

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH AMENITIES, RECREATION AND COUNTRYSIDE COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2015

VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: HUNTERS LODGE at 7:45PM

	Present: Judith Coles (Chair), Kate Greet, Tina Bath, Glenda Collier, Ruud Mantingh, Kate Lawrence, Robin Maine, Chris Dyke	
1	<u>Apologies</u> There were no apologies.	
2	<u>Recruitment</u> One more PARC member to be actively recruited – Judith to approach Carly.	
3	<u>Public Forum</u> No Public Present	
4	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None.	
5	<u>Resolutions relating to the Conduct of the Meeting</u> None.	
6	<u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> Judith Coles thanked Kate Greet for note taking and producing minutes of the last meeting. These were consequently signed as correct record.	
7	<u>Matters Arising and continuing business from previous meetings:</u> All Matters were included as Agenda items.	
8	<u>Village Greens:</u> <b>i. Village Greens Condition</b> Robin Maine reported problem cutting grass to the rear of Pincross – overhanging hedge hard to access. Request to be made to Parish Council to write to landowner to request maintenance. <b>ii. Top Green Restoration</b> Nothing to report. <b>iii. Lower Green Track</b> Agreed to take off Agenda.	
9	<u>Highways, Verges and Assets:</u> <b>i. Assets Register Update</b> Glenda Collier and Judith Coles to complete by next meeting. <b>ii. Repairs to Phone Box</b> All done - looking good – thanks particularly to Ruud Matingh, Alan and Yasmin. Ruud Matingh mentioned fly problem agreed time of year – Ruud Matingh offered to sweep out and Judith Coles when defib checking. Can now take off Agenda. <b>iii. Hurdles</b> Netting purchase approved – Tina Bath looking at prices and then proceed. <b>iv. Nordrach Signpost and</b> <b>v. Adoption of Sign Posts</b>	JC RMh JC

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	<p>Kate Greet received email from highways regarding adoption advising that finger post continues to remain in SCC ownership with Parish Council attending to ongoing maintenance – asset register value not required although insurance implications should be discussed. Offered local contractors to do the work.</p> <p>Kate Greet advised need budget if wish to take responsibility and carry forward – need to put in budget. Tina Bath suggested that we contact highways and ask them to bring them up to good standard of repair initially and then agree to take over on a five year basis. All agreed important asset to our community. Kate Greet agreed to take this up with highways.</p> <p>Post cleaning – Kate Greet has spoken to Sarah Jackson who advised Nicola Penn looking into organising working party – Kate waiting to hear back. Tina advised likely to need to have certification to work on highways and prepare risk assessments.</p>	KG
10	<p><u>Rights of Way, Commons and Open Spaces:</u></p> <p><b>i. Dark Lane</b> Tina spoken to Dave Gibbons who will do it when he has a slot.</p> <p><b>ii. PPLROW Report</b> Ruud advised that he had hand over with Richard White paperwork and tools – needs to register with SCC to as ROW contact. Kate Greet signed form on behalf of Parish Council in absence of Clerk.</p> <p>Ruud Matingh also offered to attend voluntary training, clearing paths, etc. And will look at sorting voluntary working parties.</p> <p>Richard also handed over definitive map from 1949 – Rudd Matingh felt it should be on Asset Register. All agreed important historic record.</p> <p>Also suggested announcement of new PPLO/ROW and it was agreed to publish on website, newsletter and PEW update on PARCs committee. Ruud Matingh to contact Alan Butcher to publish article for PEW about his appointment and also request email address contact under priddyparish.org. Also, New Clerk to take up ‘jottings article’ for PEW in the future.</p> <p>Ruud Matingh to contact Rachel Thompson to discuss problems regarding ROW/BW, etc.</p> <p>Judith Coles copied Mr Matingh the current query regarding footpath off Coxton End Lane. Ruud Matingh to monitor.</p>	<p>RMh</p> <p>RMh</p> <p>RMh</p> <p>RMh</p>
11	<p><u>Ancient Monuments</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
12	<p><u>Flora and Fauna:</u></p> <p>i. Glenda Collier copied all on ideas proposed – flagged up seed collecting at Chancellors Farm and Churchyard and seeds being planted. Suggested could plant out at Coxton End Lane. Awaiting Highways Consent to mowing, etc. Kate Greet to pass on contact details.</p> <p>Glenda Collier asked if Parish Council happy to attend to thinning of trees and management. Kate Lawrence asked about future management provision. Glenda Collier to talk to Jake about highways/management liaison of maintenance of verges.</p> <p>The trial areas were a great success and as a result Priddy PCC to be written to regarding wildflower proposals for extending the Churchyard wildflower areas and future cutting/maintenance. Also suggesting having small information board to explain flora in the churchyard and history of the church.</p>	<p>KG</p> <p>GC</p>

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	<p>Working Group to meet to discuss the above – Glenda Collier has put article in the PEW to gather all together.</p> <p>ii. <b>Priddy Pool</b> – Glenda reported looks as if establishing well – some plants have come back. Suggested getting ecologist back to reassess the current situation. Kate Lawrence raised the issue of comfrey and Glenda Collier advised report wasn't too anxious about this. All agreed ecologist should carry out updated assessment.</p> <p>iii. <b>Conservation Verges</b> - Glenda advised will be review verges and see whether areas wish to conserve and minimise cutting/ or cutting at different times.</p>	GC
13	<p><u>Committee Business</u></p> <p>i. <b>Project List</b> Kate advised Parish Council has Finance Meeting next month so recommendations should be made. Kate suggested holding PARC meeting next month to discuss this and Finance meeting put back a month. Kate Greet suggested recommendation made to Parish Council on this basis. Judith Coles suggested agree to meet next month and all to put thought into ideas brought up at PARCS meeting.</p> <p>ii. <b>Youth Projects</b> Tina raised youth projects – Kate agreed that this was in hand and awaiting report back.</p>	
14	<p><u>Recommend to Parish Council</u></p> <p>i. <b>Hedge Trimming</b> behind Pincross to St Cuthbert's Farm</p> <p>ii. <b>Ruud Matingh's Training</b> – advised voluntary.</p>	
14	<p><u>Matters of Report</u></p> <p>i. Soil around Green – Judith Coles to report to highways and also questioned weed killing – who did that?</p> <p>ii. Deerleap hedgerows – Robin Maine to approach Natural England re: overgrown. Kate Lawrence advised Robin Maine to contact Simon Clark at Shapwick and will pass on details. Tina B advised offered to do hedge laying with volunteers but this was turned down.</p> <p>iii. Invasive Plants – Tina Bath suggested use of interactive map to advise where species are found and to help reporting. Kate Greet suggested contacting Paul Bryan for help with this. It was agreed this could be incorporated as part of the Wildflower Project. Tina Bath to talk to Paul about this. Kate Lawrence asked if MDC taking action against invasive plants. Judith Coles to find out if specific contact at MDC?</p> <p>iv. Ruud Matingh raised flooding on 9 Barrows Lane – all agreed probably due to recent volume of rain.</p> <p>v. Ruud Matingh asked re: pathways, routes, leaflets – should they be only routes within the Parish? Agreed could incorporate routes off parish boundary. Glenda Collier investigating old routes published at Charterhouse Centre and the Campsite. Judith Coles suggested adding Parish Boundary Walk to be organised.</p>	JC RM TB JC JC
16	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> 16 September 2015 – 7.30 pm Hunters Lodge. The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.</p>	
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