

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH AMENITIES, COUNTRYSIDE AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17th JULY 2013**

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

	Present: Rachel Thompson (Chair), Alan Hutfield, Matt Clarke, Richard White, Robin Main; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
1	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> Kate Greet, Jean Mulchinock.	
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 19 th June 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 Parish Council, following the responses received, had decided retain the signs as existing. b: Car park adjoining village hall: A decision was expected from Mendip by 28 th August. Any other matters arising will be dealt with under Agenda items 7 – 12.	
7	<u>Village Greens (Robin Maine)</u> a: Top Green condition and installation of dragons teeth: It was agreed that any reparation works could not be carried out until the proposed car park was available. Alan H to check length of section of road where the installation of dragons teeth had been suggested. It was also noted that the road gullies were blocked along the top green road. b: Village green events in 2013: The Folk Festival had passed off without problems with the weather and the green had held up well. It was hoped that the section of green to the north which had been levelled could be used for the festival in coming years. c: Hurdle Stack replacement: This had been completed and the chair congratulated all involved on an excellent job. Clerk was preparing the claim for the insurers and would send a photograph to them and to Willis Bros. d: Pincross land registration: deferred. Reference was made to the shed which stood on the land behind Pincross and it was agreed to seek the removal of the shed in due course. Clerk to check that shed was in original position.	

8	<u>Highways, Verges and assets</u> a: Highways/Assets Report: The road behind St Johns Cottage to have pothole infilled, clerk/Rachel to speak to Tom Owen, and application to be made to Somerset for adoption. Highways to be asked to clear gullies on top green road. The gullies at Townsend are clear and Will Simmons has dug out the ditch on his land. Matt to check if campsite has infilled ditch on their side. It was noted that the ditch to the side of Nine Barrows lane near the pond is infilled with debris. b: Verge erosion including Pincross triangle and Pelting: It was proposed that the triangle at Pincross be kerbed by the Parish Council subject to seeking the views of those who have raised the matter of the erosion of the triangle. Clerk to obtain quote. Somerset Highways to write to Julian Clothier about the verge erosion in Pelting. Once received a copy of the letter to be forwarded to Mrs Hill; Sharon Sparkes to be asked if she had been able to raise the matter with Mrs Hill.		
9	<u>Rights of Way, Commons, Open Spaces (Rachel Thompson)</u> a) Dark Lane / Priddy Pool restoration project: Works were considered for the raising of the dam, this to be done with stone facing; start date to be advised by RM/MC. b) PPLO ROW report: Rachel reported that permanent gates had been placed in Dursdon Drove to allow for sheep movements. Matter to be advised to parish council and letter to be sent to Somerset.		
10	<u>SSSI's (Jean Mulchinock)</u> a) Mineries signs project: deferred		
11	<u>Ancient Monuments (Kate Greet):</u> deferred		
12	<u>Caves and Fracking (Alan Hutfield):</u> nothing to report		
13	<u>Committee Business:</u> a) Project funding: nothing to report		
14	<u>Recommendations to the Parish Council:</u> Gates across Dursdon Drove.		
15	<u>Matters of Report:</u> None		
16	<u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> As the next meeting falls on the same date as the Sheep Fair, 21 st August 2013, the next meeting will be on 18 th September 2013.		

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

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