

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH AMENITY, RECREATION AND COUNTRYSIDE COMMITTEE HELD ON 19th OCTOBER 2011

VENUE & TIME OF MEETING: PRIDDY VILLAGE HALL @ 7.45pm

Agenda		
	<i>Present:</i> Rachel Thompson (chair), Alan Hutfield, John Turley, Jean Mulchinock, Kate Greet, Robin Maine; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
1	<i>Apologies for absence:</i> Tina Bath, Rick Tobiassen.	
2	<u>Public Forum</u> Stuart McManus (in attendance) queried the committee's involvement with such areas as the Mineries, SSSI's, Blackdown, caves, etc. He was concerned that existing bodies and organisations who were currently involved with those areas would be compromised by committee involvement. Rachel advised that the committee had a duty to look after the rural economy and places where the public had access and noted the concerns expressed.	
3	<u>Declarations of interest:</u> None	
4	<u>Resolutions relating to the conduct of the meeting:</u> none	
5	<u>Matters Arising from the Meeting held on 21st September 2011</u>	
a	School Hill - gritting: Alan H and Rachel agreed to attend an Open Evening on 7th November at the Glastonbury depot and would raise the matter at that time. The clerk would collect 10 bags of de-icing material from the depot on 29th October.	AH/RT/CLERK
b	Gulley emptying: Alan H was in the process of contacting Andy Fountain of Somerset Highways about the matter.	AH
c	Priddy Mineries Concerns: Jean outlined her concerns about the Mineries and continuing damage to the environment. It was agreed that Jean should write to Natural England advising of her concerns and that she should continue to have a watching brief over the Mineries.	JM
d	Response from Priddy Folk Festival: the Folk Festival had agreed to fund the work to the hurdle stack and required more information about the defibrulator but had rejected to request for funding for kerbing and village gateways. The committee was disappointed by the response and a number of ideas tabled to raise funds for the various projects. It was agreed to recommend that the Parish Council should discuss funding at its next meeting.	

	<p>6 <u>Current Projects:</u></p> <p>a Telephone Kiosk: the painting works had been completed and Alan H had contacted Norman Mullis regarding the door and glazing.</p> <p>b Pincross Land registration: Kate had researched the Tythe maps, etc which appear to show the area behind Pincross as a right of way. She had also looked at various OS maps where the area is marked as plot 54 but is not apportioned to an owner. It may also be possible to gain information from the Finance Act maps. Hedleys had written to Roger Dors and Robin with an enhanced statement about their knowledge of the area.</p> <p>c Thatching to Hurdle stack: Robin to contact the thatcher and recommendation made to Parish Council to proceed with the works on the basis of the grant received from the Folk Festival.</p>	<p>AH/NM</p>
	<p>7 <u>Future Projects:</u></p> <p>a Greens Kerbing: the price per pack of kerbs to be sought from Tom Owen.</p> <p>b Top Green infill: it was agreed to infill the area before the winter and soil and seed in the spring.</p> <p>c Sheep wash: application for funding to be submitted.</p> <p>d Priddy Pool: held over until next meeting</p> <p>e Traffic Calming - Priddy Entry Gateways/AONB Signs: Alan H tabled mock up photos of the proposed gateways and AONB signage which would be mounted on recycled plastic panels. There was the possibility of a small amount of funding from the AONB. Gateways and signs to be mounted each side of the road. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that this proposal be adopted and a public consultation be arranged. Concern was expressed about the location of the signs on Wells Road as advised by Somerset Highways (near the entrance to Lower Pitts Farm) as it was felt that it would give an impression that this was the boundary of the village.</p> <p>f Defibrillator: Alan H had yet to speak to Clive Setter.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>RM</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>AGENDA</p> <p>AH</p> <p>AH</p>
	<p>8 <u>Committee Members - Areas of Interest:</u></p> <p>a Greens</p> <p>b SSSI's generally</p> <p>c Blackdown and other Open Spaces (Commons, Access Land): Tina to be asked to look after these areas.</p>	<p>RM</p> <p>JM</p> <p>TB</p>

	d	Highways and Verges, Structures (Assets, Fixtures Facilities)	JT
	e	Rights of Way	Rick T/Rachel
	h	Ancient Monuments	KG
	i	Caves environment and "fracking"	AH
	9	<u>Committee Business not covered elsewhere:</u> Budget for 2012/13: to be reviewed at the next meeting, clerk to circulate details of existing budget/expenditure for 2011/12	CLERK
	10	<u>Recommendations to Parish Council:</u> Accept quote for Works to hurdle stack Traffic calming proposals Funding of PARC projects.	
	11	<u>Matters of Report: None</u>	
	12	<u>Date and Time of Next meeting:</u> Next scheduled PARC Committee meeting - 23rd November 2011 @ 7.30pm	

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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