

# PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an extra-ordinary meeting of the Parish Council  
held at the Hunters Lodge Inn at 7:30pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

**Present:** Cllrs Kate Greet (Chairman), Chris Dyke, Alan Butcher and Barry Wilkinson

**In attendance:** William Newton Newey (Clerk)

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## **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs Mark Leach, Robin Maine and Gilad Oren

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## **Declarations of Interest**

*Members are required to act in accordance with the Priddy Parish Council Code of Conduct adopted 6<sup>th</sup> 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

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## **Public Forum**

No members of the public were present.

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## **Planning**

- a) **2018/0819/HSE** - Extension to the existing approved dwelling, replacing existing barn C - Higher Eastwater Farm East Water Lane Priddy Cheddar BA5 3AX

No extension had been granted by Mendip District Council despite the intervention of the Ward Councillor. It was noted that there had been a significant delay between the registering of the application and its issuing for consultation.

It was noted that previous approval for buildings D, E and F, which had been supported by the Parish Council, had now lapsed. Buildings A, B and C were now in different ownership and works in respect of permission granted in 2015 had commenced. In the original application, building C was to have been demolished.

After discussion, it was resolved to refer the matter back to the Planning Department at Mendip District Council with the following comments:

- a) The Parish Council had previously expressed concern over the intensification of the site
  - b) Access is by restricted by-way
  - c) The site plan provided does not appear accurate
  - d) Parking arrangements are unclear
  - e) Validity of newly created parking space (on agricultural land off restricted by-way)
  - f) There would be a loss of amenity (Light and view) to buildings D, E and F
- b) **2018/0912/FUL** - Erection of a horse riding arena. - 1 Wellington Farm Cottages Cliff Road To Wellington Farm Cottages Priddy Nr Wells Somerset BA5 3BT

This application had been issued for consultation after the previous Council meeting. Once again, it was noted that the area would be in an area not easily seen from the road or by neighbours. The Council confirmed its previous unanimous vote to support the application

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## **Parish Council Matters**

- a) **Improvement of Townsend Pool**

Cllr Wilkinson reported that he had met Mr Nigel Taylor who had offered help with his mini digger. Also present when Cllr Wilkinson met Mr Taylor was Mr Jim Hardcastle of the AONB. Mr Hardcastle had offered £500 towards the costs of improving the Pool and the possibility of volunteers to help. Mr Hardcastle had passed details to Ms Sammy Fraser, the AONB's Volunteer Co-ordinator.

**It was agreed that Cllr Wilkinson would arrange a meeting of interested parties from which an Action Plan would be derived.**

- b) **White Lining in Pelting Drove**

It was thought an appropriate time to re-address this matter with Somerset County Council Highways Department. The Clerk noted that there were many instances of white lining without speed restrictions, one of the objections made previously by the Highways Engineer.

**It was agreed that the Clerk request that Highways white line the edge of Pelting Road with the Parish Council prepared to fund the cost.**

c) **Traffic at Nordrach**

The Clerk had circulated to councillors a letter he had received by email. The letter expressed concern about the speed of traffic at Nordrach and the number of accidents which had occurred. The covering email stated, "Highways have advised you [Clerk] are the first point of contact for this issue." This meeting was at loss to understand why this statement had been made.

**It was agreed that the Clerk should refer the matter to Cllr Mike Pullin as the constituency County Councillor.**

d) **To agree a contribution to Dipping Platform at Priddy Pool**

The Chairman had confirmed with the School that the School will conduct its own risk assessment and be the controlling body when the children were visiting as part of the Forest School curriculum.

It was thought that the Parish Council would need to put up some form of disclaimer. This would be considered at a later date.

**It was resolved to contribute £300 towards a dipping platform at Priddy Pool.**

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**Matters of Report**

a) **Bridleway – Easter Water Lane**

Cllr Wilkinson had been approached by a neighbour about the state of the bridleway which was described as a "fly infested swamp" and the suggestion that the felling or trimming of some trees might help improve the situation. Cllr Greet said that she would walk the bridleway and make a report.

The Clerk was asked to raise the matter with Somerset County Council as it related to a public right of way.

b) **Insurance for Parish Groups Organising Events**

Cllr Dyke had been approached with a view to obtaining insurance cover for a range of events organised in the Parish. The Clerk advised that any insurer would require to know who the controlling or responsible body would be for events. In discussion the creation of an Events Committee of the Parish Council was suggested. The Clerk was requested to check with the Council's insurers to see if any increase in premium would be associated with an increased number of Council events.

c) **Fly Tipping**

The Chairman reported that there had been fly tipping in Granny's Garden. Cllr Dyke said that she had not reported the matter to Mendip District Council but had facilitated the removal of some of what had been tipped.

d) **Vehicles Parked at Pincross**

Cllr Butcher noted that three vehicles had been parked behind No 1 Pincross. Cllr Dyke said that the parking of vehicles would have made it impossible to ride a horse around Pincross. The Clerk said that a letter had not yet been sent to the occupant of No 1 Pincross and he was asked to send a letter to the new occupier of No 2 as well. Cllr Butcher said that the Council needed to decide if licences need to be issued to the new occupants of No1 and No 2 Pincross.

e) **Somerton Classic Motor Cycle Club Trial**

The Clerk had received notification from Somerset County Council of the annual motor cycle trial which would be using the bridleway at Lower Pitts Farm on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June.

f) **Mendips Sportive Cycle Event**

The Clerk had received an email from UK Cycling Events about a non-competitive cycle event which would start and finish at Strode's College Sports Centre (Street) whose route would pass through the Parish. The Clerk had asked that signage was sensitively placed and promptly removed.

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**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 20:22

Signed .....  
(Chairman)

6<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

William Newton Newey, Parish Clerk, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2018