

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH AMENITIES, COUNTRYSIDE AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21st MAY 2014**

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

	Present: Rachel Thompson (Chair), Robin Maine, Tina Bath, Richard White; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
1	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> Alan Hutfield, Kate Greet. It was noted that Jean Mulchinock had resigned from the Committee at the last meeting.	
2	<u>Public Forum:</u> The meeting will be adjourned for 5 minutes to allow public participation. Roger Dors (in attendance) raised the issue of the gates on Dursdon Drove and the need not to allow these to become permanent and the need to address the problem with the Top Green by provision of the proposed car park.	
3	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> Robin declared an interest in 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 16 th April 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: pending decision by Mendip DC. Clerk to speak to planners. b: Adoption of top green roads: awaiting Somerset CC; clerk to speak to Road Records. c: Shelter to notice board: Tina circulated information possible designs. Details to be forwarded to the clerk for pricing. 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: Robin noted that the infilled section of the green had settled down and had been mowed without problems. He responded to comments from PFF and advised that the area would be suitable for use during the Folk Festival.	

	<p>The top soiling of the sunken area of the Top Green was to be carried out subject to a price for the transport of material being obtained; Alan H to chase.</p> <p>The first mowing of the green by Gibbons had been carried out when the grass was too long and wet and the result was unsatisfactory. The weight of the machine had also caused ruts. Robin had mowed the green subsequently with lighter equipment and it was agreed to seek quotations for alternative methods of mowing the green. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that Robin continues to cut the green until alternative quotes are obtained. The price for cutting the green to be £60 per cut (excl VAT).</p> <p>Robin reported a problem with mowing behind Pincross; Clerk to write to residents asking for access to be kept clear.</p> <p>b: Village green events in 2014 (currently Friendly Soc 26th May, Sheep Racing 7th June, Folk Festival 11th July, Cricket match, hunt meetings.). It was agreed to allow local cavers to use the Top Green for an event on 7th June 2014.</p> <p>c: Pincross land registration: Clerk to speak to Chris Winter on “Club Day” before sending letter.</p>	
8	<p><u>Highways, Verges and assets</u></p> <p>a: Highways/Assets Report:</p> <p>The potholes in Nine Barrows Lane and outside Church Farm were awaiting highways action.</p> <p>The bench at Two Trees was in a poor state of repair, Clerk to contact Blagdon PC to see if they want to take it on otherwise it should be removed.</p> <p>The clerk had contacted the transport company regarding the damaged sign at Nine Barrows who had asked for further details.</p> <p>The vegetation was still impeding the carriageway in Coxton End Lane, clerk to contact highways.</p> <p>b: Verge erosion including Pincross triangle and Pelting. Pincross triangle; awaiting start by Tom Owen.</p> <p>Rachel and Sharon to contact Julian Clothier after Sharon had spoken to Charles Hill about the possibility of widening the gateways.</p>	
9	<p><u>Rights of Way, Commons, Open Spaces (Rachel Thompson)</u></p> <p>a) Dark Lane / Priddy Pool restoration project: awaiting a suitable weather window; likely to be deferred until September.</p> <p>b) PPLO ROW report: three complaints had been received about footpaths; the path from Priddy Green to Dale Lane – difficult access at Priddy Green end, path 23/29 had a bull in the field which was of concern, path 8/19 had a new fence across with rails in front of existing stile. Richard to investigate.</p>	

		c: Gates on Dursdon Drove: It was noted that there needed to be an annual letter regarding the retention of the gates.	
10		<u>SSSI's</u> Mineries signs project: It was agreed to continue with at least part of the project following Jean's resignation. Richard and Kate to review work to date and possibility of History Group being involved to be considered.	
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 members to fill vacancy following Matt Clarkes and Jean Mulchinocks resignations: There had been no responses to fill these vacancies. b) Projects: i) Gateway at Townsend: Documentation prepared, to be sent out shortly but supplier of stone needs to be established.	
14		<u>Recommendations to the Parish Council:</u> i) Co-option of members to fill vacancy. None. ii) Robin Maine to cut village greens until new arrangements can be put in place.	
15		<u>Matters of Report:</u> None	
16		<u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> 18 th June 2014; 7.30pm; venue Hunters Lodge Inn, Priddy.	

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