

**PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2014**

**VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: PRIDDY VILLAGE HALL @ 7.30pm**

		Present: Cllrs Alan Hutfield (Chair), Rachel Thompson, Kate Greet, Chris Dyke, Richard White and Barry Wilkinson. Also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
	1	<i>Apologies for absence.</i> Tom Killen.	
	2	<i>Co-optio</i> n of new member to fill casual vacancy. There had been no interest in filling the vacancy.	
	3	<i>Public Forum:</i> The Chairman adjourned the meeting for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow public participation.  One member of the public was present. Barry Payne commented on the stones recently placed outside Laurel Farm.	
	4	<i>Declarations of Interest:</i> Alan Hutfield declared a personal interest in item 12 – Planning.	
	5	<i>Resolutions relating to the conduct of the Meeting.</i> None	
	6	<i>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</i> Minutes of the meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record.	
	7	<i>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meetings:</i> <b>a: Fly tipping:</b> there was still some material near the gateway in Pelting Drove, clerk to action removal. <b>b: Adoption of roads to Top Green:</b> The names proposed are School Hill and Vicar’s Path. These to be advertised in the newsletter and subject to comments adopted at the next meeting. <b>c: Continuing verge damage in Pelting Drove:</b> Alan H to contact Charles Hill about the gateways. <b>d: Fingerpost signs at Nordrach and Townsend:</b> The bolts to the Townsend sign were in hand. Despite writing twice to Somerset about the Nordrach sign, there had been no response to the request for a quotation, Clerk to write again.	

		<p><b>e: Nine Barrows Triangle and damaged finger post sign:</b> The clerk and Mike Brown had looked at the sign with a view to removing the damaged finger for welding. It had not been possible to remove some of the bolts. The clerk and Barry Payne to look at alternatives to repair the sign.</p> <p>It was agreed that a quote should be sought for kerbing to Nine Barrows grassed island.</p> <p><b>f: Flooding near Church Farm and St Cuthberts Farm:</b> It was believed that these matters were in hand with Somerset CC, the clerk had written to Highways about the flooding at “Sunnycroft”.</p> <p><b>g: Trees on Wells Road, beyond “Sunnycroft”:</b> The clerk had written to Mr Moore who was understood to be the landowner.</p> <p><b>h: Phone box door:</b> The clerk and Barry Payne to action on 3<sup>rd</sup> July.</p>	
	8	<u>Police Report.</u> No report.	
	9	<p><u>Council Reports:</u></p> <p><b>a: Somerset County Council:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>b: Mendip District Council:</b> No report.</p>	
	10	<p><u>Parish Council Matters:</u></p> <p><b>a: The New Inn:</b></p> <p>i) Future actions. Awaiting decision on planning applications.</p> <p>ii)</p> <p><b>b: Parish Plan update:</b></p> <p>i) Report from working group. There had been a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> June. Items were being prepared for inclusion on the website. A display was proposed at the WW1 exhibition in September. The next meeting will be on 31<sup>st</sup> July when a questionnaire will be prepared for public participation. It was suggested that Neighbourhood plan funding could be available to fund the plan update. Paul Bryan had information from CCS and “Locality”; Kate to discuss with group</p> <p>Richard to speak to Albert Thompson about the work he has done on the Mineries sign project and Kate to investigate funding from “Mendip Rocks”.</p>	

		<p><b>c: Other matters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Illegal use of by-way by motor cyclists: Nothing further had been heard about the problem.</li> <li>ii) AONB Funding: Rachel had written to Somerset about the proposed cuts.</li> <li>iii) Improving communications between council and Parishioners: After some discussion it was agreed to advise parishioners via the email list of relevant or important items such as planning applications included on the website. It was also agreed to try a monthly email “shot” to the list but allowing an opt-out for those who did not want to subscribe. Rachel to look at expanding the list. Clerk to send list to Rachel.</li> <li>iv) Newsletter: The draft was discussed and changes agreed. The electronic distribution of the newsletter was discussed. The newsletter to be printed and distributed at the weekend.</li> </ul>	
	<p>11</p>	<p><u>Committee Business:</u></p> <p><b>a: Sheep Fair Committee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Report on meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> June 2014 including contingency arrangements for 2014. The minutes had been circulated.</li> <li>ii) Recommendations from the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the Sheep Fair Committee be suspended until the appointment of a new chairman and committee members is possible.</li> <li>That a working group be set up led by Bevis Miller to prepare a feasibility study for the fair in 2015 and beyond.</li> <li>That the options to be considered include moving the fair onto the village green only with sheep, implements sale, funfair, selected traders and stalls.</li> <li>That the event runs into the evening with the funfair remaining and live music and entertainment provided.</li> <li>That consideration be given to moving the event away from the traditional date in August.</li> <li>That road closures be reduced when practical and that funding from such as the Heritage Lottery Fund be sought to cover the costs of stewarding, road closures and running costs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

		That the working group report back to the Parish Council in October 2014.	
		The recommendations were agreed unanimously.	
	12	<p><u>Planning:</u> Applications will be available for inspection for fifteen minutes before the meeting commences.</p> <p><b>Application 2014/0584/HSE.</b> Proposed garage with home office over. Proposed new access. Warren Lodge, Burrington Road, Charterhouse, Bristol for Mr Adrian Harvey. The application was approved 5 in favour; 1 abstention.</p>	
	13	<p><u>Financial:</u> a: Clerks salary and expenses for June £286.04. This was agreed and a cheque raised. b: Invoice from Tom Owen for Pincross kerbing £350.00. This was agreed and a cheque raised. c: Change of signatories for the Sheep Fair account. It was resolved that the signing rules in the current mandate, for the account 75142619 – sort 60-23-06 and all associated accounts be replaced in accordance with section 4 and the authorised signatories in the current mandate for the account 75142619 – sort 60-23-06 and all associated accounts be changed in accordance with sections 5 and 6 and the current mandate will continue as amended. Signatories to be Alan Butcher, Chris Dyke and Alan Hutfield. This was agreed unanimously.</p>	
	14	<u>Correspondence:</u> No additional correspondence.	
	15	<p><u>Matters of Report:</u> Clerk to report potholes in Nine Barrows Lane. Barry noted the stones outside Laurel Farm</p>	
	16	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2014, 7.30 Priddy Village Hall.</p>	

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