

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH AMENITIES, COUNTRYSIDE AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21st MARCH 2012**

VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: QUEEN VICTORIA INN, PRIDDY @ 7.30PM

		<i>Present:</i> Rachel Thompson (Chair), Alan Hutfield, Robin Maine, John Turley, Tina Bath; also in attendance Liz Turley, Richard White, Roger Dors and Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
	1	<i>Apologies for absence:</i> Jean Mulchinock, Kate Greet.	
	2	<i>Public Forum:</i> The meeting was adjourned for 5 minutes to allow public participation. Roger Dors raised concerns about “A” boards being placed by The New Inn on the village green. It was also noted that walkers had been approached and asked not to park in front of the New Inn. Rachel and Alan B to meet with the landlord of the New Inn to discuss the matter. Roger Dors also suggested that the placing of posts along the edge of the road across the Top Green would prevent vehicles driving across the green with one wheel on the grass.	
	3	<i>Declarations of Interest:</i> There were no declarations	
	4	<i>Resolutions relating to the conduct of the Meeting:</i> None	
	5	<i>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</i> The minutes of the meeting held on 15 th February 2012 agreed and signed as a true record with a change to minute 8c). The words “All agreed...” were replaced with “The majority...” at the start of the second sentence.	
	6	<i>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</i> a: Report on Village Walk (min 7a): This took place covering the Phone Box, Sheepwash, Top Green, Priddy Pool and Dark Lane – any actions are detailed under specific items or the Project Plan. b: Litter picking event (min 13): This had taken place with about twenty volunteers collecting about 30 bags of rubbish. The area covered ran from Townsend crossroads to the parish boundary near “Mountain Ash” on Wells Road, Nine Barrows Lane and The Batch. It was agreed to arrange a similar event in the autumn.	

	<p>c: Memorial Bench and Jubilee Tree (min 15): The Parish Council had sent the matter back to the PARC Committee as a majority of councillors were not in favour of the PARC proposal. Alternatives were discussed and it was agreed that a mountain ash would be the most suitable tree to plant. A suitable bench around the tree could cost upwards of £750. The total cost of the project could be £1000 and it was suggested that a Queens Diamond Jubilee fund could be set up to cover the cost. A positive response to this fund would show support for the project within the village. It was agreed three in favour, two against to recommend to the Parish Council that a tree and associated bench be planted on the island outside the New Inn to mark the Diamond Jubilee.</p> <p>The marking of the proposed bench in memory of Nobby Clarke was discussed and it was generally agreed that it would be more appropriate for any memorial to be positioned near the affordable housing.</p> <p>any other matters arising will be dealt with under Agenda items 7 – 12.</p>	
7	<p><i>Village Greens (Robin Maine)</i></p> <p>a: Telephone kiosk project: The remaining pieces for the box had been ordered at a cost of approximately £50. The box was to be cleaned and painted internally before the defibulator and any other signs, etc could be fixed. One of the sign panels had been removed and a quote was being obtained for new wording to include “Defibulator” and “Priddy”. It was suggested that Dave Woolley, Blagdon Parish Clerk be contacted as they had recently obtained similar signs.</p> <p>b: Defibrillator project: awaiting funds from the Folk Festival/PCT to enable completion.</p> <p>c: Pincross Registration: Proceeding, Clerk to ascertain time scale for completion.</p> <p>d: Gulleys: Robin had dug out the gullies which were full up.</p> <p>e: Kerbing project: Additional kerbs to complete the project could be available from Glastonbury Reclamation, Clerk to investigate.</p> <p>f: Sheepwash restoration project: The area inside the walls had been cleared and there was no indication that the area was, in fact, a sheepwash at any time. A recommendation to be made to the Parish Council to remove the walls and level and seed the area.</p>	<p>AH AH AB</p>

	<p>g: Top green damage: The school had replied to the Parish Council letter and it was noted that the situation had improved slightly. However, additional damage was occurring to the edge of the green behind St Johns Cottage. It was agreed to seek a quote from Tom Owen to kerb to remaining length from the end of the existing kerbs down to St Johns Cottage. Robin had topsoil available at £50 per load and it was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that £100 be spent on soiling, levelling and reseeding the damaged areas of the Top Green.</p> <p>h: Greens consent to use: The letter agreed by the Parish Council to be circulated to users of the village greens.</p>	
8	<p><i>Highways, Verges and assets (John Turley)</i></p> <p>a: Asset review: John circulated a draft list and noted that the bench at Two Trees was in need of major repairs. It was agreed to remove the bench (AB agreed to do this) and Tina to investigate the supply of a replacement bench. Blagdon PC to be informed of the benches removal. John to update list and send to the Clerk in time for the next PC meeting.</p> <p>b: Village gateways project: mock up's of the amended proposals were in hand and a public consultation to be organised for 4th May at the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p>c: Signposts renovation project: The Parish Council had held an extraordinary meeting to discuss the matter and had agreed that they did not want the signs refurbished with the proposed collars but would accept them if there was no alternative to having the signs refurbished.</p>	AH
9	<p><i>Rights of Way, Commons, Open Spaces (Rachel Thompson)</i></p> <p>a) Dark Lane / Priddy Pool restoration project: Amphibian and wildlife surveys were in hand and it was agreed to hold the project over until later in the year.</p> <p>b) PPLO ROW report: see 13a below.</p>	
10	<p><i>SSSI's (Jean Mulchinock)</i></p> <p>a) Mineries signs project: deferred</p> <p>b) Mapping: deferred</p>	
11	<p><i>Ancient Monuments (Kate Greet)</i></p> <p>a) Priddy Circles update: deferred</p>	
12	<p><i>Caves and Fracking (Alan Hutfield):</i> Little to report</p>	
13	<p><i>Committee Business:</i></p> <p>a: Appointment of PPLO: Rachel, Tina and Richard White to liaise regarding this post.</p>	

		b: Review and Prioritisation of PARC project list: Rachel had prioritised the list which was agreed following discussion and minor amendments.	
14		<p><u>Recommendations to the Parish Council:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Bench in memory of Nobby Clark and Diamond Jubilee Tree outside New Inn. ii) Approval of prioritised PARC Project List iii) Proposal to level and seed area of “Sheepwash” iv) Proposal to reinstate areas of Causeway footpath and arrange for Martin Edwards to spray weeds and nettles with weedkiller. See 15 below v) Proposal to make good areas of damage to the Top Green at a cost of £100 	
15		<p><u>Matters of Report:</u></p> <p>Tina raised the matter of water ponding on the Causeway. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the effected areas be infilled with suitable size stone/grit. It was also agreed to recommend that the edges of the Causeway be sprayed to eradicate nettles. The clerk to contact highways about clearing the build up of material against the kerbs around the green. Robin to contact Dave Gibbons about tyning the village greens.</p>	
16		<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> 18th April 2012; 7.30pm at The Queen Victoria Inn.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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 9th April 2012
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