

## PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019

**Present:** Cllrs Alan Butcher, Chris Dyke, Mark Leach, Robin Maine, Gilad Oren and Barry Wilkinson (Vice Chairman)

**In attendance:** William Newton Newey (Clerk)  
Cllr Tom Killen (Mendip District Council) [from PPC19/057]  
Cllr Mike Pullin (Somerset County Council) [from PPC19/057 to PPC19/051]  
Three members of the public

PPC19/048 **Apologies for absence**  
None

PPC19/049 **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.*  
None

PPC19/050 **Public Forum**  
No matters were raised.

*Cllr Oren left the meeting*

PPC19/052 **Police Matters**  
There was no report.

PPC19/053 **Parish Paths Liaison Officer**  
There was no report

- a) **Dursdon Drove**  
The Clerk had received a way from Highways which stated that a visit had been made and there were a couple of sections (totalling about 100metres) which could be repaired. The matter was to be referred to the correspondent's manager. The Clerk was to re-stress the Highways responsibility in taking action against those who damaged the surface of the BOAT unreasonably in any future correspondence.  
Cllr Leach said that he had heard of an instance when Natural England had advocated the TRO to closet the BOAT temporarily. Cllr Maine was concerned as to the policing of any TRO. Cllr Wilkinson raised the possibility of changing the status of the Drove. Cllr Leach believed that it would take a very long time.

**The Clerk was requested to investigate the possibility of a TRO with Highways. The Clerk was also requested to contact St Cuthbert Out Parish as one end of the Drove was in that Parish.**

*Cllr Oren re-joined the meeting*

PPC19/054 **Acceptance of the Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 were signed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

PPC19/055 **Planning**

- a) **2019/0230/FUL** Proposed erection of an agricultural livestock building. Land at Hillgrove Road Priddy Cheddar Somerset  
There was some concern that the address for the application was not correct and that Cheddar had once again been included in a Priddy address. The Chairman was concerned that the building represented an intrusion into an open landscape. Cllr Leach also wondered if a different location might lessen impact; the proposed location might be softened by tree planting but would still have an impact from the road. Cllrs Dyke and Oren supported the application but queried whether a better location could be found. Cllr Maine supported what he felt was a necessary farm building. Cllr Wilkinson supported the application but wondered if any comments had been received from the AONB. The Clerk replied that no comments had been received from the AONB.  
At a vote (five in favour and one against) the Council resolved to support the application. The Clerk was asked to note comments about location and the location of other buildings in the area in the response to Mendip District Council.

PPC19/056 **Clerk's Report and Continuing Business from Previous Meetings**

- a) **Old New Inn: Suggested Meeting**  
The Clerk was asked to try to arrange a meeting and if this was not possible, the item would

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be dropped from the Council's agenda.

b) **Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**

The Clerk had written to village organisations requesting reports for the APM. It was confirmed that Cllr Dyke would arrange refreshments between the APM and the Council meeting

c) **Village Green Bye Laws**

Cllr Leach was concerned that the draft version of the bye laws seemed more extensive and less user friendly. The Clerk explained that they were based on the model set of bye laws produced by the Department for Communities and Local Government. The wording of some of the sections remained unchanged but there were some new inclusions such as the prohibition of sky lanterns.

**After a brief discussion it was agreed to defer discussion of the bye laws until the June meeting of the Council**

d) **Heavy Good Vehicles Signage: Nine Barrows Lane**

The Clerk had contacted Chewton Mendip Parish Council about their end of Nine Barrows Lane and a reply was awaited.

e) **Wells Way / Wallace Lane junctions with Western Lane**

No reply had been received from Highways at Bath and North East Somerset Council.

**At the suggestion of the Chairman the Clerk was asked to write to East Harptree Parish Council.**

e) **Welcome Pack**

It was confirmed that the pack would consist of A5 sheets which would be collated into a C5 envelope with a suitable label on the front.

PPC19/057 **Finance Committee**

a) The minutes of the Finance Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 were noted

b) **It was resolved that funds be transferred from the current account to make the total in the business reserve account £30,000**

c) **Bus Shelter Roof**

It had not proved possible to arrange a view of the Redland tiles on the bus shelter roof and so the matter was deferred to a later meeting.

PPC19/051 **Council Reports**

a) **Mendip District Council**

Cllr Killen noted that it was a quiet month in advance of the May elections and noted that nominations had closed that day.

The recent survey of residents in his ward had identified fly tipping, local housing needs and sound financial management as key concerns.

Part II of the Local Plan would be subject to inquiry in the summer. Changes were proposed to the allocation of housing development areas.

Cllr Killen had noted some fly tipping in Nine Barrows Lane. Mendip District Council was clearing waste quite quickly.

b) **Somerset County Council**

Cllr Pullin said that there was a backlog of some 121 projects in the Highways SIS (Small Improvement Scheme). Extra funds had been received to deal with these projects. He noted that some work had been done at the Miners Arms junction but had heard nothing further about the more extensive works proposed.

Cllr Pullin understood the concerns that were expressed about Dursdon Drove but as a BOAT it was open to 4x4 vehicles. He did wonder if improving the surface and making it smoother might deter those who were looking for an off road type experience. Cllr Killen thought that speed might be a concern at either end of the Drove, where the surface condition was better.

Cllr Leach asked Cllr Pullin if the County Council, as owners of the car park and picnic area, could take action in respect of the large motorhomes which had been parked in the area for some time.

PPC19/058 **Parish Council Matters**

a) **To consider Priddy Village Green Information Notice (visiting and parking)**

The Chairman tabled an initial version of the map. After discussion it was agreed that the Chairman should continue with the final design of the plan.

b) **Litter Picking Event**

It was confirmed that this would take place at 10:00 with the meeting point being the Bush Shelter on Lower Green. Cllr Killen was asked to arrange for equipment and bags from Mendip District Council.

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### **Financial**

a) **Bank Reconciliation**

A bank reconciliation to 25<sup>th</sup> March had been circulated to councillors. The final transaction of the year would be interest received on 31<sup>st</sup> March. There would be one outstanding cheque as the payee's bankers had refused to accept the date in roman numerals.

**The bank reconciliation was noted and signed by Cllr Maine.**

The following payments were authorised and cheques signed

b) **Townsend Litter Bin**

Glasdon UK Limited £216.01.

c) **Nine Barrows Triangle Finger Post**

Mr Ben Selway £350.00

It was noted that these works had been completed for under the sum budgeted.

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### **Matters of Report**

a) **Burnt Out Car - Charterhouse**

Cllr Leach expressed thanks for the removal of the car promptly after the last Council meeting.

#### **Sheep show**

Cllr Maine queried whether a contribution could be made towards the proposed Sheep Shows (to be held at the same time as the Implements Sale) could be made from the balance of Sheep Fair funds held by the Council. The Clerk reported that the closing balance of the Sheep Fair account was £5,148.82 and the principle of using some of this sum to support the Sheep Show was agreed.

b) **Horse Riding on the Green**

Cllr Oren had noticed an increase in the number of horses being ridden at one time on the Green. They appeared to be obeying the Bye Laws but the number could be intimidating for other users.

c) **Mowing and Strimming of the Village Green**

The Chairman raised the subject of mowing and strimming. The Clerk said that this was the third year of the contract which the Council had let and he would contact the contractor responsible for the strimming. It was agreed that Cllr Maine should judge when the Greens needed mowing.

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### **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 8:00pm

The meeting closed at 20:27

Signed .....  
(Chairman)

15<sup>th</sup> May, 2019