

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH AMENITIES, RECREATION AND COUNTRYSIDE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 15th OCTOBER 2014**

VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: THE HUNTERS LODGE INN, PRIDDY @ 7.45 PM

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| | Present: Rachel Thompson, Kate Greet, Glenda Collier, Robin Maine, Judith Coles, Tina Bath. | |
| 1 | <u>Apologies for absence:</u> Alan Hutfield | |
| 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 the proposed car park and village green grass cutting. | |
| 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 20 th August 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: The documents as requested had been forwarded to the planners; clerk to check on progress. Any other matters arising will be dealt with under Agenda items 7 – 12. | |
| 7 | <u>Village Greens (Robin Maine)</u> a: Village Greens condition: The village greens were in fine condition and the committee thanked Robin for his work in maintaining the greens. b: Top green restoration: This had been completed and it was agreed to leave the fencing in place over the winter months. The possibility of installing dragon's teeth to be reviewed and a price for these obtained. Robin expressed concern about cars parking in the entry onto the lower section of the top green and suggested that lettering indicating that the entry should be kept clear painted onto the tarmac. Not all were in favour of this and it was suggested that some form of removal sign indicating both entry onto and exit off of the green should be deployed. Tina to investigate materials for this option. Additionally Tina to raise the matter with the school and ask that the entry be kept clear. c: Village green events in 2014: the next event would be the opening meet of the hunt on 1 st November. Robin/Rachel to monitor situation as previously. d: Pincross land registration: The clerk reported that the shed positioned on the land held in adverse possession by the Parish Council was in place before the 1985 agreement and therefore formed part of that agreement. | |

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| | <p>Rachel felt that the Parish Council needed to take positive steps to take possession of the land. The clerk had yet to contact the Open Spaces Society but would do so before the next Parish Council meeting. Concern was expressed about the parking on the edge of the road adjoining Pincross which was eroding the land adjoining. It was also noted that the track leading to the rear of Pincross also became flooded and a resident had enquired about placing gravel to resolve this problem. He had been asked to write to ask formal permission. It was agreed to take the whole matter of this area back to the Parish Council for further discussion. e: Boundary of village green/Greenhill Cottage: awaiting Ian Davison response.</p> | |
| 8 | <p><u>Highways, Verges and assets</u> a: Highways/Assets Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Meeting re: Hunters Lodge crossroad: a meeting had been held with Chris Betty from Highways and new signs and road markings were being considered. The stop sign on the Hunters Lodge side to be moved forward to the line of the junction. Rachel to report on proposals when confirmed. ii) Other highways matters: Robin reported that the Little Batch had been re-surfaced and the problem with gravel and other materials washing into the gullies resolved. It was agreed to write to Highways to thank them for their prompt response. An email received from Alison Moody detailing an incident with a vehicle in Nine Barrows Lane when she was riding was discussed. Many vehicles including delivery vans used this lane and it had become a “rat run” probably because of satnav directions and, as a result, was dangerous for vulnerable users such as horse riders and walkers. Additional signage was suggested but not all were in favour of this. Options to be considered and the matters discussed at the next meeting. iii) Flagpole: The Parish Council had agreed that a 10m flagpole would be the most suitable but were awaiting quotes. A grant from the Folk Festival was being sought but no further action had been taken had been taken by the PC. Judith advised that planning permission was required and also that a village consultation might be advisable. It was suggested that an item should be included in the next Newsletter due in January 2015. iv) Assets register update: The clerk to send the asset register to Judith and Glenda for review. The damaged bench on the top green (damaged during the greens restoration work) to be removed. Tina to check on the bench at Two Trees which may have been removed. Clerk to write to Blagdon PC to ask if they wanted to take on the bench. | |

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| 9 | <u>Rights of Way, Commons, Open Spaces (Rachel Thompson)</u> a) Priddy Pool restoration project: awaiting Gibbons who had the matter in hand. b) PPLO ROW report and appointment of new PPLO: Richard White had indicated that he would be happy to take the position up on his return from New Zealand. Committee to oversee matters until his return. | |
| 10 | <u>The Mineries.</u> The AONB were now dealing with this project. There was no further news on the Scheduled Ancient Monument status. | |
| 11 | <u>Ancient Monuments (Kate Greet):</u> Nothing to report. | |
| 12 | <u>Caves and Fracking (Alan Hutfield):</u> It was noted that Harvey Siggs had indicated at the last PC meeting that there were unlikely to be any sites within the AONB. | |
| 13 | <u>Committee Business:</u> a) Projects: i) Gateway at Townsend: still awaiting source of stone. ii) Nine Barrow kerbing: a quotation to be obtained for this work. Concern was expressed that there are other projects in the parish more worthy of expenditure than this proposal. iii) Dark Lane: Rachel obtaining professional advice about the proposals to re-surface and improve this restricted byway. An application for funding had been made to the Folk Festival. There was a general discussion about projects and it was agreed to prepare a list for review at the next meeting. | |
| 14 | <u>Recommendations to the Parish Council:</u> i) Signage to top green entry/exit points ii) Pincross – strategy to take matters forward. iii) Removal of bench to top green. | |
| 15 | <u>Matters of Report:</u> A “booking form” prepared for Horsmonden village green had been circulated and it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting. | |
| 16 | <u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> 19 th November 2014; 7.30pm; venue Hunters Lodge Inn, Priddy. | |

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

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