

## PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012

**VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: PRIDDY VILLAGE HALL @ 8pm**

		<i>Present:</i> Cllrs Alan Hutfield (Chair), Rachel Thompson, Kate Greet, Liz Turley, Sharon Sparkes, Richard White, Rick Tobiassen; also in attendance Tom Killen, Harvey Siggs, Nigel Taylor and Alan Butcher (Clerk).	
141	1	<i>Apologies for absence:</i> PCSO Linda Vincent.	
142	2	<i>Public Forum:</i> The meeting was adjourned to allow public participation. No matters were raised.	
143	3	<i>Declarations of Interest:</i> Kate Greet declared a personal interest in matters connected with the school	
144	4	<i>Resolutions relating to the conduct of the Meeting:</i> There were no resolutions.	
145	5	<i>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</i> The minutes of the meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2011 and agreed and signed as a true record.	
146	6	<p><i>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</i></p> <p><b>a; Fly tipping:</b> The fly tipping in Nine Barrows Lane had been removed but new tipping was reported in Coxtan End Lane. The clearance of litter from highway verges was raised; Tom Killen advised that this would not be carried out by Mendip DC but that equipment was available for community use.</p> <p><b>b: Emergency Planning:</b> Richard reported that he was compiling the necessary details for accommodation, points of contact, etc and advised that a small advisory committee should be formed.</p> <p><b>c: Rural Isolation Strategy:</b> Kate had received information from Jo Milling; Nigel Taylor advised that Mendip DC needed to know of cases of Rural Isolation. Councillors felt that they needed more guidance as to the type of feedback required to take this initiative forward.</p>	RW

		<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting (contd):</u></p> <p><b>d: Housing Needs:</b> Rachel had prepared a paper which had been circulated to councillors for comment. It was agreed to adopt the paper as a Parish Council policy/Neighbourhood plan (subject to any agreed amendments) at the next meeting prior to sending it to Mendip DC. It was noted that the assessment should take into account the fact that the Local Development Framework would be in place until 2026.</p> <p><b>e: Affordable Housing:</b> Alan H to contact Hastoe Housing for an update.</p>	RMT/ALL AH
147	7	<p><u>Police Report:</u> Linda Vincent had advised the Clerk of the dates for visits from the community police vehicle.</p>	
148	8	<p><u>Council Reports:</u></p> <p><b>a: Somerset County Council:</b> Harvey Siggs reported that arrangements were progressing for civil parking enforcement to take over from the Police in the county and some District Council car parks. He reported that gritting/salting arrangements were up to speed. There was a re-organisation in progress at County Hall. In respect of the proposed village gateways, he would endeavour to obtain the definitive answer on the use of dry stone walls.</p> <p><b>b: Mendip District Council:</b> Tom Killen reported that previous fly tipping had been collected and that equipment was available for community litter picking. He reminded councillors of the forthcoming Planning Training on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012.</p>	
149	9	<p><u>Parish Council Matters:</u></p> <p><b>a; Queens Diamond Jubilee:</b> Liz advised that a meeting was to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> January to take arrangements forward.</p> <p><b>b: Newsletter:</b> Kate reported that the draft had been circulated to councillors but would require revisions following the public consultation on village gateways. It was hoped to publish the Newsletter during week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> January; councillors were asked to respond to the revised draft by 6<sup>th</sup> January.</p>	LT KG

		<p><b>c: Village Gateways:</b> Following the public consultation, the matter was referred back to the PARC Committee for amended proposals, possibly based around the existing stones.</p>	PARC
150	10	<p><u>Committee Business:</u>  <b>a: PARC Committee:</b> It was noted that the budget proposals from the PARC Committee had been incorporated into the Parish Council budget to be discussed later.  <b>b: PARC Recommendation; re temporary fencing to the Top Green to prevent vehicle damage:</b> Councillors were concerned about fencing off the top green at this stage and agreed that the Parish Council should write to the school outlining their concerns and asking the school to consider ways of resolving the problem with parents.  <b>c: Sheep Fair Revenues Advisory Committee:</b> Terms of Reference. It was agreed to defer this item.</p>	CLERK
151	11	<p><u>Planning:</u>                  Two applications had been received too late for inclusion at this meeting; it was agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012.</p>	
152	12	<p><u>Maintenance: No business</u></p>	
153	13	<p><u>Financial:</u>  <b>a: Matters from the Finance Committee Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012:</b> These were covered below.  <b>b: Budget and Precept for 2012/13:</b> The Finance Committee recommended a precept of £8605 and this was agreed. Alan H advised that although this represented a slight increase on 2011/12 it included allowances for forthcoming capital projects and maintained reserves at a reasonable level. The proposed precept represented a Band D rate of £32.41, an increase of 2.92% on 2011/12.  <b>c: Clerks salary and expenses for December:</b> These were agreed at £173.05 and, in addition, a sum of £49.99 for the website was added to the Clerks expenses making a total of £223.04</p>	

154	14	<p><u>Correspondence:</u>  Somerset Waste Core Strategy - response by 6/01/12  SCC Blue Badge consultation - response by 15/01/12  BANES Gypsies and travellers consultation document - responses by 16/01/12  Mendip Society Newsletter  NHS Strategic Needs Assessment.  The Clerk to respond to the above items as necessary in line with councillors comments.</p>	CLERK
155	15	<p><u>Matters of Report:</u>  The Clerk had received a number of complaints both verbally and in writing about the conduct of the Hunt meeting on Boxing Day and, in particular, traffic disruption, parking and the aggressive collection of money by hunt supporters. He had mentioned the matter to Linda Vincent informally.  Rachel reported that she had raised these issues with the Hunt Master and a meeting was to be arranged to discuss the matter further. The question of insurance for the event was raised.</p>	RMT
156	16	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u>  There would be an extraordinary meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012; the next scheduled meeting was on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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