

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH AMENITIES, COUNTRYSIDE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11TH JANUARY 2012

VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: PRIDDY VILLAGE HALL @ 8pm

		<u>Present:</u> Rachel Thompson (Chair), Alan Hutfield, Kate Greet, John Turley, Tina Bath, Robin Maine, Jean Mulchinock; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk).	
	1	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> Rick Tobiassen	
	2	<u>Public Forum:</u> The meeting was adjourned to allow public participation. No matters were raised.	
	3	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None	
	4	<u>Resolutions relating to the conduct of the Meeting:</u> There were no resolutions.	
	5	<u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 21st December 2011 and agreed and signed as a true record.	
	6	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u> all included under following items.	
	7	<u>Current Projects:</u> a: Telephone kiosk: the fixing of the glass and any other outstanding items to be completed by the next PARC meeting. b: Pincross Registration: the clerk had yet to contact the other people who may have more knowledge about the history of the area.	AH Clerk
	8	<u>Projects:</u> a: Greens Kerbing: An allowance for this work had been included in the budget for 2012/13 b: Sheepwash: it was agreed to speak to Sarah Jackson about a new application for the proposed works. The clerk to forward Rachel a copy of the previous application and to speak to Dean Collier about the possibility of part funding from the Folk Festival.	RMT/Clerk

	<p>c: Priddy Pool: Rachel to contact Kate Lawrence about carrying out a wildlife survey; it was proposed to hold a site meeting sometime in February. Remedial works to Dark Lane were also discussed, particularly to the top section of the lane; John to advise on works required.</p> <p>d: Traffic Calming/Village Gateways: Alan H tabled new proposals based around using the existing stones with new dry stone walls and signs. He had spoken to Tom Hayward about locations and details of the dry stone walls. It was felt that any signs should be simple and could be fitted into the stone walls. Tina expressed concern about the theft of signs fixed to the walls. John queried whether the proposals would promote traffic calming as Tom Hayward had concerns about the position of the “Hunters Lodge” stone. It was suggested that an additional gateway could be sited at “Fircrest” on the Wells Road. It was agreed that the revised proposals, after further discussions, would be presented to the Parish Council.</p> <p>e: Defibrillator: Alan H reported that a machine had been donated by Peter Layton. It had been checked over by Duncan Massey and a new battery and pads were required together with the security box to house the machine, Alan to obtain costings. Training sessions would be organised in the use of the defibrillator in due course.</p>	<p>RMT</p> <p>AH</p> <p>AH</p>
<p>9</p>	<p><u>Committee Members – Areas of Interest::</u></p> <p>a; Greens – Robin Maine:</p> <p><u>Top Green Damage:</u> The Parish Council had written to the school expressing concern about the damage to the Top Green caused by school traffic. Rachel had circulated advisory document “Management and protection of registered town and village greens” (issued Jan 2010) received from DEFRA confirming that grass gridding or similar on village greens was not acceptable. There was a discussion about a long term solution to parking and Alan H and Rachel to take this forward. The state of the top green to be monitored.</p> <p><u>Permission for organisations to use the village greens:</u> It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that organisations using the village greens should be advised that they will require consent from the Parish Council where any event might infringe the village green bye-laws and that the greens should</p>	<p>RM/AH/RMT</p>

		<p>be left in the same state after the event as they were before.</p> <p>b: SSSI's – Jean Mulchinock: the notes of the meeting with Natural England had been circulated and Jean was investigating funding for the suggested interpretation boards.</p> <p>c: Blackdown/open spaces: to be incorporated with Rights of Way.</p> <p>d: Highways – John Turley: John reported that he was preparing details of village assets. There was a discussion about the proposed refurbishment of the fingerpost signs at Pelting Road, Townsend crossroads and Charterhouse. The sign at Pelting to have an additional arm added indicating Deer Leap/Ebbor. It was agreed the signs should have a top finial but concern was expressed about the proposed AONB collar. It was suggested that a litter picking “event” be organised to clear verges, etc; this to be recommended to the Parish Council.</p> <p>e: Rights of Way – Rachel Thompson/Rick Tobiassen: All footpath and public rights of way in the Parish to be walked, it is hoped that parishioners will help with this. It was suggested that local walks can be displayed in the phone box when completed.</p> <p>f: Ancient Monuments – Kate Greet: Kate reported that police action in regard to the damage to the Priddy Circles was still proceeding.</p> <p>g: Caves and fracking – Alan Hutfield: Nothing to report. Stuart McManus (in attendance) in response to a question advised that no “fracking” was taking place or planned for the Mendip area at present.</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>JT</p>
	10	<p><u>Committee Business:</u></p> <p>a: Committee Budget: It was noted that the budget proposals from the PARC Committee had been incorporated into the Parish Council budget and precept request.</p>	
	11	<p><u>Recommendations to the Parish Council:</u></p> <p>a: Revised options for village gateways. b: Litter picking event to be organised c: Organisations to seek consent to use the village greens.</p>	
	12	<p><u>Matters of Report:</u></p> <p>Kate raised the matter of the missing AONB signs at the Deerleap car park.</p>	

	13	<u><i>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</i></u> The next scheduled meeting was on 15th February 2012; 7.30pm at The Queen Victoria Inn.	

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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Parish Clerk

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