

# PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

**Present:** Cllrs Barry Wilkinson (Vice-Chairman), Alan Butcher, Chris Dyke, Robin Maine

**In attendance:** William Newton Newey (Clerk)

PPC17/112

**Apologies for absence**

Cllr Kate Greet

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman took the chair.

PPC17/113

**Declarations of Interest**

*Members are required to act in accordance with the Priddy Parish Council Code of Conduct adopted 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 (clauses 10 – 14) where a matter arises at the meeting in which he/she has a disclosable pecuniary interest or other interest as detailed in the Code. Unless a dispensation has been granted the member shall not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter or shall withdraw from the meeting as required by the Code.*

Nil

PPC17/114

**Public Forum**

There were no members of the public and the meeting was not adjourned.

PPC17/115

**Acceptance of the Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 and the Extra-Ordinary Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June were signed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

PPC17/116

**Chairman's Report**

a) **Parish Newsletter**

The Chairman had circulated a draft Newsletter to Councillors, which received general approval. There remained uncertainty about the Implement Sale and associated Rural Crafts Fair.

**It was agreed that the Rural Crafts Fair organising group would meet before 19<sup>th</sup> July and that the Clerk would produce a final, electronic draft of the Newsletter for the same time.**

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b) **Correspondence re Traffic Calming**

The Chairman had received an email from Mr James Head about the speed of Traffic in Pelting Road and reporting that another cat had been run over by a car. Mr Head had queried what action the Council had taken in respect of traffic calming.

It was noted that the Chairman had informed Mr Head that the Council had submitted a bid to the Somerset County Council Small Improvements Scheme. The Clerk reported that Cllr Pullin (divisional County Councillor) had contacted him to say that there was currently no date for bids to be made against the scheme.

Cllr Butcher queried if the Council could pay for the white lining to be undertaken in Pelting Drove it was simply a matter of cost. It was noted that permission would still be required from the County Council as the Highways Authority.

Cllr Wilkinson said that he had seen two village recently which appeared to have a 20 mph speed limit with only two signs. Cllr Dykes queried the legality of this arrangement and Cllr Wilkinson undertook to obtain more details.

PPC17/117

**Clerk's Report and Continuing Business from Previous Meetings**

a) **Noticeboards**

The Clerk reported that Nordrach noticeboard was now in full use, with the same notices being posted as were on the Village Green noticeboard.

Mr Robarts-Arnold had altered the bus shelter (Village Green) noticeboard so that a greater area was visible. Unfortunately the Clerk had had to pin the statutory notices relating to the Annual accounts to the bus shelter itself as there was insufficient space on the parish Council noticeboard. The situation would be monitored.

b) **Verge Protection and Approved Highways Contractors**

The Clerk said that he had started to compile a list of approved contractors but that this remained a work in progress.

A brief discussion followed as to areas that needed works and the type of treatment. Church Farm was felt to be quite stable but the issue was that the road was essentially single track and that erosion was taking place as drivers did not stop to let one another pass. Manor

Farm becoming was increasingly rutted by traffic using the verge. There was an issue not just with erosion but traffic calming.

Further discussion was deferred to the Finance Committee meeting to be held later in the month.

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c) **Mendip Farmers' Hunt Kennels**

The Clerk reported that he had written to the Enforcement Team at Mendip District Council in the terms agreed at the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June

The Clerk also confirmed that he had written to Natural England.

d) **ArcTanGent Licence**

The Clerk reported that he had written to Mr Nigel Callaghan following the Extra-Ordinary Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

PPC17/118

**Planning**

- a) **2017/0482/FUL** Replace residential conversion with new dwelling and construct first floor above estate yard to create ancillary accommodation (Landscape and Visual Impact Appraisal and associated information submitted 14/06/2017) Hazel Manor Lodge Nordrach Lane Priddy Cheddar BS40 6LG

Cllr Butcher still felt that the development on the escarpment would be seen, though Cllr Wilkinson felt that this would only be from three or four miles distance. Cllr Butcher remained against the development as it was in open countryside and did not comply with the Mendip Local Plan.

**The additional information was noted.**

- b) **2017/1419/FUL** To add a conservatory to the building known as Wills Barn. Willis Barn Ubley Drove Charterhouse Cheddar Wells Somerset BS40 7XN

It was believed that the conversion of the barn had originally been granted for educational use and later altered to residential use. Cllr Butcher felt that the proposed conservatory was unduly large at almost 50% of the existing building. He also felt that it was on a very visible position on the escarpment. Cllr Maine also felt that it would be in full view from below the escarpment.

**At a vote (two voting against, to abstaining), it was resolved not to support the application.**

The Clerk was asked to note that the Council felt that the proposal was disproportionate in size and in too prominent a position.

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- c) **2017/1633/FUL** Associated Operational Development works required in the conversion of an Agricultural Storage Building into a Commercial Workshop/Storage Building Castle Farm Old Bristol Road Chewton Mendip Bristol Somerset BS40 6DD granted Change of Use under planning ref: 2017/0070/PAF

There was no objection to the re-use of this redundant building, especially as it was not in prominent position.

At a vote (four in favour), it was resolved to support the application.

PPC17/119

**Parish Council Matters**

- a) **Registration of Pincross**

Cllr Butcher felt that the research undertaken by Mr Albert Thompson had provided enough evidence to register the area on the definitive map of rights of way. There might not be sufficient evidence for the Parish Council to claim ownership but there was an established ancient right of way. Cllr Maine asked to whom the right of way belonged. Given its age, Cllr Butcher believed that it was probably Somerset County Council as the Highway authority.

**It was resolved that Cllr Butcher would contact the County Council before the next Parish council meeting to discuss the process of registration.**

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- b) **Nordrach Finger Post**

Cllr Butcher had not been able to discuss the matter with Mr Ben Selway but the situation had been superseded by the email received from the county Council. It was noted that guidance was offered for volunteers but that, in the further correspondence that the Clerk had had with the County Council, they were stating that any paid contractor had to be approved.

It was noted that each Parish Council was being asked to identify three volunteers for training.

**The Clerk was requested to book Cllr Butcher onto the session on 25<sup>th</sup> July.**

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- c) **Implement Sale and Rural Crafts Fair**

Killens had stated that they could not provide an auctioneer or staff to run the Implement Sale in 2017. This in turn cast doubt on the viability of the associated Rural Crafts Fair. As had already been agreed, in discussion of the Parish Newsletter, the Rural Crafts Fair organising

group were to meet by 19<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Maine still felt confident that an auctioneer could be found. If an event were to take place, it was agreed that it would be best in September.

PPC17/120 **Police Matters**

The Crime Report for June had not been received and there were no other matters to note.

PPC17/121 **Council Reports**

a) **Somerset County Council**

Cllr Pullin had sent apologies but had spoken to the Clerk. As well as the Small Improvements Scheme, he had wanted to the Council to be aware that he had made enquiries about the fatal road traffic accident at the Miners Arms crossroads the previous Thursday. The Clerk reported that he had received an FOI request about accidents at the junction and had acknowledged the request. In his acknowledgment, he noted that the junction was in Chewton Mendip parish and that the responsible Highways Authority was Somerset County Council.

It was noted that various alterations to the junction had been discussed in the past ranging from staggering the junction, to traffic lights or a roundabout.

b) **Mendip District Council**

Cllr Killen had sent his apologies as he was attending a Local Government Association event.

PPC17/122 **Financial**

a) **Budget Statement and Bank Reconciliation**

The Clerk presented a budget statement noting that income and expenditure were largely as per budget forecast. The Sheep Fair account and Youth Provision reserve account had been closed and the balances transferred to the current account. The bank reconciliation had been prepared using account balances on the last bank statements received.

**The budget statement and bank reconciliation that the Clerk had tabled were noted as was the fact that banking arrangements, including deposit and reserve accounts, were to be discussed at the Finance Committee.**

Cllr Butcher suggested that the Council might make grants in support of other village organisations. It was felt that this would need careful consideration.

PPC17/123 **Matters of Report**

a) **Static Caravan in Wells Road**

Cllr Butcher wondered if permission or a licence had been obtained for the static caravan in Wells Road. Cllr Butcher would contact the Duty Planning Officer at Mendip District Council.

b) **Signs for top Green**

In response to a query emailed by the Chairman, Cllr Butcher undertook to obtain the quotes for replacement, permanent signs as had already been agreed.

c) **Fingerpost**

The Chairman had noticed that fingerpost at the top of Bristol Plain (from the glider station) seemed to have been knocked over and was lying in the hedge. The exact location of the post was discussed and there was debate over it was in Priddy Parish.

d) **Public Spaces Protection Orders**

The Clerk said that a consultation over Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) had been received from Mendip District Council and that it would be included on the agenda for the next Council meeting. He noted that the level three order proposed by Mendip District Council related to 'fly-tipping'

PPC17/124 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 8:35pm

Signed .....  
(Chairman)

2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2017

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