” after tractor movements had been completed. To be reviewed at next meeting After discussion it was agreed 5 in favour to soil and seed the Pincross triangle.</p>	Clerk Clerk
9	<p><u>Rights of Way, Commons, Open Spaces (Rachel Thompson)</u> a) Dark Lane / Priddy Pool restoration project: defer to next meeting. It was agreed to ask local caving clubs to help with raising/rebuilding to dam to the pool. b) PPLO ROW report: in hand c) Condition of Dursdon Drove: no action from Highways on this matter.</p>	RMT
10	<p><u>SSSI's (Jean Mulchinock)</u> a) Mineries signs project: Jean had circulated the email requesting information and had been in discussion with Albert Thompson about a meeting on the subject. Date and venue to be advised. Rachel, Kate and Richard asked to be involved.</p>	JM
11	<p><u>Ancient Monuments (Kate Greet):</u> It was reported that English Heritage were working on the Priddy Circles site.</p>	
12	<p><u>Caves and Fracking (Alan Hutfield):</u> Little to report other than recent articles on the subject in various newspapers.</p>	

13	<p><u>Committee Business:</u></p> <p>a) Project funding: The funding for the next phase of the work to Priddy Pool was confirmed as £819.</p> <p>b) Conservation Area status for Priddy: Kate outlined the lengthy process to obtain Conservation Area status. It was agreed that, if sought, the area should be restricted to the lower green area and not the whole village. It was suggested that a grant could be sought from the MDC Legacy Fund to cover the cost of employing a consultant. A proposal that a recommendation to the Parish Council “that Conservation Area status for the lower green area be sought” was not agreed with only 3 votes in favour.</p>	
14	<p><u>Recommendations to the Parish Council:</u> None</p>	
15	<p><u>Matters of Report:</u> Kate reported a meeting of a small ad-hoc committee led by Glenda Collier to discuss the registration of the New Inn on the Community Asset register. There was some discussion about the formation of an action committee to deal with the implication of the New Inn closure and current proposals for the building.</p>	
16	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> 24th April 2013; 7.30pm; venue Hunters Lodge Inn, Priddy.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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