

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH AMENITIES, COUNTRYSIDE AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16th OCTOBER 2013**

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

	Present: Rachel Thompson (Chair), Kate Greet, Alan Hutfield, Tina Bath, Robin Maine, Jean Mulchinock; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
1	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> Richard White and Matt Clarke.	
2	<u>Public Forum:</u> The meeting was adjourned for 5 minutes to allow public participation. No members of the public were present.	
3	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> Robin declared an interest in item 6a) 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 18 th September 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record.	
6	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u> a: Car park adjoining village hall: The planners had advised that the access as proposed was unacceptable and should be re-sited as a 5 metre wide opening onto the existing village hall car park. This was considered unacceptable as cars would be accessing the car park in the same area as the school and village hall entrance. It was proposed that the existing gateway be widened and the adjoining sycamore removed. The planners had asked for the application to be re-submitted; clerk to progress. 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: this was in hand. b: Village green events in 2013: The implements sale had gone off smoothly with only minor damage to the green; the remaining items to be removed. Clerk to write to Hunt regarding meets on 26 th October and 26 th December; Robin and Rachel to monitor. Permission also granted to the Friendly Society for a sign and the usual Christmas tree and lighting. c: Pincross land registration: in hand with clerk.	

8	<u>Highways, Verges and assets</u> a: Highways/Assets Report: A copy of the updated Assets register to be sent to Tina and Robin. Concern was expressed about increasing traffic speeds along Wells Road. Rachel to contact Sarah Jackson on the possibility of a blanket 40mph limit within the AONB. b: Verge erosion including Pincross triangle and Pelting: The damage was increasing. Rachel to contact Neil Corp regarding any action by highways. c: Superfluous road and other signs: Photographs of signs to be taken and emailed to clerk in the first instance.		
9	<u>Rights of Way, Commons, Open Spaces (Rachel Thompson)</u> a) Dark Lane / Priddy Pool restoration project: Thanks were recorded to Matt, Robin and others who had provided materials, etc for the new dam. Dave Gibbons had quoted about £400 for the second phase of dredging; it was agreed that the spoil should be used to re-shape the bank around the pond. b) PPLO ROW report: nothing to report. c: Gates on Dursdon Drove: awaiting action by SCC, Rachel to chase.		
10	<u>SSSI's (Jean Mulchinock)</u> a) Mineries signs project: Jean had received a great deal of material from Albert Thompson which could be put on the website subject to copyright issues. Thanks were recorded to Albert for his work. Jean to chase up other agencies for a response to her email request some months ago.		
11	<u>Ancient Monuments (Kate Greet):</u> English Heritage still carrying out investigations of circles.		
12	<u>Caves and Fracking (Alan Hutfield):</u> Opposition locally was mounting following proposals to drill at Compton Martin and Ston Easton.		
13	<u>Committee Business:</u> a) Projects to be considered: i) Kerbing Pincross triangle: Tom Owen had quoted £350 for this work; it was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the works proceed using the balance of monies from phase 2 of the Priddy pond works. ii) Dragons teeth to the Top Green: cost estimated as £250; action on this deferred. iii) Kerbing of the Nine Barrows Lane triangle: Tina queried the PC involvement in this and felt that this was works that should be carried out by highways. No action to be taken at this time.		

	<p>iv) Larger Notice board on the village green and notice boards to Nordrach and Charterhouse: The clerk had obtained quotes of £1700 upwards for a new larger board on the green. It was agreed to seek alternative quotes from local craftsmen.</p> <p>v) Mineries sign project: final details still to be decided.</p> <p>vi) Gateway at Townsend: After discussion the question of providing new gateways at Townsend and The Hunters was considered. An estimated cost of £1000 per gateway was agreed. Clerk to check what permissions were held by the PC concerning the gateways. It was agreed that consideration should be given to two gateways with four members in favour of gateways at Townsend and The Hunters and two in favour of one gateway at Townsend. It was agreed to recommend to the PC that funding be sought for two gateways.</p> <p>b) Project funding for the above: £1000 had been identified by PFF for parish council projects; Rachel to speak to Dean Collier about the proposed gateways and an SDF application made in due course.</p> <p>c) Conservation Area Status for Priddy and Parish Plan: Kate had been working with Albert Thompson and Paul Bryan of the AONB but further volunteers were required. The areas to be covered by the proposed Conservation Area(s) also to be agreed. A request for volunteers to be circulated by the email list; Kate to prepare suitable details.</p>	
14	<u>Recommendations to the Parish Council:</u> Works to Pincross triangle and village gateways.	
15	<u>Matters of Report:</u> None	
16	<u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> 20 th November 2013; 7.30pm; venue Hunters Lodge Inn, Priddy.	

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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5th November 2013

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