

**PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH AMENITIES, COUNTRYSIDE AND RECREATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2014**

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

	Present: Rachel Thompson (Chair), Kate Greet, Alan Hutfield, Tina Bath, Richard White, Robin Maine and Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
1	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> Jean Mulchinock.	
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> None.	
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 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2014 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: An email had been received from Mendip suggesting that the two trees on the boundary were worthy of a TPO. In response it was agreed to suggest that the tree be retained and the original proposal for the entrance to be through the gateway reinstated. Confirmation was given that there was no external lighting to the car park and the suggestion that the surfacing be “grass grid” rather than limestone rejected. b: Adoption of top green roads: The notice period had ended, awaiting Somerset CC action. c: Litter picking event: This had been successfully held on 6 <sup>th</sup> April. d: Shelter to notice board: An approximate cost of £5000 was suggested; Tina to investigate further and circulate details/design. Any other matters arising will be dealt with under Agenda items 7 – 12.	
7	<u>Village Greens (Robin Maine)</u> a: Main and Top Green condition: The bottom green is in good condition, D Gibbons to be asked to cut as soon as possible.  There was a discussion about the continuing problem with the erosion of the area above the road on the top green. It was agreed to top soil area which will need building up and fence off as necessary. Alan H to ask Martin Edwards for quote per laod to move and dump material from Glenda Collier’s field. b: Village green events in 2014 (currently Friendly Soc 26 <sup>th</sup> May, Sheep Racing tbc, Folk Festival 11 <sup>th</sup> July, Cricket match, hunt meetings.): Sheep racing was confirmed for 7 <sup>th</sup> June and it was agreed that the tent erected for the friendly society club day could be left in position until after the sheep racing night.	

		c: Pincross land registration: draft letter to Chris Winter discussed and agreed; clerk to send letter.	
8	<u>Highways, Verges and assets</u>	a: Highways/Assets Report: It was noted that there were many potholes around the parish which had been reported to highways. There was discussion about the fingerpost sign at Nine Barrows where one of the arms had been broken off by a lorry. Tina to contact Helen Powell to ascertain details of lorry which caused the damage. b: Verge erosion including Pincross triangle and Pelting: The Parish Council were in contact with Julian Clothier and the land owner about this continuing problem. Works to Pincross triangle would be done when the weather improved.	
9	<u>Rights of Way, Commons, Open Spaces (Rachel Thompson)</u>	a: Dark Lane / Priddy Pool restoration project: Robin had obtained scalplings from Westbury Quarry and the trees had been cut back. Rachel to contact D Gibbons to carry out agreed works; the works to be done after the duck and ducklings currently using the pond had moved on. b: PPLO ROW report: Richard had submitted a report to Andy Stevenson at Somerset but was having trouble accessing the definitive map and identifying footpaths. Rachel suggested that the rights of way manager, Peter Hobley or the local warden, Chris East be contacted. c: Gates on Dursdon Drove: agreement re: gates still in hand. d: Notice of Landowner deposits relating to land at Nine Barrows Lane: these had been placed to protect existing accesses and rights and to prevent any further rights being allowed; all were happy with this situation.	
10	<u>SSSI's (Jean Mulchinock)</u>	a) Mineries signs project: no 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) Co-opted member to fill vacancy following Matt Clarke's resignation: there had been no takers to fill this post. b) Projects: i) Gateway at Townsend: documentation in hand.	
14	<u>Recommendations to the Parish Council:</u>	None.	
15	<u>Matters of Report:</u>	Alan H reported that Yasmin Stockwell had washed the phone box. The committee thanked her for doing this.	
16	<u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u>	21 <sup>st</sup> May 2014; 7.30pm; venue Hunters Lodge Inn, Priddy.	

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Alan Butcher, Parish Clerk, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014  
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