

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH AMENITIES, COUNTRYSIDE AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15th JANUARY 2014**

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

	Present: Rachel Thompson (Chair), Tina Bath, Robin Maine, Alan Hutfield; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
1	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> Kate Greet, Jean Mulchinock. It was reported that Matt Clarke had moved to Wells and was considering whether to remain on the committee.	
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> Robin declared an interest in respect of the car park (Item 6a)	
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 20 th November 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 planning application has been re-submitted. b: Parish Plan/Village Design Statement – Advisory Committee: this was deferred until the next meeting. Confirmation is required as to whether the committee will report to the PARC Committee or Parish Council. Any other matters arising will be dealt with under Agenda items 7 – 12.	
7	<u>Village Greens (Robin Maine)</u> a: Top Green condition: Recent wet weather had affected the condition of the green above the road and it was noted that vehicles are still driving along the road with wheels over the kerb causing even greater damage. It was agreed that the area should be fenced off, soiled and seeded at a later date if the proposed car park came to fruition. This would be weather dependant. Tina to speak to school again on the matter of parking and driving on the green. b: Village green events in 2014: To be discussed when a calendar of events is known.	

	<p>c: Pincross land registration: Clerk to confirm with Mike Brown as to whether the shed behind Pincross is still used by the Friendly Society and to write to Chris Winter on the matter.</p> <p>d: Gravel area outside New Inn: The clerk outlined recent advice received from Hedley’s solicitors regarding the existing accesses from New House and The New Inn and the gravelled area in front of The New Inn. He felt it would be difficult for the Parish Council to argue about intensification of the use of the accesses when the gravelled area was being used as a car park. Tina commented that it would be reasonable to expect the area to be used by people using the village green for recreational purposes. It was suggested that the two accesses could be marked with dragons teeth and a sign erected to the effect that the remaining gravelled area was for use by those using the village green for recreation. It was agreed to recommend this to the Parish Council. Clerk to provide a suitable plan of the area.</p> <p>e: Adoption of Top Green Roads – removal of gate and barrier: Robin and clerk to liaise over the removal of these items. It was suggested that if the access needed to be blocked off in the future a wooden gate could replace the unsightly barrier.</p>	
8	<p><i>Highways, Verges and assets</i></p> <p>a: Highways/Assets Report: It was noted that the problems of flooding on the road across the bottom green had be solved by the excavation of the new soakaway.</p> <p>b: Verge erosion including Pincross triangle and Pelting: Rachel reported that it was likely that there would be no surplus monies from the works to Priddy Pool. It was agreed to ask the Parish Council to cover the cost of the kerbing to the Pincross triangle from reserves.</p> <p>Rachel had been in discussion with Julian Clothier over the verge damage and would be writing to him on the matter. It was noted that it was possible to widen gateways on unclassified roads without planning permission.</p>	
9	<p><i>Rights of Way, Commons, Open Spaces (Rachel Thompson)</i></p> <p>a: Dark Lane / Priddy Pool restoration project: A meeting had been held with D Gibbons who had asked for the trees overhanging the Dark Lane side to be trimmed back to allow access. Robin to speak to Martin Edwards. It was agreed that Dark Lane would require raising to the side of the pool, Rachel understood Nigel Taylor had a source of stone for this work; Robin offered to transpot same. A review of costs and funding was required.</p> <p>b: PPLO ROW report: nothing to report.</p> <p>c: Gates on Dursdon Drove: Rachel to write to Julian Clothier pointing out that the gates are in place “under sufferance” and will have to be removed if there are any complaints.</p>	

10	<u>SSSI's (Jean Mulchinock)</u> a) Mineries signs project: nothing to report.	
11	<u>Ancient Monuments (Kate Greet):</u> Nothing to report.	
12	<u>Caves and Fracking (Alan Hutfield):</u> Nothing to report.	
13	<u>Committee Business:</u> a: Projects: i) Kerbing Pincross triangle – Parish Council have agreed to proceed with quote from Tom Owen of £350. See item 8b above. ii) Gateway at Townsend – Parish Council have agreed that the gateway at Townsend can proceed using the grant from the Folk Festival. Clerk to seek quotes for works.	
14	<u>Recommendations to the Parish Council:</u> a) That consideration be given to marking the existing accesses across the gravelled area outside The New Inn with dragons teeth and that a sign be erected concerning the use of the remaining gravelled area. b) That £350 be taken from reserves for the proposed works to the Pincross triangle.	
15	<u>Matters of Report:</u> Clerk to speak to Matt Clarke to confirm whether he intends to remain on the committee.	
16	<u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> 19 th February 2014; 7.30pm; venue Hunters Lodge Inn, Priddy.	

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

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28th January 2014

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