

Priddy Parish Council

Events Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Events Committee held on **22nd October, 2018**
at **7:30pm** at the **Hunters Lodge Inn**

Present: Cllr Butcher, John Dally, Tamsin Smith, Steve Main, Linda Main, Steve Sparkes, Dan Flurry

Cllr Butcher took the chair following the resignation of Kate Greet from the Council and his election as Chairman of the Parish Council.

PCE18/09 **Apologies for absence:** Kathryn Burgess, Robin Maine (Cllr)

PCE18/10 **Declarations of Interest:** Nil

PCE18/11 **Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:**

Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 17th September, 2018 were signed as a true and correct record.

PCE18/12 **Implement Sale, Rural Crafts Fair and Funday – 29th September**

It was felt that it had been a successful day overall. Further discussion was deferred pending the arrival of Cllr Dyke. (Review by Tamsin Smith at Appendix A)

PCE18/13 **Bonfire and Fireworks – 5th November**

The Clerk reported that the insurance brokers had confirmed that the requirement for 75m between the fire and property not owned by the Council as it was to be a brazier. The company responsible for the fireworks held their own insurance and it was agreed that a copy of the insurance would be supplied to the Clerk.

The schedule for the evening would be: Food from 5:30pm, advertised start 6:00pm for 6:30pm (lighting the brazier at 6:30pm), Fireworks from 7:30pm to 7:45pm. No contingency could be made for inclement weather. Fields would be available for car parking. The event would be advertised only in the village and via the Priddy Friendly Society email distribution list.

PCE18/14 **The Battle's Over Beacon – 11th November**

Either the brazier would be used or a free-form bonfire would be constructed on the Sunday (suing material from Townsend Pool). The Landlord of the Queen Victoria Inn had undertaken to sell refreshment and would be asked to bring his mobile PA. The schedule for the evening would be gathering from 6:00pm, act of remembrance at 6:50pm with the beacon being lit as part of the national chain at 7:00pm

The event would be advertised on the website, by email and with posters.

PCE18/15 **Other Forthcoming Events**

a) **Christmas Tree and Lights**

It was noted that the Friendly Society would place a Christmas Tree on the Green next to the Hurdle Stack. The normal lights would also be put on the tree and Hurdle Stack.

b) **Friendly Society Event**

The possibility of holding a family orientated event on the Green at a time other than Club Day was being considered. It was noted that families and children tended not to be in the Village at Bank Holidays.

The Implement Sale on 29th September had been successful but Rural Crafts tent and stalls had been less so. Children's activities (craft classes and races) had been popular and it was wondered if these could be combined with the Friendly Society event.

c) **Implement Sale**

The vintage vehicles had been popular on 29th September and it was wondered if vehicles, steam powered machinery, falconry and other "country fair" type activities might make a better match for the Implement Sale.

PCE18/16 **Matters of Report** - nil

PCE18/17 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Monday 25th February, 2018

The meeting closed at 7:49pm

Signed: _____
Chairman

25th February, 2018

William Newton Newey, Parish Clerk

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29th October, 2018

RURAL CRAFTS & FUNDAY Evaluation

Implement Sale, Rural Crafts & Funday, Saturday 29th Sep, Priddy Green

The Implement sale was a big success. Attracted many sellers and buyers; auctioneer is keen to return next year and will confirm a date asap. More space will be needed than the small area he fenced off this year (he was advised it would not be enough, and indeed he had to turn lots away as space was not sufficient for all the items that arrived).

Refreshments tent run by the Church did very well; sandwiches sold out and sales raised a good profit for the church.

The Rural Craft fair was less successful. Many trade holders did not turn up, and visitors numbers was low - there was not much cross over between the visitors to the Implement sale and the Craft tent. Organisation and set-up for the Rural crafts involved a lot of work for a very small team of people, and we do not think it will be worth the effort to repeat the venture in the future, given the very low numbers of visitors it attracts.

The Craft & Produce show was a good addition; even if entry numbers were not very high, people appreciated the exhibits, the children enjoyed participating and we would be keen to build on this in some form as part of a future event in the village.

The vintage vehicles, machinery, gypsy cobs, goat rides and kids' races were popular. We would be keen to feature these again at next year's Implement sale, alongside perhaps archery/falconry/tug 0' war/Punch & Judy show and kids' races, but no rural crafts. We could make it an 'Implements Sale and Country fayre' with a limited number of relevant stalls, attractions and exhibits, but no marquee or intensive set-up required. Ideas for 2019 to be discussed by the committee at a future date.