

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: William Newton Newey (Clerk)
PCSO Nikki Housley [to item PPC18/038]
Three members of the public

PPC18/029

Apologies for absence

Cllr Barry Wilkinson (Vice Chairman)

PPC18/030

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

PPC18/031

Public Forum

No matters were raised by the members of the public.

PPC18/032

Acceptance of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

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

PPC18/033

Chairman's Report

a) **Great British Spring Clean**

This had been cancelled due to the inclement weather.

It was agreed that a Litter Pick should be re-arranged for Sunday 8th April.

b) **Co-option to Casual Vacancy**

The Chairman noted that there was still a vacancy on the Council and that interest had been expressed in filling the vacancy.

PPC18/038

Police Matters

a) PCSO Housley gave a verbal report. Issues in the Parish were: sheep in the road at Townsend (5/02/2018), suspect vehicle at Stockhill (9/02/2018), vehicles, including a lorry, stuck in snow (1/03/2018).

b) PCSO Housley said that she patrolled local beauty spots in an attempt to prevent crimes occurring.

c) In answer to a question from Cllr Maine, PCSO Housley confirmed that the front office at Wells Police Station was open from 10:00am Monday to Friday but that it did close for lunch.

PPC18/034

Clerk's Report and Continuing Business from Previous Meetings

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

The Clerk reported that he had not been able to progress this matter as he had not received the details of the alternative kerbing which had been requested

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b) **Mendip District Council Parish and Town Council Bulletin**

The Clerk asked Councillors to note that the bulletin made an invitation to the April Forum which would include a question and answer session with Mendip District Council Cabinet members.

It was agreed that the Clerk should submit the following questions on Mendip District Council's Investment Strategy behalf of the Council:

"What is the anticipated return on the investment strategy and what are the associated costs for administration and professional fees?"

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"What criteria are there in terms of the type of property in which investments are made?"

c) **Somerset Community Foundation Bulletin**

The Clerk asked Councillors to note this bulletin which had been forwarded to them by email.

d) **Somerset CCG Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin**

It was confirmed that this email would be forwarded to Councillors as it was received each week.

e) **Mendip District Council's Rural Housing Seminar (28th March, 2018)**

Cllr Butcher said that he would try to attend this event

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f) **Completion of Deed of Easement**

The Clerk confirmed that the Deed of Easement in respect of the new dwelling at New House had been completed and the consideration had been received.

The use of the funds received would be considered at the next Finance Committee meeting.

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PPC18/035

Planning

The following matters, which were not subject to consultation, were noted:

- a) **2018/0280/NMA** - Amendments to window and door patterns to the front and back elevations. - 1 Wellington Farm Cottages Cliff Road To Wellington Farm Cottages Priddy Cheddar BA5 3BT
- b) **2018/0270/CFC** - Application for confirmation of compliance with condition 1 (commencement on planning consent 2016/1609/FUL). - Higher Eastwater Farm East Water Lane Priddy Cheddar BA5 3AX
- c) **2018/0239/APP** - Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (surface water drainage strategy) on planning permission 2017/2640/FUL. - Dale Farm Dale Lane Priddy Cheddar BA5 3BQ
- d) **2018/0248/APP** - Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 (ext facing materials) on planning consent 2016/2154/FUL - The New Inn Priddy Green Priddy Cheddar BA5 3BB

PPC18/036

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

PPC18/037

Parish Council Matters

- a) **SALC Area Meeting**
It was noted that this meeting had been postponed due to a lack of response from councils in the Mendip area.
- b) **Crime and Poor Performance in the Waste Sector Consultation**
Councillors were asked to send responses to the document questionnaire to the Clerk before the Finance Committee. The Clerk would prepare a draft response.
- c) **Upper Green: Measures to protect the area of the Green used for parking.**
Cllr Maine said that the parking of cars on the Upper Green was causing significant damage to the Green. Unless grass gridding were used, he felt the only way to protect the Green from further damage would be to fence it off. He proposed a 500 square metres of grass gridding, which would be about 1/3 of the total Green area, adjacent to Church Path.
The advice from the Open Spaces Society was discussed and reference made to national legislation and local by-laws. Considerations of not interfering with enjoyment of the Green had to be balanced with damage to the Green, as had legality and the reality of use / need to use the area to park cars. De-registration was considered an unsatisfactory and costly option, especially as alternative land would need to be identified.
The solution suggested by Cllr Maine, of which he had brought a sample to the meeting, would cost about £11 a square metre, giving a total cost of £5,500.
It was agreed that the Finance Committee should further consider the matter and that it should be included on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting.
- d) **Pincross Licences**
These licenses had first been issued 30 or 40 years ago as a means of keeping access to the area at the rear of the properties at Pincross which the Council held in adverse possession. As number 2 Pincross had recently been sold, Cllr Butcher wondered if a new licence should be issued or if there were alternative method of ensuring the area was not encroached upon.
It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Case Officer at the Open Spaces Society.

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e) **Registration of Pincross**

Cllr Butcher had circulated a draft submission which would be supported by a plan and the research undertaken for the Council by Mr Albert Thompson.

It was agreed that the application for inclusion of Pincross of the Definitive County map be made.

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f) **Arrangements for 2018 Annual Parish Meeting.**

As well as the protection of the Upper Green [PPC18/38c], the subject use of the funds received as the consideration for the additional easement at New House [PPC18/34f] would be included on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting.

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It was agreed that refreshments of tea, coffee and biscuits would be offered between the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

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PPC18/039

Financial

a) **To receive a Bank Reconciliation**

The Clerk had circulated a reconciliation amongst the supporting papers for the meeting. The reconciliation was signed by Cllr Maine.

b) **To authorise payment of Clerk's Remuneration** - for January, February and March [WD Newton Newey] £565.22. Payment was authorised and cheques raised in favour of the Clerk and HMRC.

c) **To authorise payment in respect of invoice for the refurbishment of Nordrach Finger Post** [Mr Ben Selway] (£500). Payment was authorised and a cheque raised. It was noted that this payment was £250 less than budgeted.

Mr Selway would retrieve the finger post at Bristol Plain. The Finance Committee would consider it refurbishment and re-instatement of the finger post

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d) **To authorise payment of invoice in respect of fingers for Nordrach Finger Post** [Somerset Forge] (£1,296.00). Payment was authorised and a cheque raised. It was noted that this expenditure was also less than budgeted.

e) **To authorise payment of annual subscription to Community Council Somerset** (£40.00). Payment was authorised and cheque raised.

d) **To authorise re-imburement of out of pocket expenses** [Mr Alan Butcher] (£35.22). Payment of expenses related to the registration of Pincross were authorised and a cheque raised.

e) **To authorise payment of Internal Audit Fee** [Mrs Pamela Lloyd] (£50.00). Payment for the audit undertaken in 2017 was authorised and cheque raised.

PPC18/040

Matters of Report

a) **Parked Car – Pelting Road**

Cllr Dyke said that there had been complaints about a car parked outside 1 Pelting Road. It was suggested that, once the registration had been confirmed, it could be raised with the PCSO.

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b) **Reporting Issues to Mendip District Council and Somerset County Council**

The Chairman reminded councillors that there were online forms to reports issues such as fly-tipping (Mendip District Council) and potholes (Somerset County Council).

PPC18/028

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting: Wednesday 4th April at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 20:42pm

Signed
(Chairman)

4th April, 2018

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12th March, 2018
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