

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall at 7:30pm
on Wednesday 8th January 2020

Present: Cllrs Alan Butcher (Chairman), Alan Adams, Chris Dyke, Lucy-Rose Andrews and Rachel Thompson MBE

In attendance: Four members of the public

PPC20/01

Apologies for absence

Cllrs Glass and Leach, Cllr Tom Killen and William Newton Newey.

The Chairman advised that William was on sick leave. Councillors sent their best wishes to William for a speedy recovery. The Chairman asked for correspondence, etc to be directed to himself for the time being.

PPC20/02

Declarations of Interest

None

PPC20/03

Public Forum

No matters were raised.

PPC20/04

Council Reports

a)

Somerset County Council

There was no report.

b)

Mendip District Council

Cllr Killen had emailed a report which was read out by the Chairman.

PPC20/05

Police Matters

There was no report and no matters were raised

PPC20/06

Parish Paths Liaison Officer

There was no report from the Parish Paths Liaison Officer.

PPC20/07

Acceptance of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2019 were signed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

PPC20/08

Planning

a)

SCC/3670/2019 Proposal: The works will comprise of the replacement of 15 number existing single glazed windows (currently a mixture of metal framed, 1970's type aluminium framed and timber framed). Outdoor Activity Centre, Velvet Bottom, Charterhouse, Blagdon, Cheddar, Bristol BS40 7XR. Councillors agreed to support the application.

c)

Planning Cases Decided

The outcome of the following cases was noted:

2019/2713/HDG Hill Farm Road Priddy Cheddar Somerset Application for Hedgerow Removal: For Bristol Water to renovate approximately 2.4km of mains pipeline between Hill Farm Road in Priddy and Back Lane in Litton to enable construction vehicle access. Decision: No Objection

2019/2683/VRC Rose Cottage Pelting Drove Priddy Cheddar BA5 3BA Application to vary condition 2 (drawings) of planning approval 2017/0035/HSE (Proposed ground, first and second floor extension) to install four windows on the ground floor & one fixed window with obscured glass on the first floor on the south elevation, increase the distance between window & entrance door on east elevation, replace ground floor window with bi-fold doors & centre first floor window to be replaced with fixed single pane glazing, all windows to be aluminium/timber triple glazed in pebble grey colour. Natural stone external wall on north elevation, increase roof overhang on east, south & west elevations. Decision: Approval with Conditions

2019/2594/APP Ubley Warren House Burrington Road Charterhouse Cheddar BS40 7XW Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (surface water drainage) on planning consent 2018/2497/FUL. Decision: Refusal

2019/2389/APP Barn To North Of Stable Cottage Roemead Road Priddy BA5 3DB Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (external facing materials), 5 (landscaping) on planning consent 2015/2150/FUL (Appeal ref: APP/Q3305/W/16/3155532). Decision: Approval

PPC20/09

Clerk's Report

a) **Heavy Goods Vehicle Signage: Wells Way / Wallace Lane junctions with Western Lane.** Deferred

WNN

b) **Heavy Good Vehicle Signage: Nine Barrows Lane.** Deferred

WNN

c) **Welcome Pack**

Cllr Andrews had received responses from the Bell Ringers and the Cricket Club. The actions agreed at the last meeting were deferred.

d) **Mendip Farmers Hunt: Boxing Day Meet**

Councillors expressed serious concerns about incidents which occurred on the day including the use of some form of squeeze bottle to spray a noxious liquid at members of the public by persons unknown. Following this incident the police had been called.

On arrival the police were concerned about the uncompromising attitude on the various groups on the green and also the parking on village roads. However, it appeared that no further action had been taken. Cllr Butcher to contact the local PCSO to discover if a report had been filed by the police attending on the day. Cllr Adams noted that the use of the squeeze bottle and liquid as a weapon was a serious offence. Cllr Thompson had spoken to the police about the incident on the day. It was also alleged that members of the public had been pushed and jostled.

Cllr Butcher advised that the village green was for the "peaceful and lawful use" of local people and these incidents could not be tolerated by the Parish Council. As landowner, the council was caught in the middle but he considered that the hunt had a responsibility to ensure that they and their supporters acted in a peaceful and lawful way and that those people who were peacefully protesting had a right to do so, also in a lawful and peaceful way. He further noted that he had received a verbal complaint from two people walking through the village who had been harassed and intimidated by men on apparently unlicensed quad bikes merely for walking in the vicinity of Nine Barrows Lane. Once again, actions of this sort are completely unacceptable. For obvious reasons the complaint wished to remain anonymous.

It was agreed that representatives of the Hunt should be called to a meeting with Parish Councillors to discuss these incidents and consider ways to allow the annual Boxing Day Hunt meeting to continue on the village green. Cllr Thompson to contact the hunt to arrange a date for this meeting.

PPC20/10

Parish Council Matters

a) **World War Commemorative Tree Planting** - Awaiting confirmation of land ownership.

b) **Public Meeting**

Deferred until next meeting.

WNN

c) **Large Scale Ordnance Survey Map**

Discussion of this matter was deferred.

d) **New Inn Update.**

No further information.

JG

e) **Eastwater Lane.**

Councillors noted the continuing use of this restricted by-way and the adjacent "Grannys Garden" by 4x4 vehicles who had, over a period of time, turned the area into a quagmire. It was agreed that both the Police and Somerset Rights of Way be informed.

f) **Signage in New Road (Bristol Plain).**

A request had been received from Rodney and Draycott Parish Council to support the erection of a HGV warning sign at the eastern end of New Road which is in Priddy Parish. This was agreed.

g) **Bristol Grand Tour.**

Councillors expressed concerned about the number of cycle events passing through the village which caused inconvenience and disruption to local people, angry exchanges between cyclists and motorists and dangerous situations for horse riders and pedestrians. The information available indicated that the Grand Tour event would host 7000 cyclists and close Parish roads for periods whilst they passed through. All agreed that more should be done by organisers to minimise disruption and that they should be made aware of the problems caused in the Parish by this volume of cyclists.

Cllr Butcher to write to both the event organisers and Somerset CC road closures to express concerns.

h) **Bristol Airport Expansion.**

Cllr Butcher noted that the deadline for comments had passed. It was however agreed that, if possible, the council should make a response noting the effects of traffic, noise and pollution.

i) **Local Electricity Bill: to consider supporting the bill:**

That Priddy Parish Council accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs, and which, if made law, would make the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate by establishing a Right to Local Supply; and further resolves to

inform the local media of this decision,

write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and

write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, expressing its support. This was agreed unanimously..

j) **Top Green Litter Bins.**

It was noted that the bin nearer to the village hall appeared to have been stolen. After discussion it was agreed to purchase one litter bin in the first instance.

k) **Green Traffic Cones.**

Cllr Butcher reported that he had deployed the remaining Parish Council green cones on the village green to encourage vehicles visiting the Queen Victoria lights to park along the roads rather than on the village green itself. These had now been re-deployed to prevent parking on damaged and muddy areas. Originally the council had ordered 12 cones of which 8 remained, one of which was damaged. It was agreed to purchase another six cones to replace those damaged or lost.

L) **Day of Parish Council meeting.**

Deferred .

m) **Training**

Deferred.

PPC20/11 **Financial**

a) **Bank Reconciliation**

To be considered at the next meeting.

PPC20/12 **Matters of Report**

a) A letter had been received from a local resident about the traffic problems caused by the Christmas display at The Queen Victoria Inn. The points raised were noted; Cllr Butcher to acknowledge the letter.

b) Cllr Butcher to write to Bristol Water about the road closure on Green Hill which had lasted for 8 days and caused inconvenience to villagers and considerable damage to the verges in Dale Lane.

c) Fly tipping on Wells Road near Eastwater Lane had been noted and subsequently cleared.

PPC20/13 **Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 5th February 2020**

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed(Chairman)

5th February 2020