

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

	Present: Rachel Thompson (Chair), Kate Greet, Robin Maine, Richard White, Alan Hutfield, Tina Bath, Matt Clarke; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
1	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> Jean Mulchinock.	
2	<u>Public Forum:</u> The meeting was adjourned for 5 minutes to allow public participation. Mike Brown (in attendance) commented on the work already done by a number of people in respect of the Conservation Area. Judith Coles and Glenda Collier wished to raise a number of issues relating to the Conservation Area, in particular how the proposal had come about. The clerk outlined the chronology since March 2013. The boggy condition of Dark Lane was raised and it was confirmed that proposals were in hand to improve the situation.	
3	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> Robin Maine 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 16 th October 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record with the addition of the following at the end of item iii in Agenda item 13: " <i>Also discussed was the possibility of kerbing outside Church Farm. Clerk to contact Highways.</i> "	
6	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u> a) Car park adjoining village hall: the work to re-submit the application was in hand. b) Conservation Area status – The Parish Council has requested that the PARC Committee review this proposal. Rachel noted that it had been suggested that a Steering Group be formed on 3rd July 2013 (PC Minutes) but this had not been actioned beyond the circulation of an email requesting anyone interested to contact Kate. The work to date had been done by Albert Thompson, Paul Bryan (AONB) and Kate.	Clerk

	<p>Rachel suggested that there were three options in this matter: Option 1 - a community led update of the Parish Design Statement and Parish Plan. Option 2 - to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. The clerk noted that the PC had discussed this option and discounted it at the present time due to cost and resources required. Option 3 - to carry out an appraisal leading to a Conservation Area designation led by Mendip District Council. It was generally agreed that the parish should not "rush" into any of these options. Kate noted that it should be Conservation Area designation rather than "Status" and wanted to see the Design statement and Parish Plan updated to Conservation Area designation. It was noted that the website page uses the word status. After discussion it was agreed to remove the website page. Tina and Matt wanted to see an update of the Design Statement and Parish Plan which could be expanded at a later date if required. It was agreed to make the following recommendation to the Parish Council: "That an advisory committee be set up to look at the Design Statement and Parish Plan." The terms of reference for this advisory committee to be specified by the PC.</p> <p>Any other matters arising will be dealt with under Agenda items 7 – 12.</p>	
7	<p><u>Village Greens (Robin Maine)</u> a) Top Green condition and installation of dragons teeth: The top green was in fair condition, there was a discussion about car parking on the lower area and it was suggested that new parents joining the school should receive information about access to the school and parking, Kate to speak to school. It was also agreed to defer consideration of the dragon's teeth to a later date. b) Village green events in 2013: Rachel and Robin to monitor the Boxing Day hunt. c) Pincross land registration: In hand d) Reinstatement of gravel area outside New Inn: It had been included on the agenda in response to an enquiry from a parishioner. It was agreed to take no action at this time. e) Adoption of Top Green Roads – removal of gate and barrier: Robin and the Clerk to arrange to remove the gate and barrier.</p>	<p>Kate</p> <p>Rachel Robin Clerk</p> <p>Robin Clerk</p>
8	<p><u>Highways, Verges and assets</u> a) Highways/Assets Report: Rachel had contacted Sarah Jackson about the 40mph limit within the AONB. She had confirmed that no action was being taken to pursue this.</p>	

	<p>Clerk to contact Highways regarding the missing fingerpost at Castle of Comfort and the sign at Nordrach.</p> <p>b) Verge erosion including Pincross triangle and Pelting: Tom Owen was to be instructed to proceed with the Pincross triangle subject to the final costs of the works to Priddy Pool.</p>	Clerk
9	<p><u>Rights of Way, Commons, Open Spaces (Rachel Thompson)</u></p> <p>a) Dark Lane / Priddy Pool restoration project: D Gibbons had been instructed to proceed, a bank would be formed on the Dark Lane side and the path raised with stone to overcome the current problem of waterlogging. Rachel to discuss with Dave Gibbons the works to the rest of Dark Lane. Tina suggested that SCC could assist with the cost of transporting stone for the works; Clerk to write to highways.</p> <p>Neil Corp to be contacted about the ditch on the other side of Nine Barrows Lane which requires digging out.</p> <p>b) PPLO ROW report: Clerk to sign form to confirm Richard as PPLO. Rachel to hand over handbook and tools to Richard.</p> <p>c) Gates on Dursdon Drove: Rachel advised that SCC Enforcement had been to look at the gates and had suggested that Mr Clothier contact the PC to discuss a compromise situation.</p>	Clerk Richard Clerk Rachel
10	<p><u>SSSI's (Jean Mulchinock)</u></p> <p>a) Mineries signs project: nothing to report</p>	
11	<p><u>Ancient Monuments (Kate Greet)</u> : nothing to report</p>	
12	<p><u>Caves and Fracking (Alan Hutfield)</u> : nothing to report</p>	
13	<p><u>Committee Business:</u></p> <p>a) Projects to be considered:</p> <p>i) Kerbing Pincross triangle – Parish Council have agreed to proceed with quote from Tom Owen of £350.</p> <p>ii) Gateway at Townsend – Parish Council have agreed that the gateway at Townsend can proceed using the grant from the Folk Festival, quote to be obtained to build the gateway with stone supplying the stone required.</p>	
14	<p><u>Recommendations to the Parish Council:</u></p> <p>That an advisory committee be set up to look at the Design Statement and Parish Plan.</p>	
15	<p><u>Matters of Report:</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
16	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> 15th January 2014; 7.30pm; venue Hunters Lodge Inn, Priddy.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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