

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH AMENITIES, RECREATION AND COUNTRYSIDE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21st JANUARY 2015.

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

	Present: Rachel Thompson (Chair), Simon Eastham, Alan Hutfield, Robin Maine, Tina Bath, Judith Coles, Glenda Collier; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
1	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> Kate Greet	
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 cutting the village green.	
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 th November 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record.	
6	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u> i) Car park adjoining village hall – the clerk had been in email contact with the planners but had been able to determine the situation with the application. He would be contacting the planners again in the next few days. Any other matters arising will be dealt with under Agenda items 7 – 12.	
7	<u>Village Greens (Robin Maine)</u> i) Village Greens condition – the green was in fair condition except that a vehicle had been driven over the green leaving tyre marks Tina had seen the vehicle from a distance but was unable to determine the make or registration. ii) Top green restoration – the restored area was probably too soft to allow vehicles to drive over it. Alan H to advise on number of dragons teeth previously proposed; Rachel to contact Southern Counties Fencing and the clerk John Dally for quotes for the supply and installation of the posts. It was noted that the area was very stony and that it would be difficult to found the posts properly. Clerk to consider a specification.	

	<p>iii) Village green events in 2015 – It was noted that the boxing day hunt meeting had gone off very well. Events for 2015 would include Friendly Society, Folk Festival, etc. – final dates to be confirmed.</p> <p>iv) Pincross land registration – The Parish Council had approved the expenditure of £200 for the research and Albert Thompson had this in hand.</p>	
8	<p><u>Highways, Verges and assets</u></p> <p>i) Flagpole – planning permission – Legislation seemed to indicate that the erection of a flagpole would be permitted development; clerk to confirm with Mendip.</p> <p>ii) Assets register update – Judith and Glenda had circulated a draft register for comments. A number of items were noted as requiring repair and it was agreed that these should be listed and tackled in the spring/summer. There was a discussion about the various benches around the Parish. Robin to consider if the damaged bench from the top green could be repaired and the clerk to look again at the Two Trees bench.</p> <p>iii) Repairs to telephone box following vandalism – the Police had security marked the defibrillator. Alan H to try to source new electric box cover and clerk to fix door from old phone box in due course.</p> <p>iv) Problems with vehicles using Nine Barrows Lane – there was discussion about additional signs to warn that the lane was not suitable for large vehicles being taken there by “satnavs”. Not all were in favour of additional signs and it was agreed to maintain a watching brief. The question of speeding vehicles and horses raised by Alison Moody was discussed and it was agreed that this was a difficult issue to resolve. Further action to be considered if further incidents were reported.</p>	
9	<p><u>Rights of Way, Commons, Open Spaces (Rachel Thompson)</u></p> <p>i) Dark Lane restoration project – an order had been placed and this was in hand with Dave Gibbons.</p> <p>ii) PPLO ROW report – nothing to report.</p> <p>iii) Wildflower project – the SWT to be invited to the February meeting of the Parish Council.</p>	
10	<p><u>The Mineries.</u></p> <p>Rachel was keeping a watching brief on the recent scheduling.</p>	
11	<p><u>Ancient Monuments (Kate Greet)</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	

12	<u>Flora and Fauna:</u> Added to the agenda as requested – nothing to report.	
13	<u>Committee Business:</u> i) Projects for 2015/16 The notice boards for Nordrach and Charterhouse to be included on the project list and the Gateway at Townsend brought forward from 2013/14 to be included. ii) Grass cutting tender process. Clerk to prepare tender documents for review at next meeting.	
14	<u>Recommendations to the Parish Council:</u> None.	
15	<u>Matters of Report:</u> Alan H offered to collect salt from the stock pile and fill the bin at the entrance to the school. Townsend Pool was discussed; to be added to the next meeting agenda.	
16	<u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> 18 th February 2015; 7.30pm; venue Hunters Lodge Inn, Priddy.	

The meeting closed at 9pm

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