

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs Kate Greet (Chairman), Alan Butcher and Barry Wilkinson.

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

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Apologies for absence

Cllrs Chris Dyke, 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 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.

None

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Public Forum

A representative of the architect's practice retained by Mendip Woodshavings Limited spoke to the two applications. The second application was for a slightly larger building at a greater distance from other buildings. The proposed moving of the building was to create a fire break in case of another fire occurring and causing greater loss. The building would continue to be screened as had the original building. The first application was for a direct replacement of the fire damaged building. Two applications had been submitted in the interests of time saving and ensuring that processing capacity was restored to the site as quickly as possible. It was noted that Mendip Woodshavings Limited had been in business for 38 years and employed some 35 people.

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Council Reports

Mendip District Council

There was no report as Cllr Killen had sent his apologies.

Somerset County Council

There was no report as Cllr Pullin had sent his apologies.

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Police Matters

There was no report or matters raised.

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Acceptance of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

- a) The minutes of the Council meeting held on 6th June were signed as a true and correct record of proceedings.
- b) The minutes of the meeting of the Extra-Ordinary Council held on 21st June, 2018 were signed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

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Chairman's Report

a) **New Inn**

The Chairman had received an email from Mr Russell Sage stating that the New Inn site would be used during the Priddy Folk Festival. The New Inn would be renamed the Old New Inn, largely due to the availability of an internet domain and social media. Mr Sage had also intimated that there would be further planning applications in relation to the site.

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Clerk's Report and Continuing Business from Previous Meetings

a) **Pincross Licences**

The Clerk had written to the Council's solicitors asking advice about the licences relating to land adjacent to the cottages at the Village Green and awaiting a full reply.

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

The Clerk reported that he had agreed with the contractors that works on the kerbing would begin on Monday 13th August. A formal order would be issued.

c) **Letter to Residents regarding Verge on Pelting Road**

The Clerk had not written the letter requested at the last meeting as he had been unable to identify an act or regulations as the basis of statements about obstructions on the verges in Pelting Road. Research relating to Somerset Highways he revealed that Highways would inspect verges where there was a concern and make a determination based on their Highway Safety Inspection Manual.

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It was resolved that the Clerk should ask Somerset Highways to make an inspection of the verges in Pelting Road.

d) **Delays in Planning Applications and Incorrect Addresses**

The Clerk had circulated the correspondence between himself and the Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive of Mendip District Council.

In respect of delays issuing applications for consultation and the inability to grant an extension to consultation periods to avoid extra-ordinary meetings of the Parish Council, the answer appeared to be that Mendip District Council were holding 21 days was the period for consultation. It was noted that 21 days was the legal minimum and that more expeditious processing of applications within the Mendip Planning Department would leave more time, including time for extensions to avoid extra-ordinary council meetings.

In respect of the incorrect addresses, as had been reported previously, this was blamed on the use of a database provided by a national gazetteer. It was hoped that this could be corrected by an upgrade of computer software but it had not been possible to complete the upgrade. It was noted that applications to be considered later in the meeting were incorrectly shown as Cheddar when the correct address should have been Blagdon.

e) **Greenhill Postbox**

The Clerk had written to the Royal Mail about the re-instatement of the postbox. It was noted that the flag marking the post hole for the box was not obvious from the road. The Chairman undertook to speak to Cllr Dyke

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Planning

- a) **2018/1547/FUL** Replacement Of Fire Damaged Building (Option 1) Mendip Woodshavings Limited Tynings Lane Charterhouse Cheddar BS40 7XS

The Council resolved to support the application by an important local employer.

- b) **2018/1548/FUL** Replacement Of Fire Damaged Building (Option 2) Mendip Woodshavings Limited Tynings Lane Charterhouse Cheddar BS40 7XS

The Council resolved to support the application by an important local employer.

The Council also understood and accepted the logic of moving the position of the new building.

- c) **2018/1481/FUL** Conversion of existing dwelling into 2no dwellings. Chy An Albany Nine Barrows Lane Priddy Cheddar BA5 3BH

The Council resolved to support the application.

Council requested that the Planning Department ensure that sufficient car parking spaces were identified.

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Parish Council Matters

- a) **Improving Lives Strategy for Somerset**

As it appeared a corporate response was required, Cllrs were requested to visit the website and make comments to the Clerk.

It was resolved to defer further consideration of the matter to the August meeting of the Council.

- b) **To agree Terms of Reference for an Events Committee**

Cllr Butcher said that he believed he had the Terms of Reference for the Bonfire Committee which the Council had created to oversee the Village Bonfire events. The Clerk advised that an advisory committee with a wider remit and ongoing existence would probably be required.

It was resolved to defer further consideration of the matter to the August meeting of the Council.

- c) **To note arrangements for the Rural Crafts Fair**

In the absence of Cllr Dyke, the Chairman reported that an auctioneer had volunteered for the Implement Sale and that this would be part of the event on 19th September. An article about the Fair had appeared in the July edition of the PEW magazine.

- d) **To discuss Protection of the Top Green**

The Clerk reported that the Council's solicitor had expressed a similar opinion to that previously received. There had been no prosecutions under the acts governing Village Greens despite some parish council having taken action. There had been no test case and any action could result in litigation if there were local opinion against any action.

Cllr Butcher had explored reinforcement with fibre but this only seemed suitable for sports pitches. As Cllrs Maine and Oren were not present, **it was resolved to defer further consideration of the matter to the August meeting of the Council.**

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Financial

a) **To note Budget Statement 2018 / 2019 and Bank Reconciliation**

The Clerk spoke to the budget statement. There was nothing unexpected or untoward to report. It was noted that a large reserve balance was predicted for the end of the year but that it had been agreed to hold funds against a significant project.

In the absence of Cllr Maine, the bank reconciliation was signed by the Chairman.

To authorise payment of:

b) **Fee for Temporary Traffic Lights in respect of Village Green Kerbing (£28.50)**

Payment of £28.50 to Somerset County Council was authorised.

c) **Fee for Section 171 Licence in respect of Village Green Kerbing**

Payment of £90.00 to Somerset County Council was authorised.

d) **Clerk's Expenses**

Payment of £49.93 to WD Newton Newey was authorised.

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Matters of Report

a) **Great Weston Ride – Sunday 15th July, 2018**

It was noted that the route through the Parish, for all the optional routes, was Plummers Lane, Greenhill, The Green, Coxton End Lane and Broad Road.

b) **Townsend Pool**

Cllr Wilkinson had arranged to meet a representative of the AONB at the site on Monday 9th July. Councillors were welcome to attend.

c) **Tour of Britain**

Cllr Butcher noted that the Tour of Britain Cycle Race would pass through the Parish on Tuesday 4th September.

d) **Finance Committee**

Due to availability of the Clerk, it was agreed that the Finance Committee on 18th July would be held at 8:30pm.

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Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting: Wednesday 1st August at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 20:14

Signed
(Chairman)

1st August, 2018

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5th July, 2018
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