

# Priddy Parish Council

## Minutes of Priddy Parish Council

held on **Wednesday 1st December 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), one member of the public.

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** No apologies.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Phippen declared a personal interest in item 14. Planning Applications 2021/2523/HSE
3. **Exclusion of the Press and Public:** Item 16c was excluded from press and public.
4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of 3rd November 2021. Approved and signed as a true record.  
(Cllr T Killen (MDC) joined the meeting]  
The Clerk apologised for omitting to include Council and Police reports on the agenda.  
Cllr Killen reported that Unitary Elections will be held 5 May 2022. [[Subsequent to the meeting it has been confirmed that Parish Council elections will be held on the same date.](#)]  
Car parks will be free for upcoming Christmas Markets.  
Green Homes grants are available on 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis for up to £10,000. Tenants may also apply for up to £5,000.  
The Neighbourhood Plan Part II will be considered on 20 December. This does not include the increased 2018 development areas. Priddy will be largely unaffected.  
Some discussion over Cheddar Lea Farm planning application, which Cllr Killen would find it difficult to speak against Planning Officer's approval as it has positive business development impact. Council voiced strong concerns at the increase of farm buildings being converted, increasing road use and impacting negatively on Road Traffic incidents. Council was clear that this is a general issue regarding traffic affecting the AONB area.  
[Cllr M Pullin (SCC) joined the meeting]  
Cllr Pullin reported that another 55 Unitary Councillors will be elected to add to the existing 55 County Councillors.  
[Cllrs Killen and Pullin left the meeting.]
5. **Co-option:** Noted Cllr Keith has resigned from the Council and was thanked for her contributions. Clerk will liaise with MDC Elections Officer to advertise the vacancy. There were no nominations for the existing vacancy.
6. **Clerk's Report:**
  - a. **Defibrillator** – Priddy Green defibrillator is being handed over to a new guardian. PPC would like to thank both incoming and outgoing guardians for helping care for the community. The Village Hall defibrillator guardian vacancy remains open. Clerk will include call for a guardian in the next mailing.
  - b. **Coxton End Lane muddy road & verge** – Cllr Thompson reported that whilst there is a right to drive cattle along the lane, landowners have indicated that they are considering installing cattle tracks on their land in next year to remedy the issue.
7. **Update on Worcester Archaeology Dept.** Council noted that the Folk Festival Committee had supported the continuance of the Dept. on behalf of Priddy.
8. **Unitary Authority** – Please see item 4. above.
9. **Consultation** – Cllr Phippen will liaise with Amy Keith to retrieve the data. Noted that Cllr Phippen is now administering the website and working on a new website that will be easily administered by Council members and that can include a sample survey. Council approved the work of a new website – to be ratified at January '22 Full Council.
10. **Traffic Calming Advisory Group** – no report.
11. **Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Beacon event – Resolved:** To meet with Westbury sub Mendip Parish Council in the New Year to make arrangements. Approved.

## 12. Environmental Initiatives and Maintenance

- a. **Update on access point to Deer Leap car park** – Noted that wide access is a requirement. Cllr Thompson is meeting to discuss narrowing the access to exclude large vehicles next week.
- b. **Tree planting** – Noted the Clerk had given all Councillors Reader access to Parish Online. Cllrs Butterell, Dyke and Thompson will prepare a list of sites for the New Year. Cllr Thompson will liaise with Tim Haseldon of AONB.
- c. **Rewilding Somerset** – Cllr Phippen unable to access the online course but is awaiting a recording of it.
- d. **No idling signs** – No sites have been found for which these would be appropriate.
- e. **Strimming and mowing – to agree, (or not), reviewed tender** – deferred to January Full Council.
- f. **Hurdle Stack maintenance** – Clerk to seek third thatcher to add to the two known, and ask for quotes.
- g. **Priddy Green flag and loop** – Cllr Dyke is repairing the flag. Cllr Collier and others will retrieve the lost rope within the pole.
- h. **Replacement of grit bin – Dursdon Drove and litter bin – Townsend – Resolved:** To replace neither bin. Approved.

## 13. Finance and Budget Review

- a. **Bank reconciliation 30-9-21** – Approved.
- b. **Payments** – Staff salary and expenses - £302.35; SALC training, Responding to Planning Applications £50 and Essentials Part I £25; Village Green Maintenance £360.  
**Resolved:** To approve payments to Salary & Expenses and Village Green Maintenance. To defer SALC payments until credit of May 21 payment of £25 has been received. Approved.  
Noted Cllr Dyke has now enabled online banking with NatWest.
- c. **Budget 22/23** – The budget was discussed and some amendments made. Final decision deferred to Full Council January '22. Noted that appointment of Internal Review Officer will be considered at Full Council January '22.

## 14. Planning Applications

- a. **2021/2523/HSE** – Alterations, refurbishment and extensions to existing dwelling. New House, Priddy Green.  
**Resolved:** To Object to application 2021/2523/HSE. The development is not in keeping with the character of the area; and is contrary to the Priddy Parish Plan. Very prominent impact in an AONB site, and will be more so when the ash trees, that are cited as shielding the property, will need to be felled. The proportion of glass is counter to the 'Dark Skies' area. Approved.
- b. **2021/1958/HSE** – Replacement of conservatory with single storey garden room. Rock Cottage, Nine Barrows Lane, Priddy.  
**Resolved:** No Objection to application 2021/1958/HSE. This development will be an improvement. Approved.
- c. **2021/2346/HSE** – Demolition of existing porch. Revisions to fenestration. Castle Barn, Burrington Road, Priddy.  
**Resolved:** No Objection to application 2021/2346/HSE. Approved.

## 15. Matters of Report

- a. Nine Barrows Lane triangle – considerations to ease traffic manoeuvres.
- b. Phone box books – After receipt of an enquiry it was noted these are not being updated due to COVID. A number of Cllrs are willing to refurbish books there.
- c. Noted that Mendip Hunt takes responsibility for managing the Boxing Day Meet. Clerk to obtain confirmation of how the meet will be managed.

[The Member of the Public left the meeting.]

## 16. Policy Review

- a. **PPC Data Protection Policy – Resolved:** To approve and adopt the PPC Data Protection Policy. Approved.
- b. **PPC Complaints Policy – Resolved:** To approve and adopt the PPC Complaints Policy. Approved.
- c. **Staff Contract – Resolved:** To approve and adopt the Staff Contract. Approved.

**Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 5 January 2022, 7pm**