

Priddy Parish Council

Minutes of Priddy Parish Council
held on **Wednesday 5 January 2022**
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), three members of the public, Cllr T Killen.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** No apologies from members. L Chinnock, Avon & Somerset Police sent apologies.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Exclusion of the Press and Public:** There were no exclusions from Press and Public.
4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**
RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of 1 December 2021. Approved and signed as a true record.
Noted that New Inn discussion was missing from item 15. Matters of Report.
5. **Co-option:** No applications were received for co-option to Council.

[Meeting adjourned]

Public Forum:

- Question regarding the necessity to charge a precept. A letter was handed to the clerk.
- Question regarding lighting of New Inn – noted AONB Dark Skies statement is guidance only.
- Question regarding phone box book swap venue.

[Meeting reopened]

[One member of public left the meeting]

6. Reports:

- a. **Somerset County Council:** no report.
- b. **Mendip District Council:**

- Cllr Killen reported that Mendip staff are helping with the COVID response.
- Noted that focus is now on Unitary Council elections.
- Somerset Waste Partnership – delays in recycled waste collections because of staff illness.
- Landlords with ECG rating of less than E could receive grant funding.
- Local Plan Part II is now adopted.
- Cllr Killen is pushing for the phosphate issue, which is delaying planning, to be resolved.

[Cllr Killen left the meeting]

c. Avon & Somerset Police:

- 11/12/21- Road Traffic Collision B3135
- 17/12/21- Road Traffic Collision Hunters Lodge, Old Bristol Road
- 19/12/21- Road Traffic Collision Plummers Lane, Priddy.
- On the 27/12/21 The Mendip Farmers Hunt were out on the Village Green for their annual Boxing Day Meet-Peaceful protests were reported these being both for and against the meet, attendance by the Neighbourhood Team took place.
- Continued patrols by the neighbourhood team have been taking place throughout December and there is nothing further to report.
- Meeting noted that the Mendip Boxing Day Hunt was well managed and without incident
Resolved: To send a message of thanks to Mendip Farmers Hunt. Approved.

7. Clerk's Report:

- a. **Defibrillator** – Noted each defibrillator now has a guardian. Thanks expressed to the volunteers.
- b. **Priddy Folk Festival** – Cllr Collier declared an interest and did not participate.
Resolved: To approve the use of Priddy Green 8-10 July 2022 for Priddy Folk Festival. Approved.
- c. **Cheddar Road Race**

Resolved: To support the Cheddar Road Race 17 September 2022. Approved.

8. **Update on Unitary Authority:** The next conference will be 17 February 6-9pm – details will be circulated when available. St Cuthbert (Out) Parish Council will be arranging a meeting with New Somerset advisory officers and local rural parishes. The New Somerset website is <https://newsomersetcouncil.org.uk>.

9. Consultation / Website:

a. **Update on draft Priddy Parish Consultation:** Online, printed and face to face methods will be used to consult with Parish, with a consultation event to be approved at next meeting. The results of the 1999 consultation to be published on the website.

b. **Ratified:** To approve creation of new Priddy website. Approved.

The new logo will be sent to Clerk. The old website will be retained for email facility and PPC archives.

10. Traffic Calming Advisory Group: Deferred to next meeting.

11. Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Beacon event: Zoom meeting to be set up with Westbury sub Mendip Parish Council. A parish fete to be organised for 4 June 2022 – funding to be sought from SALC and elsewhere.

12. Environmental Initiatives and Maintenance

a. **Update on access point to Deer Leap car park:** Talks are ongoing between Parish Council, AONB and farmers. AONB can install a barrier to prevent access to caravans but allow smaller vans. Noted that the situation is complex. Parishioners are invited to offer any ideas they may have towards resolution. Parish Council will relay comments back to AONB.

b. **Tree planting** – Tree Plan for specimen tree planting on and around Village Green received from Mendip Hills AONB.

Resolved: To approve Council suggestions for tree planting.

- To consult with landowners re replacement by PPC of trees lost through ash dieback.
- Sweet Chestnut AONB 50 yr commemorative tree – outside New Inn with circular bench.
- Top Green – 4 Rowans as war memorial trees plus 2 Field Maples.

Approved.

Cllr Thompson to write to AONB with amendments and also suggest Coxtan End Lane, Dark Lane; Nine Barrows Lane, East Water Lane, and Dursdon Drove as further sites for planting.

c. **Rewilding Somerset:** Cllr Phippen will share the link.

d. **Strimming and mowing:** Cllr Collier to pass previous tender document to Clerk. 10 cuts leaving 2m north and south. For advertisement in Pew, Facebook and elsewhere. Approval at March meeting. Consideration given to wildflower planting – this would reduce strimming costs.

e. **Hurdle Stack:** Quotes called for hurdle stack thatch repair. Previous thatcher to be included.

f. **Priddy Green flag and loop:** Flag and loop successfully repaired.

g. **Nine Barrows triangle:** Issue with triangle vehicle damage. Various ideas discussed. Clerk will contact Highways Engineer and reply to member of public email.

13. Finance and Budget Review

a. **RFO:** Noted Contract approved at last meeting appointed the Clerk as RFO.

b. **Internal Review Officer: Resolved:** To appoint Cllr Phippen as Internal Review Officer. Approved.

c. **Payments:** Salary & expenses; £124.80 Defibrillator parts; £10 SLCC & £50 SALC training; £40 ICO.

Resolved: To approve payments listed in Item 13c and to investigate statutory requirements for Parish Council membership to ICO. Approved.

d. **Budget: Resolved:** To retain Wayleave capital for special project. Approved.

Resolved: To approve budget and Precept at £11,500 for 2022/23. Approved.

14. Planning Applications

a. **2021/2807/FUL** – Erection of Agricultural building for general use, Paywell Farm.

Resolved: To leave decision to the Planning Officer. Approved.

15. Policy Review

a. **Resolved:** To accept amendments to PPC Planning Procedures policy. Approved.

b. **Resolved:** To adopt SLCC Press & Media policy. Approved. Noted Parish Council FB page to be set up.

16. Matters of Report

a. Nine Barrows development. February agenda to consider planting / development on land adjacent to north side of lane.

b. New Inn strategy for future – February agenda.

c. Document Retention Policy, Village Green Policy & Standing Orders – February agenda.

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 2 February 2022, 7pm

ACTIONS

Item 6c. Message of thanks to Mendip Farmers Hunt	Clerk
Item 9. Send logo to Clerk. Publish 1999 Consultation results	Cllr Phippen
Item 11. Send SALC grant form to Cllr Phippen	Clerk
Item 12b. Letter to AONB	Cllr Thompson
Item 12c. Share link to Rewilding conference	Cllr Phippen
Item 12d. Prepare tender doc	Clerk
Item 12e. Priddy Green file for original thatcher of hurdle stack	Clerk
Item 12g. Contact Sara Davis, reply letter re triangle, contact firm whose lorries drive over triangle – smaller tanker?.	Clerk