

**PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH AMENITIES, COUNTRYSIDE AND RECREATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

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

	Present: Alan Hutfield, Kate Greet, Tina Bath, Richard White, Robin Maine, Jean Mulchinock; also in attendance Alan Butcher (clerk). In the absence of the chairman, Alan Hutfield chaired the meeting.	
1	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> Rachel Thompson	
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 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 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record.	
6	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u> <b>a: Car park adjoining village hall:</b> the clerk was responding to the planners regarding the trees on the site and the preparation of a survey. <b>b: Parish Plan/Village Design Statement – Working group to report to Parish Council:</b> Kate advised that there was a meeting of the working group on 25 <sup>th</sup> February.  Any other matters arising will be dealt with under Agenda items 7 – 12.	Clerk
7	<u>Village Greens (Robin Maine)</u> <b>a: Main and Top Green</b> condition including flooding at St Cuthberts Farm and treatment of in-filled section of lower green: i) Clerk to write to highways regarding the flooding at St Cuthberts Farm (also at Church Farm). ii) Robin was sourcing a suitable machine to aerate the in-filled section of the lower green. <b>b: Village green events in 2014:</b> Current events planned are Friendly society Club Day 26 <sup>th</sup> May; Sheep racing (date tba); Folk Festival 11 <sup>th</sup> July; Cricket match (date tba); autumn hunt meetings. <b>c: Pincross land registration:</b> It was understood that no Friendly Society equipment was stored in the shed, clerk to write to Chris Winter. <b>d: Adoption of Top Green Roads:</b> Robin to collect wooden gate and clerk to arrange for Barry Payne to remove the metal barrier.	Clerk Robin  Clerk Clerk/ Robin
8	<u>Highways, Verges and assets</u> <b>a: Highways/Assets Report:</b> nothing to report.	

		<p><b>b: Verge erosion</b> including Pincross triangle and Pelting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) there had been no response to the Parish Council letter from Julian Clothier.</li> <li>ii) The Parish Council had approved the expenditure of £350 from reserves for the Pincross triangle works.</li> </ul>	
9	<p><i>Rights of Way, Commons, Open Spaces (Rachel Thompson)</i></p> <p><b>a) Dark Lane / Priddy Pool restoration project:</b> Gibbons awaiting an improvement in the weather. Steve Maine to cut back trees to allow access. Robin expressed concern about the boggy nature of the bottom section of Dark Lane and the possibility of placing stone to allow for better access for the works was discussed.</p> <p><b>b) PPLO ROW report:</b> Richard had been confirmed in this position by Somerset CC; he would be walking footpaths again when the weather improved.</p> <p><b>c: Gates on Dursdon Drove:</b> awaiting response from Julian Clothier.</p>		
10	<p><i>SSSI's (Jean Mulchinock)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Mineries signs project: in hand.</li> </ul>		
11	<p><i>Ancient Monuments (Kate Greet):</i> nothing to report.</p>		
12	<p><i>Caves and Fracking (Alan Hutfield):</i> Tom Killen had reported that fracking was no an immediate problem in the Mendip area although Alan and others felt that the situation was far from clear.</p>		
13	<p><i>Committee Business:</i></p> <p><b>a) Co-opted member</b> to fill vacancy following Matt Clarke's resignation: There had been no response to date.</p> <p><b>b) Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Gateway at Townsend: in hand with the clerk.</li> </ul>		
14	<p><i>Recommendations to the Parish Council:</i></p> <p>None.</p>		
15	<p><i>Matters of Report:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) A lean to shelter over the notice board to afford shelter to children waiting for the school bus was suggested by Tina. Clerk to prepare estimate.</li> <li>ii) Kate advised that the school now had a community mini-bus.</li> <li>iii) The clerk was dealing with the problem with the phone box door.</li> <li>iv) Concern was expressed about litter around the village, possibly due to spillage from litter bins. A provisional date for the annual litter picking day was set for 6<sup>th</sup> April.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>	
16	<p><i>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</i> 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014; 7.30pm; venue Hunters Lodge Inn, Priddy.</p>		

The meeting closed at 8.27pm.

Alan Butcher

Parish Clerk, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

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