

## PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 5TH MAY 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Indra Cotton, Will Simmons, Nobby Clark, Tina Bath, James Small and Robin Main;  
Celia Meaden - Clerk; Harvey Siggs & Tom Killen

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

**Alan Hutfield**

**2 Election of Chairman – Tina** proposed **Indra** seconded by **Nobby**. A vote was taken, which was unanimous, therefore **Indra** was duly elected as Chairman

**Election of Vice- Chairman – Indra** nominated **Tina** and **James** seconded the proposal. A vote was taken which was unanimous therefore **Tina** was duly elected Vice-Chairman.

#### **3. Acceptance of the Minutes of 7th April 2010**

These were agreed and signed as a true record

#### **4 Declaration of Interest on matters included in the Agenda**

**Indra and Tina** declared an interest in Item 14

#### **5 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not otherwise on the Agenda**

None

#### **6 Public Forum on Matters included in the Agenda only**

None

#### **7 Acceptance of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council May 6<sup>th</sup> 2009**

These were agreed and signed as a true record

#### **8. Appointment of a Proper Officer**

**Celia Meaden** was Proposed by **Indra** Seconded by **Tina**

A vote was taken and Celia was unanimously elected as the Proper Officer

#### **9 Appointment of RFO**

**Celia Meaden** was proposed by **Indra**: Seconded by **Nobby**

A vote was taken and Celia was unanimously elected as the RFO

#### **10 Appointment of Representatives to outside bodies**

**Village Hall –Alan** agreed to continue representing the Parish Council on this committee if nominated. **Will** proposed **Alan** to continue and **James** seconded the proposal. A vote was taken and **Alan** was unanimously elected.

**Revenue’s Committee-Will & Nobby** agreed to continue as representatives of PC. **Indra** proposed that **Will & Nobby** should continue seconded by **James**. A vote was taken and **Will & Nobby** were unanimously elected

**John Plummer’s Trust – Nobby** agreed to continue as PC representative on the Trust. A vote was taken and **Nobby** was unanimously elected.

## **11 Appointment of Editor for News Letter**

**Robin** proposed **Nobby** seconded by **Tina** all voted unanimously in favour

## **12 Appointment or re-appointment of Parish Council Committees**

**Sheep Fair** – Joe Speed has resigned from the committee otherwise all members to stay the same plus additional member Judith Coles .

**Village Greens and Highways** – All members to stay the same

## **13 Financial** – Renewal of Parish Council Insurance - **£498.50**

The above payment was agreed

## **14 Planning Applications** –

**Ref/2010/0607** – Application for a Lawful Certificate for an existing use or operation or activity including those in breach of a planning condition

Applicant: Mr M Dodd, New House, The Green, Priddy;

Use of land as residential garden

**There were no objections to the above application therefore the council recommended approval**

**Planning Approval**

**Ref: 2010/0299 Applicant: Hastoe Housing Association;**

Approval of Details pursuant to Conditions 1,2,3 and 5 on application

Location: Townsend, Priddy

## **15 Agenda Items not already covered** –

### **(1) Approval of expenditure for kerbing on the lower green and purchase of a metal bench outside the New Inn**

The Greens & Highways Committee asked that the Council approve the release of £900 set aside for expenditure of the ongoing kerbing on the lower green from the total sum agreed by the Council of £5,875 (taken from 3 years budgets) They also asked for the Council to agree the payment of £380 for the bench to be placed around the tree to be planted outside the New Inn. The Committee also asked if the Council could advance £250 to pay contractors who are making repairs to the By-way (Charterhouse to Nordrach) which we can then claim back from SCC. A vote was taken and the Council unanimously agreed to advance the monies.

### **Update from Harvey Siggs – SCC**

Harvey stated that because there had to be severe cuts in the budget for next year and therefore there would be very little money in the budget for snow clearance. He asked for helpful comments and suggestions as to how the council could deal with this as not all roads would be gritted.

### **Update from Tom Killen – MDC**

Tom stated that there had been a lot of bad press re: Gypsy sites and the Councils plans for travellers and permanent sites. Every Local Authority now has to provide Travellers with permanent sites. MDC have taken one of the options available to them and that is to set up a trust fund to provide loans to travellers and gypsies in order for them to purchase a pitch on designated land agreed with the Council and Landowner. A single pitch has an average cost of £10000.00

Tom also reported that MDC wants to engage with Parish Councils to work with other parishes and perhaps pool resources.

### **16 Correspondence File**

**The Council had received three letters from Nick & Veronica Furze, Dean & Glenda Collier and Chris Dyke and Mike Garfield re: The proposed 30MPH limit it was agreed to read the letters to the meeting which the clerk did.**

Letter from Priddy Cricket Club re: Approval of match to be held on the green on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010;

SALC – Letter re: Mendip Hills AONB partnership Committee – Parish Council Representation

Letter from SCC – Highways re: Finger Post Improvement Project

Letter from SCC – Environment Directorate Re: The Management of Public Rights of Way in Somerset

Reply to our letter from the Mendip Hills AONB Services

SCC Mendip Area Public Transport Timetable

SCSN – Newsletter

MDC – Response from Planning re: Planning Application 2009/1755 – Shepton Mallet Caving Club HQ

Advertising Publication – Playgrounds – Park & Recreation

MDC – Grounds Maintenance Services in Mendip from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011

Email from Norma Newby re: Mendip Hills AONB Sustainable Development Fund grants available

Publication – South Western Ambulance Service

Community Council for Somerset Letter of thanks

Parishes Information Bulletin – May 2010

Poster: Somerset Mortgage Advice Line

Avon & Somerset Police Authority Newsletter

Clerk & Councils Direct

MDC – Planning Ref: 2010/0287 – Application Type: Lawful Development Certificate – Approval

**18 Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010**

**C R Meaden (Clerk) – 19th May 2010**

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