

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday 4th April, 2018

Present: Cllrs Kate Greet (Chairman), Chris Dyke, Alan Butcher, Mark Leach, Robin Maine, and Gilad Oren

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

PPC18/042 **Apologies for absence**

Nil

PPC18/043 **Co-option to fill Casual Vacancy**

Mr Mark RW Leach was co-opted unanimously.

PPC18/044 **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.

Nil

PPC18/045 **Affordable Housing**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for a brief presentation from Mr Sam Winsley of Winsley White Ltd. Mr Winsley explained that his company, based in Chilcompton, specialised in building affordable homes and had built some 250 home since the late 1980s. The firm did not do any speculative building. Winsley White Ltd had worked with Mendip District Council and other parish councils to develop schemes that met local needs and aspirations. This could be before the involvement of housing associations who would eventually arrange the properties.

Cllr Butcher said that he believed housing associations funds had been reduced and that more community led schemes were now favoured. Mr Winsley replied that there had been changes including cross-subsidies within housing associations from activities such as shared ownership.

The Chairman pointed out that no exception site had yet been identified in Priddy. Mr Winsley said that his company had identified sites in other locations and would be happy to help with this process. The Chairman suggested that the subject of Affordable Housing would be raised at the Annual Parish Meeting in May,

PPC18/046 **Public Forum**

No matters were raised by the members of the public.

PPC18/047 **Acceptance of the Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7th March, 2018 were signed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

PPC18/048 **Chairman's Report**

a) **Great British Spring Clean**

As the Chairman would not be able to attend Cllr Dyke would be co-ordinating the event. Cllr Butcher confirmed that he had two working litter pickers. The Chairman said that she had already done a litter pick in Nine Barrows lane and had reported two instances of fly-tipping.

b) **Advanced Notice of Resignation**

The Chairman said that she would be leaving the parish but that this was not likely to be until July, 2018 at the earliest. She would be remaining on the Council until such time as her house had been sold.

PPC18/049 **Clerk's Report and Continuing Business from Previous Meetings**

a) **Village Green Kerbing at Manor Farm**

The Clerk advised that a revised cost had been received from the selected contractor following the request that Charcon K Lite silver grey traditional kerb (£1,678.00 plus VAT). There was concern that the project cost was significantly higher than originally thought.

It was resolved that the Clerk should circulate the details of tenders and licence costs to councillors so that a decision could be made the next meeting.

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The Clerk reported that Natural England, to whom he had been referred by Somerset Highways as the parish was in the Mendip Hills AONB, had no concern over the proposed works.

b) **Mendip District Council Parish Forum (19th April)**

The Clerk asked Councillors to note the special arrangements for the Forum on Thursday 19th April. The questions relating the District Council's property investment had been submitted for inclusion in the questions to cabinet members.

It was suggested that Councillors attending could car share for this event.

c) **Pincross Licences**

The Clerk apologised that he had not been able to progress this matter with the Open Spaces Society.

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PPC18/050 **Council Reports**

a) **Mendip District Council**

There was no report as Cllr Killen was not present.

c) **Somerset County Council**

There was no report as Cllr Pullin was not present

PPC18/051 **Finance Committee**

a) The minutes of the meeting held on 21st March, 2018 were noted.

b) The revised Asset Register was adopted.

c) **Sheep Fair Road Signs**

Mr Barry Payne was asked to help Cllr Wilkinson collect the road signs from Warren Farm take them to Eborways Farm for temporary storage. The signs would be offered to Priddy Folk Festival on long term loan. Cllr Butcher had spoken to Mr Collier of the Folk Festival and the Clerk was asked to write to confirm the situation.

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PPC18/052 **Parish Council Matters**

a) Review of Local Government Ethical Standards

The review was discussed.

It was resolved that Councillors should send any comments or responses to the Clerk before 20th April so that he could complete the questionnaire by the deadline of 27th April.

All

b) **Arrangements for 2018 Annual Parish Meeting**

The Clerk confirmed that invitations for contributions or displays from parish organisations had been sent out.

It was agreed that the Chairman would speak to the item "How to spend £22,000", Cllrs Maine and Oren "Top Green Protection" and Cllr Wilkinson "Townsend Pool". Affordable Housing would also be included amongst the topics for discussion.

Cllr Wilkinson undertook to arrange display boards.

Cllr Dyke and the Chairman would arrange refreshments.

Cllr were asked to attend by 6:30pm to help with arrangements for the meeting.

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PPC18/053 **Police Matters**

There was no report or matters raised.

PPC18/054 **Financial**

a) Annual Accounts for 2016 – 2017

The final Annual Accounts for 2016 – 2017 had not been completed as the final bank statement had not been received.

b) Open Spaces Society subscription (£45) Payment was authorised and a cheque raised.

PPC18/055 **Matters of Report**

a) **Flooding**

Cllr Maine was concerned about the amount of standing water there was on the roads around the village. It was noted that Highways had put out flooding signage. The Clerk was asked to write to Somerset Highways about the flooding.

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b) **Priddy Pool and Priddy School**

The Chairman reported that the School had contacted The Conservation Volunteers with a view to the construction of a dipping platform at the Pool. Material costs were likely to be £300 but it was not known what the charge would be from The Conservation Volunteers. It

was noted that £319 remained of a grant made by Priddy Folk Festival for works at Priddy Pool.

Cllrs Leach and Butcher queried the need for safety notices or equipment at the pool. Cllr Butcher said he would consult the RoSPA website and the Chairman said she would consult with the School.

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Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting: Wednesday 2nd May at 8:00pm (Annual Meeting)

The meeting closed at 20:21

Signed
(Chairman)

4th April, 2018

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12th March, 2018
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Final Draft

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