

# Priddy Parish Council

Minutes of Priddy Parish Council  
held on **Wednesday 3rd November 2021**  
at **7:00pm** in Priddy Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs R Thompson (Chairman); G Butterell; C Dyke; D Collier; M Phippen.

**In attendance:** G Pettitt (Parish Clerk), two members of the public.

**Public Forum:** There were no comments or questions from the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Keith.  
**RESOLVED:** To approve reasons for absence from Cllr Keith. Approved.  
Cllr Killen, (MDC) and Leann Chinnock, (Avon & Somerset Police) also apologised for absence.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Exclusion of the Press and Public:** There were no items requiring exclusion of Press and Public.
4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**  
**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021. Approved and signed as a true record.
5. **Co-option:** There were no candidates for co-option. One potential candidate has withdrawn.
6. **Reports:**
  - a. **Somerset County Council** – Cllr M Pullin – no report.
  - b. **Mendip District Council** – The Chair informed meeting of verbal report from Cllr Killen. Noted.
  - c. **Avon & Somerset Police** – L Chinnock – Noted report for Aug/Sep 21. [NB subsequent to the meeting L Chinnock supplied the following report for October 21 - [2x Suspicious 1x Burglary 1X Road related incident Stockhill Woods 1x Anti-Social Behaviour.](#)]
7. **Clerk's Report**
  - a. **Defibrillator Monthly Check** – Guardians are required to perform the monthly checks on the Phone Box and Village Hall Defibrillators. Cllr Collier will place a call on the Community Facebook page.
  - b. **Priddy Friendly Society** – Thanks were expressed by Council for the new bench on Priddy Green.
  - c. **Bill Small** – Condolences were expressed at the passing of Bill Small. Cllr Thompson had sent a card.
  - d. **Freedom of Information request** – Noted that the Chair and Clerk had responded to a request for information on permissions, liabilities and risk assessments during Mendip Hunt use of Priddy Green.
  - e. **Somerset Bus Partnership** – major structural changes to bus routes and availability are expected in April 2022. SBP are looking for local representatives to share views on the needs of their area. Noted.
  - f. **Coxton End Lane, Priddy** – Noted that the lane had been covered with mud, destroying verges.  
**Resolved:** The Clerk to email Somerset County Council on the issue.
  - g. **Worcester Archaeology Dept** – Request to support the retention of the Dept. which is threatened with closure. Clerk to pass the information to Cllr Collier.
8. **Unitary Authority** – Council noted reports and that the situation remains changeable.
9. **Report from meeting with Yeo Valley**

Cllr Thompson provided a verbal report. Planning permission will be sought for plans including a centre at Ubley Warren Farmhouse with displays, car park, café and trails. A B3134 underpass is under consideration. Hazel Manor will be a woodland and woodland grazing area with an art trail, café and pods. Council noted that a potential increase in traffic along the lane to Charterhouse will be an issue to consider.
10. **Consultation**

Deferred. Council would like to see data for next meeting. Cllr Collier provided paper analysis of the previous consultation dated; the Clerk will scan this for distribution to Cllrs.
11. **Traffic Calming Advisory Group**
  - a. Cllr Collier reported that the group had met Sara Davis, Highways Engineer for Mendip East. Somerset County Council a 40mph speed limit across the AONB may be a possibility and Priddy and the surrounding lanes could be a pilot area for Quiet Lanes. Signage to be discussed with Highways next financial year. Noted that there are missing chevrons, Highways to be informed.  
Restoring verges – Church Farm, Pelting Drove. Farmer happy to support verge maintenance. TCAG will review their report and resubmit to Sara Davis.
  - b. **TCAG Budget – Resolved:** To apply £500 to budget to support sign design competition. Approved.
12. **Rights of Way**
  - a. **Reported issues** – Council noted responses to #55651 & #64468.

- b. **Dursdon Drove** – Wells Police are managing the situation and have visited concerned residents at each end. A TRO is not currently being pursued as evidence is required of criminal activity.
- East Water Drove** – Barrier placement delayed pending responses from interested parties.
- Somerset County Council will be placing No Vehicle signs at Dark Lane and Ubley Drove. Similar have been requested at Dark Lane, Ubley Drove and Lower Pitts.

**13. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee event –**

**Resolved:** To collaborate with Westbury sub Mendip Parish Council on the Beacon event, June 2022. Approved.

**14. Environmental initiatives and maintenance**

- a. **Deer Leap car park** – AONB is discussing with the landowner to see if there could be a different access to restrict camper vans.
- b. **Nature Recovery and Tree Planting in the Mendip Hills** – Cllrs will begin to identify areas that could be suitable for tree planting and discuss with AONB. Clerk will sign Cllrs up to Parish Online to aid site identification.
- c. **Queen’s Green Canopy** – As above.
- d. **Holly trees on the green** – **Resolved:** to take this forward with Item 14b.
- e. **Rewilding Somerset** – Cllr Phippen will attend the event on 19 Nov.
- f. **No idling signs** – Cllr Thompson will enquire at Townsend car park as to whether they would be interested in a sign. The AONB is looking into a sign at Deer Leap.
- g. **Climate Literacy Training** – Noted Cllrs attending this training.
- h. **Strimming and mowing** – Contract is due for renewal. Tender to be approved at next meeting, with tender opening earmarked for the end of February. Cllr Collier will amend the existing contract share for comments before the meeting. Clerk to check the Financial Regulations for Tender specifications.
- i. **Hurdle Stack maintenance** – Cllr Collier will check availability of a craftsman to help with this.  
**Resolved:** To maintain the Hurdle Stack ridge and thatch.
- j. **Nordach Noticeboard** –  
**Resolved:** To consider maintenance of Priddy Green noticeboard when works on the Fountain go ahead. Approved

**15. Events**

- a. **Open air cinema event** - This event was aborted due to weather and rescheduled for April 16 2022.
- b. **Auction** - The auction was well attended and raised £500 which will support future Council events in the Parish. Noted next year’s Implement Sale is planned for 10 September 2022.
- c. **Priddy Green events** – Events for Mendip Hunt 6 November and 28 December; Police tagging event 6 November; Priddy Singers 18 December, (note not November as in annex). All approved.

**16. Finance and budget review**

- a. **Payments** –  
**Resolved:** To enquire of SALC whether £25 credit had been applied; to pay SALC Neighbourhood Planning Training - £40; to pay bar licence for aborted Cinema Event - £21; to pay Staff Salary and expenses. Approved.
- b. **Budget review and 22/23 Budget** – (Bank reconciliation 30/9/21 preliminary approval – to be ratified at next meeting.) Council discussed amendments to the budget, which the Clerk will add to the budget for approval at the next meeting.
- c. **Bank account** – NatWest Mandates have been approved. Communications from the bank are now going to Cllr Dyke. Signatories are Cllrs Collier; Thompson; and Dyke. Noted there are two accounts; Current and Savings. Noted there is a query over the mention of four accounts in the Financial Risk Assessment.

**17. Policy Review** – **Resolved:** To review / adopt 4 policies at each meeting and to note at the AGM. Approved.

**18. Planning Applications**

- a. Noted that 2021/1926/HSE and 2021/1698/FUL decisions were delegated to the Clerk after comments supplied by Councillors as the October meeting was cancelled.
- b. 2021/1976/FUL: Re-roofing and alteration to existing barns and carrying out of works to stabilise and cap the adjacent, ruinous walls, (retrospective application). **Resolved:** To offer No Objection to application 2021/1976/FUL. Approved.  
2021/2426/FUL: Conversion of existing stable building into a dwelling and formation of new vehicular access and associated track. **Resolved:** To offer No Objection to 2021/2426/FUL. Approved.

**19. Matters of Report**

- a. Noted: to support environment and climate emergency response, Council may adopt stock phrases in response to Planning Applications.
- b. Noted damaged kerb at Priddy Green outside Manor Farm.
- c. Noted poor visibility at Townsend and Hunters junctions from Stock Hill turning.

**Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 1 December 2021, 7pm**

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## ACTIONS

Item 7a. Place call for Defibrillator Guardians on Facebook	Cllr Collier
Item 7f. Email to be sent to Highways re Coxton Lane End verge damage	Clerk
Item 7g. Worcester Archaeology Dept – pass information to Cllr Collier	Clerk & Cllr Collier
Item 10. Previous consultation – scan and distribute	Clerk
Item 11a. Inform Highways of missing chevrons. Review report	TCAG
Item 13. Jubilee Beacon – confirm collaboration with Westbury sub Mendip	Clerk
Item 14b. Sign up Cllrs to Parish Online	Clerk
Item 14b. Begin identifying sites for tree planting	All Cllrs
Item 14e Attend Rewilding event.	Cllr Phippen
Item 14f. Enquire of Townsend car park re No idling signs	Cllr Thompson
Item 14h. Amend existing contract and distribute for comment	Cllr Collier
Item 14h. Check Fin Regs for tender procedure	Clerk
Item 14i. Enquire of craftsman to repair Hurdle stack	Cllr Collier