

**PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2015**

**VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: PRIDDY VILLAGE HALL @ 7.30pm**

		Present: Cllrs Kate Greet (Chair), Robin Maine, Chris Dyke, Barry Wilkinson, Tina Bath, Judith Coles; also in attendance Tom Killen and Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
	1	<u>Apologies for absence.</u> None received.	
	2	<u>Co-option of persons to one vacant place.</u> One additional person to be co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill vacancies due to insufficient nominations. This process should be completed within 35 days of the election.  Alan Butcher passed his written resignation as clerk to Cllr Greet and offered himself for co-option onto the council. After discussion the resignation was accepted by the council.  Alan Butcher was then co-opted onto the Parish Council. Subsequent to the meeting Cllr Greet sought advice from SALC and was advised that Alan Butcher could not be co-opted until his notice period as clerk had been completed. Alan Butcher therefore confirmed that his resignation stood and that he would leave the post of Parish Clerk at the next meeting on 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2015.	
	3	<u>Public Forum:</u> The Chairman will adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 15 minutes to allow public participation. Two members of the public were present, no matters were raised.	
	4	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u>  Cllr Dyke – Greenhill Cottage.  Councillors returned Register of Interest Forms for onward transmission to Mendip.	
	5	<u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record with a minor amendment on page 2 – third para of item 11 “Cllr Greet” substituted for “She”.	

6	<p><u>Matters Arising and continuing business from previous meetings:</u></p> <p><b>a: Fly tipping</b> – the tyres had been removed; no other incidents were reported.</p> <p><b>b: Phone box door</b> – still in hand with the clerk.</p> <p><b>c: Flagpole</b> – The clerk had circulated prices for supply only flagpoles and it was agreed to purchase a 10 metre fibreglass flagpole with internal halyard and hinged base from “Flags and Flagpoles” for £635 including VAT and delivery for erection on the existing base. It was also agreed to purchase a “3 yard” Union flag for approximately £130, supplier and price to be confirmed.</p> <p><b>d: Land Registration and Greenhill Cottage</b> – The maps of the registration around Greenhill Cottage were passed to Cllr Dyke.</p> <p>A report had been received from Albert Thompson regarding Pincross which was read by the clerk. It was agreed to reimburse expenses to date of £36.40.</p> <p><b>e: Newsletter</b> – final information/content. Items included to be outcome of Sheep Fair meeting, Broadband, Planning group, new Parish Clerk and contact details. The clerk circulated the new contact sheet and asked Councillors to add their phone numbers if they wished them to be included. Final details of newsletter to be agreed on 1<sup>st</sup> July.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>All</p>
7	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p>Applications will be available for inspection for fifteen minutes before the meeting commences.</p> <p><b>a) Appeal re: application 2014/0784/FUL</b> – Change of use, The New Inn, Priddy. Update to objection previously lodged by Parish Council. Cllr Coles felt that the objection prepared for the application was comprehensive but needed to be reviewed to account for any comments made in the appellant’s statement to the planning inspector. Clerk to obtain and circulate this statement It was agreed to review this and finalise the response at an extraordinary meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p><b>b) Application 2015/0940/FUL</b> – Erection of an above ground slurry store. Manor Farm, Charterhouse, BS40 7XS for Mr D Jefferies. A comments had been received from local residents but it was noted that this was a requirement of legislation and that the store was sited away from adjoining properties. The application was approved. Comments to note that this was a requirement of legislation and that there would be no additional odours generated.</p>	

8	<p><u>Parish Council Matters:</u></p> <p><b>a: The New Inn</b> – Cllr Greet and the clerk had circulated information previously prepared on the options available to the Parish Council.</p> <p>Cllr Greet advised of an organisation called Village SOS which helped communities to retain and buy village shops, pubs, etc, and offered to circulate details. The steps taken to secure funding through the PWLB were also outlined. It was agreed that an opening meeting should be called to ascertain whether there was sufficient community support to continue.</p> <p>Cllr Coles felt that clarification was needed about the level of any further offer and that the council should consider making another offer.</p> <p>Cllr Bath felt that there were other facilities in the village and there was no need to re-open the New Inn although other councillors noted that the Queen Victoria was operating at capacity and that tourists were being discouraged.</p> <p>Cllr Greet reiterated the need for a community meeting if public funding was to be sought and Cllr Wilkinson was happy to see a village group formed. Cllr Dyke wanted to discuss funding options and it was agreed that the consultation evening on 16<sup>th</sup> July would be an opportunity to take the matter forward with the community.</p> <p>George Hatton, the owner of The New Inn (in attendance) was asked what he intended to do with the building and if he would entertain an offer of £500,000 for the building. He was non-committal on both counts. When asked if he had said that he would never sell the pub to the village he indicated that he had not.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllrs Greet and Dyke should meet with the agent (David Plaister) and Cllr Killen offered to attend if he was able.</p> <p>It was agreed to call a Finance Committee meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the options.</p> <p><b>b: Parish Plan update</b> – there had been a positive meeting with Jane Birch from CCS who had offered advice on funding a professional survey. Other grant options would also be considered. The next meeting would start to update the plan and conservation area appraisal with feedback from the community.</p> <p><b>c: Youth facilities</b> – Councillor to take this on from Simon Eastham. This was deferred until the next meeting.</p> <p><b>d: Broadband</b> – Cllr Killen advised that the proposed demonstration had yet to be organised. Cllr Wilkinson advised that the village group were talking to other providers. It was suggested that an update on the situation could be given on 16<sup>th</sup> July.</p>	Clerk
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	9	<p><u>Committee Business:</u></p> <p><b>a: PARC Committee:</b> Community members of the PARC Committee to be appointed. It was agreed to advertise the three vacancies in the newsletter.</p>	<p>KG</p>
	10	<p><u>Police Matters.</u> None.</p>	
	11	<p><u>Council Reports:</u></p> <p><b>a: Somerset County Council</b> – None.</p> <p><b>b: Mendip District Council.</b> Cllr Killen reported that it was a “bedding in” period for the new council. The districts leisure centres had now been taken over by “Fusion”. He noted that “fracking” licences in 4 local areas had all been handed back to the government so there were no proposals for fracking in the district at present.</p> <p>He noted that the appeal for the access track to New House had been dismissed and that the proposed dwelling on Wells Road for Jake Baynes would be going to the planning board.</p>	
	12	<p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p><b>a: Confirmation</b> of change of bank signatories. These changes were now in place.</p> <p><b>b: Clerks salary and expenses for April and May:</b> £525.84 – agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p><b>c: SALC invoices for training:</b> £100.00 – this invoice had yet to be received.</p> <p><b>d: CCS Subscription:</b> £40.00 - agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p><b>e: Insurance renewal</b> – Came and Co: £436.25 – agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p><b>f: Albert Thompson</b> expenses for Pincross research. £36.40 – agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p><b>g: Annual Accounts for 2014/15</b> – these were circulated and agreed.</p> <p><b>h: Transfer of funds</b> into Business Reserve Account: £8000.00 – this was agreed.</p>	

13	<u>Correspondence:</u> Any specific items of correspondence received other than by email.	
14	<u>Matters of Report</u> The clerk circulated the contact sheet and asked councillors to add their preferred telephone numbers. Cllr Maine noted that the grass behind Pincross had been cut by another party; it was agreed that the Parish Council should continue to cut the grass irrespective of others efforts. It was noted that a section of the grass verge at Priddy Hill had been removed. It was noted that a gate had been created in the wall opposite the bottom of Eastwater Lane. Cllr Coles to check on planning implications.	
15	<u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next scheduled meeting is on the 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2015. There will be an extraordinary meeting on 17 <sup>th</sup> June before the PARC meeting.	

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