

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 1st JULY 2015**

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

		<i>Present:</i> Cllrs Kate Greet (Chairman), Barry Wilkinson, Chris Dyke, Robin Maine, Judith Coles; also in attendance Tom Killen and Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
	1	<i>Apologies for absence.</i> Cllr Tina Bath.	
	2	<i>Co-option of persons to one vacant place.</i> One additional person to be co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill vacancies due to insufficient nominations. No persons had put themselves forward for co-option at the meeting.	
	3	<i>Public Forum:</i> 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	<i>Declarations of Interest:</i> Cllr Dyke – Greenhill Cottage (6d)	
	5	<i>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</i> Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3 rd June 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record with the following amendment to item 8 (4 th para): “Cllr Bath felt that there were other facilities in the <i>village</i> . <i>Whilst she wanted to see the New Inn re-opened, she did not support the idea of the Parish Council becoming involved. Other councillors noted that the Queen Victoria was operating at capacity and that tourists were being discouraged.</i> ” Minutes of the extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 17 th June 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record.	
	6	<i>Matters Arising and continuing business from previous meetings:</i> a: Fly tipping – there were a number of items at the junction of Eastwater Drove and Nine Barrows Lane. b: Phone box door – the door from the damaged phone box had been moved to the green in readiness for fitting. The clerk noted that the frame would require re-gluing before fixing. He had checked on the cost of a replacement frame which was £350 plus VAT. It was agreed to try to reuse the existing frame when repaired. c: Flagpole – this was on order. d: Land Registration and Greenhill Cottage – in hand with Cllr	AB AB CD

		<p>Dyke.</p> <p>e: Newsletter – final information/content. Some minor amendments were suggested. Cllr Greet to liaise with Cllrs Wilkinson, Dyke and Coles regarding distribution.</p>	All
	7	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p>Applications will be available for inspection for fifteen minutes before the meeting commences.</p> <p>Application 2015/1247/FUL – New replacement dwelling previously approved under appls ref 2012/0336/FUL and 2013/2589/FUL. Fellows Lodge, Ubley Drove, Bristol BS40 7XN for Mr and Mrs Cowley. This was unanimously recommended for approval.</p>	
	8	<p><u>Parish Council Matters:</u></p> <p>a: The New Inn – there will be a summary of the meeting with the agent in the newsletter. It was generally agreed that Councillors were keen to see the New Inn re-opened however this was achieved. Further details of community options to be given at the consultation meeting and a “support sheet” to be available for completion. Cllr Greet to lead this part of the meeting.</p> <p>b: Parish Plan update – a meeting was to be arranged and a grant application to be completed. Cllr Coles to lead at the consultation meeting.</p> <p>c: Youth facilities – A councillor or other volunteer is needed to take this on from Simon Eastham. An item was to be included in the newsletter seeking a suitable person. Notices to be posted and included on the website. The provision of a suitable shelter/meeting point was to be considered.</p> <p>d: Broadband – Cllr Killen advised that there would be an update on the situation with the satellite trial around 16th July. BT had walked away from the 2nd phase of the roll out of fibre broadband although MP’s were promoting rural broadband and there were more companies coming to the market to provide this service. There was a meeting on 15th July to discuss the latest developments and information would be available on 16th July.</p> <p>e: Planning policy – this draft previously circulated had been amended and agreed and was duly adopted.</p> <p>f: Replacement/new notice boards – the clerk advised sample prices for a 9 A4 sheet open one side notice board of around £1200. Cllr Wilkinson suggested that a quotation should be obtained for board to be made by a local tradesman. Cllr Wilkinson to seek quotations.</p> <p>g: Meeting re: Sheep Fair 10th June 2015 – information to be included in the newsletter. It was generally agreed that the old sheep fair would no longer take place but there was some enthusiasm for a rural event tied in with the implements sale. Clerk to write to Bevis Miller thanking him for his work on this. Cllr Killen felt that some form of “show” might be successful. He</p>	<p>KG</p> <p>JC</p> <p>KG</p> <p>BW</p> <p>AB</p> <p>BW</p> <p>TK</p> <p>AB</p>

	<p>advised that the date for the implements sale had yet to be agreed.</p> <p>h: Proposed consultation event 16th July 2015 – This to cover Sheep Fair, Broadband, Youth provision, New Inn and Parish Plan. A “wailing wall” would be provided. Cllr Greet to organise a poster to be placed on notice boards and on the website. Catering arrangements to include cheese, wine, tea and coffee; meeting to start at 7.30pm</p> <p>i: Arrangements for hand over of documents and information from retiring Clerk – the clerk tabled a list of actions which was agreed. Financial and other current documents to be passed to Cllr Greet on 3rd July; remainder to be held until they can be passed onto new clerk. Alan Butcher will continue to receive and forward parish council emails and postage and also agreed to continue to run the website for the time being. Councillors thanked him for his work as clerk.</p> <p>It was agreed to include a payment of £101.95 for back pay from August 2014.</p> <p>j: Car boot museum – this art exhibit to come to Priddy Green for one day, date and location to be agreed.</p> <p>k: Meeting Parish Housing Needs – Cllr Coles advised that the needs of the elderly and retired in the village should be considered and that a survey in conjunction with the Parish Plan should be carried out.</p>	<p>KG/ALL</p> <p>AB/KG</p> <p>KG</p> <p>JC</p>
<p>9</p>	<p><u>Committee Business:</u></p> <p>a: PARC Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Community members of the PARC Committee to be appointed. A request for community members to be included in the newsletter and PEW. ii) Purchase of netting to cover hurdle stack – it was agreed to purchase netting up to a cost of £50. <p>b: Personnel Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cllr Greet advised the process for the operation of the committee as discussed with SALC. It was noted that Cllr Maine had taken the place of Cllr Bath. ii) Committee feedback on recruitment progress – all papers had been drafted and advertisements prepared. It was agreed to spend £296.20 plus VAT on advertisements in the Mid Somerset series of newspapers. <p>c: Finance Committee – the accounts for 2014/15 had been reviewed by the committee and the Annual Return completed. It was prop Cllr Greet, sec Cllr Wilkinson that they been accepted.</p>	<p>KG</p> <p>PARC</p>
<p>10</p>	<p><u>Police Matters.</u> No report.</p> <p>Cllr Maine reported that there had been an increase in sheep rustling.</p> <p>In respect of the recent rave at Charterhouse, it was noted that residents should call 101 to report suspicions as soon as they</p>	

		become aware of any issue.	
11		<p><u>Council Reports:</u> a: Somerset County Council – no report. b: Mendip District Council – Cllr Killen gave details of proposed investments by the new operator Fusion at Wells Leisure Centre. He noted that were under an obligation to carry out maintenance on the buildings. He reported on plans for devolution whereby a number of councils shared services and worked together to improve services. He noted recent correspondence with residents in Wells Road about a management plan for contaminated land at their properties. He had received many complaints about a recent “rave” at Charterhouse. He confirmed that the police would not normally stop a rave once in progress, their strategy was to stop proceedings before they started.</p>	
12		<p><u>Financial:</u> a: Clerks salary and expenses for June: this to include the element of back pay and the total was agreed as £372.37 and a cheque was raised for that amount. b: SALC invoices for training: £100.00. The invoice was yet to be received. c: Ex-gratia payment to Pam Lloyd for Internal Audit Services: £50.00; this was agreed and a cheque raised.</p>	
13		<p><u>Correspondence:</u> Any specific items of correspondence received other than by email. A letter had been received from Mike Dodd regarding access to New House requesting a meeting with councillors to discuss the situation. It was agreed that details of previous correspondence should be circulated and the matter included on the agenda for the next meeting. A Police Commissioners newsletter was circulated.</p>	AGENDA
14		<p><u>Matters of Report:</u> Cllr Maine noted the replacement of the section of road near Manor Farm. Cllr Greet reported on correspondence regarding the Nordrach Signpost.</p>	
15		<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next scheduled meeting is on the 5th August 2015.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Draft prepared by Alan Butcher and amendments by Kate Greet

Chair

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