

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH AMENITIES, RECREATION AND COUNTRYSIDE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16th JULY 2014**

VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: THE HUNTERS LODGE INN, PRIDDY @ 7.30 PM (The meeting started at 8pm as some members were delayed at another meeting)

	Present: Rachel Thompson (Chair), Alan Hutfield, Kate Greet, Richard White, Tina Bath, Robin Maine and Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
1	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> None	
2	<u>Public Forum:</u> The meeting was adjourned for 5 minutes to allow public participation. Roger Dors (in attendance) sought reassurance that the gates placed on Dursdon Drove were the subject of suitable correspondence between the Parish Council and the tenant of the land. This was confirmed by the Chairman.	
3	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> Robin declared an interest in the proposed car park and the mowing of the village greens.	
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 18 th June 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: confirmation awaited from the AONB about the proposed gravel surfacing in lieu of the grass gridding suggested by the planners. b: Shelter to notice board: deferred until the future of The New Inn known. c: Flagpole (item 15 last meeting): there was a general discussion about the type and height of flagpole which could be placed against the existing cast iron block outside Manor House. Price to be obtained for a 12m high pole with internal halyard and installation. Match funding to be sought with other parties including PFF. Recommendation in this regard to be made to the Parish Council. Any other matters arising will be dealt with under Agenda items 7 – 12.	

7	<p><u>Village Greens (Robin Maine)</u></p> <p>a: Village Greens condition: it was noted that the greens were in excellent condition and had stood up to the folk festival traffic well.</p> <p>b: Top green restoration: Robin to speak to Dean to obtain top soil for infilling the top green. Transport agreed at £50 per load, maximum £200.</p> <p>c: Village green events in 2014 (currently Cricket match, hunt meetings.)</p> <p>d: Pincross land registration: there remained uncertainty about the contents of the shed owned by Chris Winter although it was likely that the shed had been in position prior to the agreement between the Winters and the Parish Council in 1985. All agreed that the shed should be removed and that, if necessary, legal back-up should be sought. Clerk to seek advice from the OSS and, subsequently, write to Chris Winter to ask that the shed be removed.</p> <p>e: Boundary of village green/Greenhill Cottage. There was a discrepancy between the land registered by the Parish Council and the plan showing the extent of the village green behind Greenhill Cottage. Clerk to obtain better copy of the plan showing the original village green registration and Kate to speak to Chris Dyke about the possibility of having a sight of the deeds of the cottage to confirm the line of the green.</p>	
8	<p><u>Highways, Verges and assets</u></p> <p>a: Highways/Assets Report</p> <p>i: Condition of Little Batch. Robin reported that the sides of the lane were deteriorating allowing gravel to be washed into the gullies at the bottom of the Little Batch; he had removed considerable quantities in recent months. Clerk to contact highways.</p>	
9	<p><u>Rights of Way, Commons, Open Spaces (Rachel Thompson)</u></p> <p>a) Dark Lane / Priddy Pool restoration project: Rachel to contact Dave Gibbons to obtain start date now that the pool has dried up. There is a problem with the dam, Robin/clerk to inspect. It was agreed that a plan should be prepared for autumn maintenance of the pool.</p> <p>b) PPLO ROW report: Richard reported that the “Bull” signs had been removed. He had walked part of the West Mendip Way and noted considerable overgrowth and narrowing of the path near Pelting Drove.</p>	
10	<p><u>Ancient Monuments (Kate Greet):</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
11	<p><u>Caves and Fracking (Alan Hutfield):</u> Nothing to report.</p>	

12	<p><u>Committee Business:</u></p> <p>a) Co-opted members to fill vacancies: Applications to be co-opted had been received from Judith Coles and Glenda Collier. It was agreed to recommend that they be co-opted by the Parish Council.</p> <p>b) Projects:</p> <p>i) Gateway at Townsend – supply of stone; this still to be confirmed.</p>	
13	<p><u>Recommendations to the Parish Council:</u></p> <p>i) Co-option of Judith Coles and Glenda Collier to fill vacancies.</p> <p>ii) Parish Council funds to be allocated and match funding to be sought for the purchase of a flagpole to be erected outside Manor House.</p>	
14	<p><u>Matters of Report:</u> Richard had spoken to Albert Thompson about his work on the Mineries sign project. Albert had confirmed that this had been completed and passed to Jean Mulchinock. Item to be included on the next agenda.</p>	
15	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> 20th August 2014; 7.30pm; venue Hunters Lodge Inn, Priddy. (would have been fair day)</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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