

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at the Hunters Lodge Inn at 7:30pm on Wednesday 20th January, 2016

Present: Cllrs Kate Greet (Chairman), Alan Butcher, Judith Coles,
Chris Dyke, Barry Wilkinson

In attendance: William Newton Newey (Clerk)
Three members of the public

PPC16/016 **Apologies for absence**
Cllrs Bath and Maine

PPC16/017 **Public Forum**

2015/3087/Ful - Susannah Knowles of Point Cloud, who were acting as agents for the application. The application was to build after removal of the tower and switch gear / mess room building. Planning permission for a dwelling had already been granted for a dwelling. The current application proposed what the agents felt was a far more traditional building than that previously granted permission

Lower Pitts Farm – Mrs Tracey Brooks enquired about the nature and scope of developments at Lower Pitts Farm.

PPC16/018 **Declarations of Interest**

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.
Nil

PPC16/019 **Planning Applications**

- a) **2015/3087/Ful** – Cllr Butcher referred to previous applications, including that which had current permission; this plan had found favour with members of the Parish Council. He felt the current application was inappropriate and that the utility site neither suitable or an exception site for development. He further believed that there was a covenant restriction applying to the site which meant that if it was not used for a communication station, it was to be returned to its natural condition. This was large house and, Cllr Butcher felt, if it were proposed on a green-field site would be dismissed out of hand. Cllr Wilkinson noted the extensive work required to fulfil the environmental concerns in respect of the site but felt that the proposal for a dwelling was better than what already occupied what he considered a brown-field site. Cllr Coles said that she would have preferred nothing on the site but preferred the more traditional design of the current application. Cllr Dyke said that she had voted in favour of the previous proposal as an interesting building. She had no concern with building of a dwelling on the site.

At a vote (three votes in favour, 1 vote against and 1 abstention) the Council decided to recommend approval with the following comments.

The traditional designed was preferred. There remained a concern that covenant restrictions were not being observed.

- b) **Lower Pitts Farm** – Cllr Dyke said that she was concerned that the buildings at the entrance to the farm did not look like the plans which she had seen. Cllrs Coles and Butcher said that they believed that the barn further onto the site did not require planning permission as it was an agricultural building. There would have been a requirement for a formal planning notice but the building would not have been subject to planning approval.

The Clerk was asked to contact Mendip District Council to enquire about the nature of permission granted and scope of permitted development.

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PPC16/020 **Matters of Report**

- a) Cllr Greet asked if any Councillors intended attending the leaving party for Sarah Jackson of the AONB Partnership. No Councillors could confirm their availability for Friday 29th January.

The Clerk was asked to write and express best wishes on behalf of the Council to Sarah Jackson and giving apologies for Friday 29th.

6 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting: Wednesday 3rd February, 2016.

The meeting closed at 7:49pm

Signed
(Chairman)

3rd February, 2016

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