

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday 1st November, 2017

Present: Cllrs Kate Greet (Chairman), Alan Butcher, Chris Dyke, Robin Maine, Barry Wilkinson (Vice-Chairman)
Robin Maine

In attendance: William Newton Newey (Clerk)
Eleven members of the public

PPC17/171 **Apologies for absence**
None.

PPC17/172 **Declarations of Interest**

Members are required to act in accordance with the Priddy Parish Council Code of Conduct adopted 6th July, 2016 (clauses 10 – 14) where a matter arises at the meeting in which he/she has a disclosable pecuniary interest or other interest as detailed in the Code. Unless a dispensation has been granted the member shall not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter or shall withdraw from the meeting as required by the Code.

Cllr Maine declared an interest in item PPC17/155a

PPC17/173 **Public Forum**

Mr Tim Hancock said that he understood the defibrillator in the old phone box had a discharged battery and that no action had been taken to make sure the unit was working. Cllr Wilkinson said that this was not true. The defibrillator had been checked on a fortnightly basis and that it had recently developed a fault; a new battery had been purchased and installed earlier in 2017. Replacement of the unit was being sourced but, as with any single piece of equipment, there might be times when it failed and there was no alternative.

PPC17/174 **Acceptance of the Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4th October, 2017 were signed as a true and correct record of proceedings. Cllr Butcher was thanked for taking the minutes in the absence of the Clerk.

PPC17/175 **Chairman's Report**

There were no items for report that were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

PPC17/176 **Clerk's Report and Continuing Business from Previous Meetings**

a) **White Lining in Pelting Drove**

The Clerk reported that a further reply had been received from Mr Christopher Betty (Senior Traffic Engineer, Somerset County Council). There was no change in the position of Highways, though the Small Improvement Scheme was mentioned. The Clerk had been in contact with Cllr Mike Pullin who was addressing the matter in his capacity as divisional county councillor.

The Chairman said that she had spoken with a councillor from Mells, where the parish council had successfully achieved white lining. The Clerk was asked to contact the parish clerk of Mells.

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b) **Mendip Farmers' Hunt Kennels**

The Clerk asked Councillors to note the reply from Mr Tim Pullen, Chairman of the Hunt.

Cllr Butcher felt that the tone of the reply was inappropriate. He also queried the record of the dog on dog attack; though Cllr Maine felt that this was accurate, the chairman said that it did not accord with the third party's record of events.

The subject of the Opening and Boxing Day meets was raised as Mr Pullen seemed to assume that these would be held on the Village Green. It was confirmed that permission should be sought by the Council by all potential users and that they must comply with the By-Laws.

Permission had been granted for the Opening Meeting (4th November) and it had been agreed that the area in front of Manor Farm would be used.

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The use of the Green for the Hunt's Opening Meet on 4th November, 2017 was confirmed.

Cllr Wilkinson was concerned that the reply did not properly address the planning issues raised in respect of the site.

c) **Verge Protection – Specification for Village Green at Manor Farm**

The Clerk confirmed that he had received the specification from Cllr Butcher and that it would be sent to tenderers.

d) **Application for a Grant from Priddy Folk Festival**

The grant application had been successful and a grant of £500 had been made for works at Townsend Pool.

e) **Automatic Enrolment (Pensions Regulator)**

The Clerk confirmed that he did not fall into the mandatory category as far as the Parish Council was concerned and would not be enrolling himself for a Workplace Pension.

PPC17/177

Planning

a) Mendip Planning Board – 18th October – The Chairman reported that she had made a statement (circulated to councillors in advance) at the meeting in support of the Rose Cottage application, which had been approved.

b) **2017/2584/LBC** - Re-building, re-pointing and capping of existing non-continuous lime mortar wall - Chancellors Farm Plummers Lane Priddy Wells BA5 3DD – **Support was agreed unanimously.**

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c) **2017/2638/FUL** - Proposed roof to cover agricultural feed area and provision of feed bin - Dale Farm Dale Lane Priddy Cheddar BA5 3BQ

d) **2017/2639/FUL** - Proposed roof to cover agricultural feed area - Dale Farm Dale Lane Priddy Cheddar BA5 3BQ

e) **2017/2640/FUL** - Proposed part demolition and erection of new extension to an existing agricultural building - Dale Farm Dale Lane Priddy Cheddar BA5 3BQ

f) **2017/2641/FUL** - Proposed dung store located partially below ground - Dale Farm Dale Lane Priddy Cheddar BA5 3BQ

Items (c) to (f) were considered en bloc and **support was agreed unanimously** though there was a concern that the buildings were on the skyline.

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PPC17/178

Parish Council Matters

a) **Priddy Pre-School**

The Chairman invited Mr Gilad Oren, Secretary of the new Pre-School Committee, to address the Council.

Numbers in the Pre-School had fluctuated but the committee were looking to a more sustainable future. They were considering marketing and advertising as many people were not aware that the School let alone the Pre-School existed. Mr Oren wondered if the Council could make the Pre-School more noticeable by improving signage.

Cllr Maine said that he thought the finger post for the Church, School and Hall was not fit for purpose. Cllr Butcher pointed out that the sign had replaced a previous sign which was felt not fit for purpose.

Mr Oren said that the Pre-School would like a sign on the bank by Church Path and it was agreed that no Highways involvement was required. It was agreed that the sign would need to be in keeping with the location and other community signs, using natural materials.

Mr Oren was asked to supply proposals and costing to the Clerk in advance of the Finance Committee.

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b) **Housing Needs Survey – Affordable Housing Development**

Cllr Butcher undertook a summary of the presentation he had made at the forum held before the council meeting. He also undertook to make the response form and other materials, referred to in the presentation, available for inclusion on the parish website.

Cllr Maine asked about the identification of suitable land for the development as this seemed to be a precursor to any further work.

It was agreed that the draft and other material be circulated to councillors before inclusion on the parish website.

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- c) **Registration of Pincross**
Cllr Butcher said that the matter was in hand, though he was still finding it difficult to contact the department at Somerset County Council. AB
- d) **Nordrach Finger Post**
Cllr Butcher reported that the fingers for the post were awaited.
The Chairman noted that other finger posts needed cleaning. It was thought that this should be left until the spring. AB
- e) **Townsend Pool**
Cllrs Butcher and Wilkinson had not made a site visit but there was still a query as to whether the Pool was in its original location and how it was fed. Further discussion was deferred until after a site visit which might include other councillors and Mrs Hobbs AB/BW

PPC17/153 **Police Matters**
No report had been received.

PPC17/154 **Council Reports**

- a) **Somerset County Council**
Cllr Pullin was not present and no report had been received.
- b) **Mendip District Council**
Cllr Killen was not present and no report had been received.

PPC17/155 **Financial**

- a) To ratify payment of excess in respect of damage to third party at Rural Fun Day (£250.00) – **the payment was ratified.**
- b) To authorise payment of SALC / NALC affiliation fees 2017 / 2018 (£165.45) – **payment was authorised and cheques raised.**
- c) To authorise payment of invoice for Top Green signage (£69.60) – **payment was authorised and cheque raised.** Cllr Butcher was thanked for arranging the production of the signs.
- d) To receive a Bank Reconciliation – the bank reconciliation was noted.
- e) To issue a replacement cheque to the Community Council for Somerset in replacement of cheque 819 damaged in the post. **A replacement was agreed and a cheque for £2,435 was raised.**
- f) To authorise payment of an invoice for portable toilets for the Rural Fund Day [Brandon Hire] (£84.00) - payment **was authorised and cheque raised.**

PPC17/156 **Matters of Report**

- a) **Defibrillator**
Cllr Wilkinson said that he had not received a reply form the manufacturers of the defibrillator and that he was looking at the range of automatic external defibrillators. He hoped to make a proposal as to replacement at the next meeting of the Council. SWAST (South Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust) were aware of the fact that the defibrillator was not currently available. It was wondered if the cabinet containing the defibrillator needed to be locked; given the paucity of mobile reception, it could prove difficult to contact the ambulance service. Cllr Main wondered if some Basic Life Support (BLS) classes could be arranged when the new defibrillator was in place. BW
- b) **Fly Tipping**
Cllr Dyke reported fly tipping at Granny's Garden in Nine Barrows Lane. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to Mendip District Council.
- c) **Village Green Kerb Clearance**
Cllr Maine confirmed that he and Mr Cole had undertaken this work. He also reported that the gully emptier had been in the village.
- d) **Motor Club Event**
- e) The Clerk reported that Somerset Highways had granted permission for Bristol Motor Club to hold an event in parts of the parish on 26th November.
- f) **Memorial Bench**

The Clerk had received a request to site a memorial bench on Deerleap, the maintenance of which would fall to the Council. Councillors queried if the location were in the Parish. It was also suggested that the Clerk contact the AONB.

PPC17/157 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

An Extra-Ordinary meeting would be held on Wednesday 15th November at 7:30pm
The next scheduled meeting: Wednesday 6th December at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 8:42pm

Signed
(Chairman)

6th December, 2017

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11th November, 2017
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Final Draft

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