

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH AMENITIES, COUNTRYSIDE AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24th APRIL 2013**

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

	Present: Rachel Thompson (Chair), Kate Greet, Robin Maine, Alan Hutfield, Tina Bath; also in attendance Alan Butcher (clerk)	
1	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> Jean Mulchinock, Matt Clarke.	
2	<u>Public Forum:</u> The meeting will be adjourned for 5 minutes to allow public participation. There were no members of the public 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 March 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: the options are displayed on the website and will be displayed at the annual meeting. It was agreed to allow until 19 th June PARC meeting for responses and make a recommendation to the Parish Council at the PC meeting on 3 rd July. It was noted that a stone appeared to be missing from the rear of the left hand (coming into village) gateway wall. Clerk to check. b: Car park adjoining village hall: in hand. Any other matters arising will be dealt with under Agenda items 7 – 12.	Clerk
7	<u>Village Greens (Robin Maine)</u> a: Top Green condition and installation of dragons teeth: the kerbing to the lane behind St John's Cottage has been completed and improved weather has helped the top area to dry out. Alan H had been discussing the installation of suitable Dragons teeth with Martin Edwards prior to the preparation of a quote for the work. b: Sub-soiling on lower green: Robin advised that an area had been done as a trial but that the green needed rolling to flatten the ridges created. It was agreed to proceed as originally agreed.	AH RM

	<p>c: Village green events in 2013: A request had been received from the Friendly Society for an event on the lower green associated with club day on 27th May; this was agreed. The clerk had written to the auctioneers, D H James, who were conducting the auction of contents at the New Inn about parking on the village green. Robin agreed to fence off the green in advance of the auction on 27th April.</p>	RM
8	<p><u>Highways, Verges and assets</u> a: Highways/Assets Report: The clerk to contact Somerset Highways about the insecure gulley grid outside Laurel Farm. The clerk had received an email from Mendip DC about the condition of the bin near the New Inn. This was not included on the asset register. It was agreed to remove the bin after the auction of 27th April. b: Verge erosion including Pincross triangle and Pelting: concern was expressed about the continuing poor state of the verges in Pelting. Somerset Highways were involved and it was agreed to keep a watching brief. It was also noted that a new section of fence had been erected at the entrance to The Old Forge which projected beyond the verge line. After discussion it was agreed to take no further action.</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk</p>
9	<p><u>Rights of Way, Commons, Open Spaces (Rachel Thompson)</u> a) Dark Lane / Priddy Pool restoration project: it was agreed to ask the Wessex Cave Club to help with the raising of the dam at the outlet from the pool. Rachel to seek a quote for surfacing of Dark Lane and to ask Nigel Taylor if there is any stone available at the quarry. There was discussion about how to deal with the exposed tree roots but no final decision was made. b) PPLO ROW report: no report.</p>	RMT
10	<p><u>SSSI's (Jean Mulchinock)</u> a) Mineries signs project: Kate had attended the meeting with Jean and Albert Thompson; Jean had taken notes of the meeting which had yet to be circulated. The question of funding was discussed but no conclusion reached.</p>	JM
11	<p><u>Ancient Monuments (Kate Greet):</u> Kate noted that English Nature were working at Priddy Circles.</p>	
12	<p><u>Caves and Fracking (Alan Hutfield):</u> The clerk had circulated details of a meeting on the subject of fracking to be held in mid May. Applications for test drilling at Ston Easton and Compton Martin were noted.</p>	

13	<u>Committee Business:</u> a) Project funding: nothing to report.	
14	<u>Recommendations to the Parish Council:</u> None.	
15	<u>Matters of Report:</u> Alan H noted that the new phone box could be delivered next week; the possibility of selling parts of the old phone box were discussed.	
16	<u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> 22nd May 2013; 8pm; venue Hunters Lodge Inn, Priddy.	

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

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