

Priddy Parish Council

COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting of the Parish Council held on **Wednesday 5th February 2019**
at **7:30pm** in **Priddy Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs Alan Butcher (Chair), Mark Leech, Alan Adams, Chris Dyke, Lucy Rose Andrews and Rachel Thompson. Cllrs Killen and Pullin arrived during the meeting.

PPC20/14 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Glass and William Newton Newey.

PPC20/15 **Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr Butcher declared a personal interest in items 20/23i) and 20/24c)

PPC20/16 **Public Forum**

Three members of the public were present; no matters were raised.

PPC20/17 **Council Reports:**

a) **Somerset County Council.** Cllr Pullin advised that some 89 small improvement schemes had been approved, unfortunately no works were scheduled for the Miners Arms cross roads.

b) **Mendip District Council.** Cllr Killen advised that the Mendip budget had been passed and that additional borrowing had been agreed to finance the purchase of commercial property to deliver a return to council finances. He noted that changes to the government rate of interest had reduced the return on these investments.

He also advised that a Climate Emergency survey and a drop in event was scheduled for the council offices on 15th February.

He noted recent changes to the 5 year housing supply which had now changed the balance of development in favour of developers rather than the planners. A number of comments expressing concern about the lack of increase in infrastructure such as doctors and school to cope with the large number of developments taking place in the Wells area.

Finally he mentioned forthcoming changes to waste and recycling although comments were made about the labelling of green bins advising against the disposal of food waste which some considered a waste of money.

PPC20/18 **Police Report.** A report detailing a number of road traffic collisions, two burglaries and a motor vehicle theft had been received.

PPC20/19 **Parish Paths Liaison Officer.** No report received.

PPC20/20 **Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th January 2020 were agreed and signed as a true record.

PPC20/21 **Planning**

a) **2020/0175/FUL** - Agricultural Workers Dwelling and Barn at Deer Leap Farm, Deerleap, Priddy. It was noted that the council had supported the previous applications and it was agreed unanimously to support this revised application. Comments to be included in support of the proposals but also to seek to increase the amount of stonework used rather than boarding.

Planning Cases Decided

b) 2019/2157/FUL - Extension to agricultural building, silage pit and slurry store. Dale Farm Dale Lane Priddy Cheddar BA5 3BQ Approval of conditions

c) 2019/3049/APP – Approval of conditions re: contaminated land at Rose Cottage, Wells Road, Priddy. Both these were noted.

PPC20/22 **Clerk's Report**

a) Heavy Goods Vehicle Signage: Wells Way / Wallace Lane junctions with Western Lane - deferred

b) Heavy Goods Vehicle Signage: Nine Barrows Lane – deferred.

c) Welcome Pack – deferred.

Priddy Parish Council

- d) Mendip Farmers Hunt: date for proposed meeting.
Cllr Thompson had spoken to the hunt who had advised dates for the meeting. It was agreed to meet on 20th February; Cllr Thompson to advise the hunt.
The question of the use of the green and insurance issues were discussed. Cllr Butcher advised that the police had indicated they were still dealing with the incident on Boxing Day and were unable to make a report at this time..

PPC20/23 Parish Council Matters

- a) Public Meeting – Date for proposed meeting. It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting together with the discussions about the Climate Emergency and other matters would be held on 18th March 2020.
- b) Grit Bin at Rookham – Bin received, siting and fixing of bin to be arranged by Cllrs Leech and Butcher. It was noted that the new litter bin for the top green had arrived.
- c) Large Scale Ordnance Survey Map: *to consider annotation, mounting and location.* To be added to the discussions at the APM.
- d) World War Commemorative Tree Planting: *Tree type or types, location of planting, date and/or ceremony for planting.* Cllr Thompson advised that some parishioners had expressed concern about siting the trees next to the church. Cllr Leech advised that no further information was available about the ownership of the suggested site for the trees. It was agreed to consider siting the trees against the hedge on the top green, this to be added to the discussions at the APM. Cllr Leech to seek prices for suitable trees for the project.
- e) Personnel Committee: *to agree a meeting of the Committee.* deferred
- f) New Inn: *update on discussions held with the owner.* Cllr Thompson had spoken to the owner and there was some discussion about short term parking on a section of the village green during the time when the New Inn was busy under previous ownership. It was generally agreed that, at the time, this had not created a problem and it was anticipated that, should such short term parking occur in the future, a similar situation would prevail.
- g) Eastwater Lane – update. Cllr Butcher had spoken to the police about this matter and also the recent damage to the lower green by 4 x 4 vehicles. They agreed to endeavour to monitor the area when possible.
- h) Day of Parish Council meetings. No further action required.
- i) Stones on verges – Pelting Drove. Complaints had been received about large stones which had appeared on the verge at the end of Dursdon Drove. Cllr Thompson to meet with Somerset Highways to discuss.
- j) Access and walls to new dwelling adjoining Bay Tree Cottage, Green Hill, Priddy. Complaints had been received about the access and stone wall erected outside the new house known as Ashton House next to Baytree Cottage. It was also felt that kerbing laid encroached onto the highway. Cllr Thompson to meet with Somerset Highways to discuss the situation with the kerbing.
- k) Verge damage between Hunters Lodge and Rookham – It was suggested that a letter be written to Gibbons Contractors about the damage and asking for re-instatement.
- l) Correspondence regarding Local Government changes. Letters had been received about proposed changes to Local Government in the area including the formation of a Unitary Authority. Cllr Killen keep further information and advised that there was likely to be a public consultation on the matter at the appropriate time.
- m) Local Plan Part 2 Modifications consultation. The was taking place following the Inspectors comments which required modifications to the plan, however, it was unlikely to have any effect on Priddy.
- n) Bristol Grand Tour and other events. An email had been received advising the launch of the event had been delayed.

PPC20/24 Financial:

Priddy Parish Council

- a) To receive a bank reconciliation. This had been prepared by the clerk and was checked and signed by Cllr Andrews.
To authorise the following payments
- b) Litter Bin and Green Cones – Seton Ltd. £235.12 – this was agreed and a cheque raised.
- c) Website Hosting and domain (Krystal Hosting) paid by Alan Butcher. £134.32 - this was agreed and a cheque raised.
Priddy Village Hall hire - £36.00 - this was agreed and a cheque raised.
Imperative Training (Defib Shop) New defibrillator £1782.00 - this was agreed and a cheque raised.

PPC20/25 **Matters of Report**

- i) It was noted that two litter bins were missing, one from the Top Green and one next to Manor Farm. The Top Green bin had been replaced.
- ii) Cllr Butcher had removed the “Bob Pitt” bench on the side of the green which was unsafe and required replacement. Matter to be brought to the attention of the Friendly Society.
- iii) The matter of works to Townsend Pond to be added back onto the agenda.
- iv) It was suggested a grit bin should be provided on The Batch; to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.
- v) It was agreed to fund a first aid/defibrillator course for a member of the community to then provide training to parishioners at a cost of £90.
- vi) It was noted that problems with telephone cables crossing Dursdon Drove had occurred since the area was re-surfaced and there was a general discussion about the continued use of the drove by vehicles driving excessively.

PPC20/26 **Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 4th March 2020

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Minutes prepared by Alan Butcher
17th February 2020.