

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 7th October 2015
IN PRIDDY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

	<p>Present: Cllrs Kate Greet (Chairman), Tina Bath, Alan Butcher, Judith Coles, Robin Maine, Barry Wilkinson</p> <p>In attendance: William Newton Newey (Clerk)</p>	
1	<p>Apologies for absence Cllr Chris Dyke</p>	
2	<p>Public Forum The meeting was not adjourned as there were no members of the public present.</p>	
3	<p>Declarations of Interest <i>Members are required to act in accordance with the Priddy Parish Council Code of Conduct dated 1st August 2012 (clauses 10 – 14) where a matter arises at the meeting in which he/she has a disclosable pecuniary interest or other interest as detailed in the Code. Unless a dispensation has been granted the member shall not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter or shall withdraw from the meeting as required by the Code.</i> Cllr Robin Maine Item 11d Cllr Judith Coles Item 5e and 15</p>	
4	<p>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meeting The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd September 2015 were signed as a true record.</p>	
5	<p>Matters Arising and continuing business from previous meetings</p> <p>a) Land Registration and Greenhill Cottage Cllr Butcher had passed paper copies of information to the Chairman for Cllr Dyke.</p> <p>b) Registration of Pincross – Research Costs Albert Thompson Albert Thompson was planning to visit the Palace Westminster to consult the archives and Council agreed that this expense could be met from the funds already agreed.</p> <p>c) Purchase of Flags The subject of which flags should be purchased and when flags should be flown was discussed. Cllr Coles felt that flags should continue to be flown on special days only and that prolonged flying might constitute a noise nuisance. It was agreed that that a flag of St George be purchased at a cost of £130 pounds. (Proposed JC, seconded RM, 5:1 in favour). It was further agreed in principle, with a detailed proposal to be prepared for the next meeting, that a competition be held to design a ‘Priddy Flag’. (Proposed JC, seconded AB, unanimous vote in favour)</p> <p>d) Planning: Higher Eastwater Farm The Clerk reported that he had heard nothing from the Enforcement Officer at Mendip District Council and undertook to contact him before the next meeting.</p> <p>e) Greens Policy and Access to New House (see Item 15) Further consideration of this matter was deferred to Item 15 on the agenda, given the nature of the discussion.</p>	<p>CD</p> <p>KG</p> <p>AB</p> <p>KG</p>

6	<p>Planning</p> <p>The Clerk reported that no new applications had been received. It appeared that there may have been a delay in an application reaching the Clerk as Cllr Butcher had received a letter, as a neighbour, about a planning application.</p> <p>It was agreed that an extra-ordinary meeting of the Council would take place before the Finance committee meeting on Wednesday 21st October.</p>	WNN
7	<p>Parish Council Matters</p> <p>a) Broadband Update Cllr Wilkinson reported that the Satellite Broadband event had taken place; there was no representation by Mendip District Council and overall the event was not well attended. Nothing further had been heard from BT Openreach but Cllr Wilkinson was to attend a meeting in Devon at which the SW Regional Manager was to be present. A meeting with further suppliers, Field (wireless) and True Speed (fibre) was to be held on Saturday 10th October.</p> <p>b) Parish Plan Update Cllr Coles said that there appeared to be a lack of interest in participating in the creation of a Parish Plan from the lack of response to invitations to be involved. Cllr Wilkinson noted that the Mendip District Council Plan would take precedence. Cllr Bath said that she had been approached about a Conservation area And offered to help with the creation of the plan. It was agreed that Parish Plan and the need for assistance in its creation be included in the January Newsletter and that the matter be next considered at the Council meeting in December 2015.</p> <p>c) Priddy Parish Contingency and Emergency Plan Update Cllr Butcher said that he believed that no major amendments were needed to the plan other than an updating of the personnel involved. Cllr Wilkinson undertook to update the names on the plan and supply a copy to the Clerk. The steps taken to update the plan and re-publish it would be reviewed under Matters Arising in November.</p> <p>d) Implements Sale and Rural Crafts In the absence of Cllr Dyke, the Chairman reported that the event had gone well and that whilst the stall holders had not made much, or any money, they were happy to support a similar event in 2016. The refreshment tent had made a useful sum for the funds of the Parish Church.</p> <p>e) Replacement Noticeboards Consultation over noticeboard locations at Charthouse and Nordrach were ongoing. The Chairman said that she was meeting with SCC Highways to discuss the Nordrach finger post on 27th October at 1:30pm and would discuss the siting of the noticeboard at that time. Cllr Wilkinson had been in contact with the local craftsman to obtain a drawing and dimensions for the noticeboards but had not received any further information. It was confirmed that the noticeboards were to be the equivalent of six A4 sheets glazed and six A4 sheet unglazed. Cllr Butcher said that the Chair of Priddy Folk Festival had been enquiring about the noticeboard for Nordrach as this had been the subject of a grant from the Festival. Cllr Butcher suggested that if costings could not be produced by a local craftsman, a board be obtained from a commercial source such as Green Barnes.</p> <p>f) Improving communications with parishioners, including website and PEW The Chairman said that she had been able to add a few more names to the list of email addresses and would pas these to the Clerk. The Clerk was asked to produce an article for the November edition of the PEW magazine.</p>	<p>BW</p> <p>KG JC</p> <p>WNN</p> <p>BW</p> <p>KG</p> <p>BW</p> <p>KG WNN</p> <p>WNN AB</p>

	<p>The Chairman asked about the website. It was confirmed that Cllr Butcher and the Clerk would meet the following week to discuss the website and the operation of email system.</p> <p>g) Youth Projects (Tamsin Smith) Tamsin Smith was unable to be present but had sent the Chairman some suggestions, arrived at after talking to young people in Priddy. The suggestions were: Bus Shelter It was thought unlikely that this could be funded purely from the youth funds, especially if a custom made structure, resembling the Hurdle Stack, were required. Cllr Butcher reported that Doultong Parish had recently purchased a standard glass and steel shelter which had cost £5,500 Play equipment at Pincross It was thought that the installation of play equipment at Pincross might produce complaints about noise from neighbours. Trip or Trips out to a ski slope or other activity. Cllr Bath suggested that a place on a funded trip could be linked to 'credit' earned for helping with community events and activities. Cllr Butcher suggested that funding might relate to transport only, such as the hiring of a coach to go to an activity. It was confirmed that the age group being considered was 11 to 16 year olds.</p> <p>h) CCS Somerset Rural Conference 15th October It was felt that there was little relevant on the programme for the day and so no places had been booked.</p>	
8	<p>Committee Business</p> <p>a) PARC Committee:</p> <p>i. It was noted that recommendations were being made to the October Finance Committee in respect of the Project List.</p> <p>ii. The Clerk was authorised to seek £500 for a new noticeboard for the Hall / School / Church at Higher Green as had been specifically agreed at the PARC Committee.</p>	WNN
9	<p>Police Matters It was noted that there had been Irish travellers in the neighbourhood. One of these had been offering generators for sale.</p>	
10	<p>Council Reports</p> <p>a) Somerset County Council not in attendance.</p> <p>b) Mendip District Council The Chairman said that she had been asked to attend a meeting of Wells Road residents about lead and the contamination of gardens. The meeting had been called by Mendip District Council</p>	

11	<p>Financial</p> <p>a) Bank Signatories for PPC and Sheep Fair</p> <p>i. It was resolved that the Clerk, William Newton Newey, be added as an authorised signatory in the current mandate with NatWest Bank for the accounts of the Parish Council</p> <p>ii. It was resolved that Mr Alan Hutfield be removed and Mrs Kate Greet be added to the current mandate with NatWest Bank for the Sheep Fair Account.</p> <p>b) VAT Reclaim Cllr Butcher has this in hand for the year to date.</p> <p>c) Invoice in Respect of Audit - £120 Approved for payment and cheque raised, signed by Cllrs Greet and Butcher.</p> <p>d) Invoice from PR & S Maine in Respect of Grass Cutting - £702 Approved for payment and cheque raised, signed by Cllrs Greet and Butcher.</p> <p>e) & f) Parish Top Laptop Purchase - £442.80 & Software for Laptop - £63.37 Approved for payment and cheque raised, signed by Cllrs Greet and Butcher.</p> <p>g) Wayleave Payment Received from National Power Distribution - £43.63 Noted</p> <p>h) Update of Risk Assessment The current risk assessment needed to be updated to reflect the change in Clerk and would be included for adoption at the November Council meeting.</p>	AB WNN
12	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>a) The Chairman told the meeting that she had been approached by a film company seeking locations and facilities for the filming of ‘Another Mother’s Son’. She had invited the representative of the company to coffee on Friday and was aware that some locations and facilities had already been offered in the village.</p> <p>b) Cllr Maine enquired if the Clerk had written about the hedge at Pincross. The Clerk confirmed that he had written but had not received a reply; he was asked to pursue the matter by telephone.</p>	
13	<p>Matters of Report</p> <p>a) Fly-Tipping More fly-tipping had been noted at Deer Leap and Nine Barrows Lane</p> <p>b) Trees at Townsend The Chairman would raise the removal of trees with SCC Highways on 27th October.</p>	WNN KG
14	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting The next scheduled meeting: Wednesday 4th November 2015. (Extra-ordinary meeting 21st October to consider planning application)</p>	
15	<p>Greens Policy and access to New House Under the resolution passed at the Council meeting held on 2nd September, the Press and Public were excluded from the remainder of the meeting due to the nature of the business to be discussed. The meeting closed at 9:30pm</p>	

Signed

4th November, 2015

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5th September 2015
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