

# PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held at the Village Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2017

**Present:** Cllrs Kate Greet (Chairman), Alan Butcher, Chris Dyke, Robin Maine, Barry Wilkinson (Vice-Chairman)

**In attendance:** William Newton Newey (Clerk)

7 Members of the Public (8 Members of the Public from Item 17/024)

PPC17/021 **Apologies for absence**

No apologies had been received.

PPC17/022 **Public Forum**

No matters were raised.

PPC17/023 **Declarations of Interest**

*Members are required to act in accordance with the Priddy Parish Council Code of Conduct adopted 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 (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.*

Cllr Dyke item PPC17/026a

PPC17/024 **Acceptance of the Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 and the minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 were signed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

PPC17/025 **Chairman's Report**

- a) **Hazel Manor Development** – a letter had been received from Nigel Salmon of Salmon Planning stating that plans were being made for a new country house on the site of the former Hazel Manor. The letter offered councillors a site visit. It was felt appropriate that any site visit only take place when plans were to be submitted for consideration by Mendip District Council.
- b) **Co-option to Casual Vacancies** – nobody had come forward to seek co-option and the Chairman asked all present to encourage people to consider joining the Council.
- c) **Traffic Flows and Speed** – the Chairman had received an email from Mr Andrew Tranter, who was replacing Mr Chris Betty on his retirement. This email confirmed that at 30mph limit would require terminal signs and repeater signs and that roundels on the road surface would not be sufficient. Highways would hold that traffic calming without street lighting would create an accident risk. White lines might be painted to delineate the edge of the carriageway.
- d) **Mendip Parish Forum** – it was noted that Highways was to be the first presentation at the Parish Forum the following week and it was agreed that the matter of white lining (PPC17/025c) be raised with the officer at the Forum. The Clerk was asked to send a reminder about the Forum to Councillors the day before it was due to take place.
- e) **SW Regional Conference of Local Council Associations** – notification had been received that this would be held at Taunton Rugby Club on 16<sup>th</sup> March. It was agreed to defer further consideration of this topic to the March meeting.
- f) **The New Inn** – an email had been received from Mr Russel Sage giving an update on the refurbishment of the New Inn. Final funding was still being arranged but preparatory works had started. The installation of field gates on the car park was a Health & Safety requirement but Mr Sage re-stated his willingness for the car park to be used for Village events, if there was no conflict with works taking place. Another Health & Safety requirement was for Harris fencing to be erected when the windows on the property were being replaced and it was accepted that this would have a visual impact on the Green. Asbestos removal was due to take place in February after which Mr Sage hoped to hold a Tea party for the Parish to view the property. When the New Inn was re-opened, Mr Sage thought that it would create approximately 40 jobs, making a contribution to the local economy.

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PPC17/006 **Clerk's Report and Continuing Business from Previous Meetings**

a) **Land Registration and Greenhill Cottage**

The Clerk reported that he had received the signed letter of agreement and that the matter was now concluded.

b) **Bus Shelter Noticeboard**

The Clerk was still in negotiation with Mr Roberts-Arnold about creating more space for Parish Council notices.

c) **Housing Need Survey**

The completed application form for an Awards for All grant, the pre-cursor to requesting Community Council Somerset (CCS) to undertake the survey, had been submitted. The Clerk noted that the grant application might take ten weeks to be processed.

d) **Priddy Folk Festival 2017** – The Clerk had received a letter from the Folk Festival Committee thanking the Council for its support of the Festival in the past a requesting permission to use the Green for the 2017 Festival on 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July. **Council agreed that the Clerk should write giving permission with all the normal By-Law considerations.**

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PPC17/027 **Finance Committee**

a) The minutes of the Finance Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 were noted

It was agreed that:

b) **£550 be added to the budget for Dark Lane works so that the works at the top of the Lane could be completed**

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c) **A budget of £2,500 be created for the refurbishment of the Nordrach Finger Post**

d) **the quotation of £390 for refurbishing and re-siting the old Parish Council Noticeboard at Nordrach be accepted and that the Clerk should instruct the works**

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e) **the quotation of £90 for the creation of plaque recording the last of occurrence of the Sheep Fair be accepted and that the Clerk should instruct the works**

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f) **a provision of £150 per year continue to be made for the maintenance of the Phone Box Defib**

g) **a revenue budget of £6,120, with a contingency / capital allowance of £3,680 be set for 2017 / 2018**

h) **the Precept for 2017 / 2018 be set at £9,800 (unchanged from 2016 / 2017)**

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PPC17/028 **Planning**

a) **2017/0035/HSE** - Proposed ground, first and second floor extension - Rose Cottage Pelting Drove Priddy Wells BA5 3BA – in discussion, reference was made to the inclusion of roof lights, which was considered preferable to dormer windows. The use of white uPVC windows, which was referred to in the Village Design Statement, was also raised but it was noted that several properties in Pelting Drove already had these windows. **Council agreed unanimously to support the application.**

b) **2017/0024/HSE** - Proposed single storey rear extension - 4 Pelting Drove Priddy Wells BA5 3BA - **Council agreed unanimously to support the application.**

PPC17/029 **Parish Council Matters**

a) **Wireless Broadband**

Cllr Wilkinson believed the final result of the Voneous project to deliver wireless broadband in Priddy would be seen in three to four weeks; some household installations had already taken place. The duct would be dug, cabinet and pole installed at the Village Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February. Agreement had been reached about the re-imburement of electricity supplied from the Village Hall. Cllr Wilkinson had made the School and Pre-School aware of the fact that works were to be carried out on the Upper Green and at the Village Hall. It was noted that the School would be closed for a training day on 10<sup>th</sup> February.

Cllr Wilkinson again appealed for residents of the Parish to supply their email addresses so that this could be used as a means of communication.

- b) **To authorise the signing of a deed granting of an additional easement in respect of the existing access to New House for the proposed new dwelling next to New House, Priddy Green for the consideration of £22,000**

This item was deferred as the final version of the Deed had not been received from the solicitors.

PPC17/030 **Parish Path Liaison Officer**

No report

- a) **Fly Tipping** – incidents of fly tipping in Coxton End Lane and Nine Barrows Lane had been reported to Mendip District Council.

PPC17/031 **Police Matters**

- a) The appointment of PC Lucy Bagnowiec as Beat Manager was noted.  
b) The retirement of PCSO Linda Vincent was noted and the Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to PCSO Vincent for her work over many years.  
c) The December Crime Report for Wells Rural Team area was noted.

**Council Reports**

PPC17/032 a) **Somerset County Council**

There was no report as Cllr Siggs had sent apologies.

b) **Mendip District Council**

There was no report as Cllr Killen was not present.

PPC17/033 **Financial**

- a) The Clerk asked Councillors to note the Budget Statement and Bank Reconciliation that the Clerk had circulated for the Finance Committee Meeting (18<sup>th</sup> January) as there had been no material changes and the bank statements had not arrived.  
b) The Payment of the Community Council Somerset (CCS) subscription was agreed and a cheque for £40.00 was raised.  
c) The re-imbursment of Cllr Butcher for the hosting cost for the parish website (the company only accepting card payments) was agreed and a cheque for £107.92 was raised. It was noted that the cost included not only hosting but renewal of the priddyparish.org domain for one year.

PPC17/034 **Matters of Report**

a) **Keep Britain Tidy – Spring Clean**

The Clerk reported that the Keep Britain Tidy Group had set that weekend for their Spring Clean as 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March. It was thought that a Spring Clean in Priddy would take place at the end of March or beginning of April and the matter would be included on the agenda for the March Council Meeting.

b) **Flag Flying**

Cllr Maine queried why the Union flag had not been flown for Holocaust Memorial Day. Cllr Butcher replied that it was not on the Government list of days for flying flags, the next date being the Accession of the Queen on 6<sup>th</sup> February. It was agreed that it be considered as an additional flag flying day in 2018.

PPC17/035 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 8:20pm

Signed .....  
(Chairman)

1<sup>st</sup> March, 2017

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