

Minutes of the Meeting of Priddy Parish Council held on 2nd February 2011 at Priddy Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Indra Cotton, Chair, Tina Bath, Alan Hutfield, Robin Maine, Sharon Sparkes, Tom Killen; also in attendance Alan Butcher(Clerk)

1 Apologies for absence: Will Simmons, James Small, Harvey Siggs.

2 **Declarations of Interest:** there were no declarations of interest.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th January 2011** were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

4 **Public Forum;** the meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak:

Some 19 members of the public were present.

Kate Greet and others voiced objections to the proposed 30mph speed limit. A number of letters of objection had been received which would be included in the councillors circulation file. Kate Greet questioned the availability of funding from the Charity Trust; Indra Cotton replied that the monies were agreed in January 2010 but this would be confirmed. Stuart McManus indicated he and others would force "a poll" if the Parish Council proceeded with the proposals without taking further opinion from villagers. The Clerk advised that the resolution passed in November 2010 could only be rescinded at this stage by a special motion proposed by at least three councillors.

6 **Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:**

- a *Improvement to Village Green:* the result of the planning application was still awaited from Mendip DC
- b *Asset Register:* The condition of the bench at Two Trees had been checked. The Clerk advised that the assets held by the Sheep fair Committee should be included on the register; Indra to speak to Martin Edwards.
- c *Residential Occupation in Plummers Lane;* A contravention Notice had been issued by Mendip DC.
- d *Sheep Fair Referendum:* The Newsletter and Referendum had been published.
- e *Parish Council website:* The website was now up and running at www.priddyparish.org although additional items and editing were still needed.
- f *30mph speed limit:* Confirmation of funding for the proposals was still in hand.

Indra

g *AONB Funding* : No further information was available but Robin expressed concern about funding works by the AONB on private land. Tina commented that no monies were available from the budget for any such funding and felt that a Somerset Parishes liaison meeting should be called to discuss funding and that local communities should be more involved. Clerk to contact the parishes representative Nigel Taylor.

Clerk

7 **Financial:**

a Invoice for £60 for standpipe repairs from Martin Edwards agreed. It was suggested that the cost should be recovered from the Sheep Fair but, subsequently Cllr Tom Killen asked the Parish Council to send him an invoice for the works.

Clerk

b Invoice for £254.08 from Alan Butcher for salary and expenses for December and January was agreed

c Invoice for £20 for SALC Clerks workshop was agreed.

d Invoices totalling £116.42 for the newsletter payable to Indra Cotton were agreed.

a *Internal Audit Regulations*: the Clerk to circulate a final draft of regulations covering the Parish Council and Sheep Fair when comments from the internal auditor were received.

Clerk

8 **Planning Applications:**

a Application 2010/2978 - Pelting Cottage, Pelting Drove, Mr and Mrs B Wilkinson, erection of extension. Confirmation of grant of permission received from Mendip DC

9 **Agenda Items:**

a *Gritting of School Hill*: Village roads are gritted as far as the lower green with School Hill being left untreated. The Clerk to write to Somerset Highways to ask for the area of treatment to be extended to School Hill and also to raise the matter with Harvey Siggs. Tom Killen also offered to take the matter up with Somerset CC.

Clerk/Tom Killen

b *Emergency items*: there were no emergency items.

c *Greens and Highways Committee* ; A request had been made to the Parish Council to write to Chris Winter about his intentions with regard to the sheds and vehicles behind Pincross. Chris Winter (in attendance) advised that the vehicles had been removed but that the sheds would remain as they contained Friendly Society items.

Chris Winter also pointed out that he had been contacted by Mendip DC regarding the fence erected by the builders of the new dwelling at Pincross which was not his responsibility. The Clerk confirmed that the matter had been raised with Mendip DC but on the basis that the fence had been wrongly erected by the builders. Tom Killen offered to take the matter up with Mendip DC.

- d *Sheep fair Committee*: no business.
- e *Mendip District Council update*; Tom Killen advised that the council had received less grant than expected but had balanced the budget. There would be some reductions in services. He advised that the "Sort it" recycling roll out had been completed for the parish.
- f *Somerset County Council update*: Harvey Siggs was not present

10 Correspondance:

Mendip District Council – Parish information Bulletin x 2
AONB updates and press releases
Queens Diamond Jubilee
Shore Landscape Gardening Brochure
Moore Stephens letter and response
Royal British Legion "Great Poppy Party" details
SALC localism Bill information
SW partnership information and recycling information
National Highways survey for return by 25/2/11
SCC salt collection details
MDC list of council meetings
SCC Flood survey for return by 18/2/11
Rural Services network information
Central Mendip Partnership meeting 25/2/11
Standards Committee meeting 1/2/11
BANES draft core Strategy – response 3/2/11
Letters and emails re 30mph speed limit received from:
K Greet, S McManus, M Brown, C Dyke, M Garfield, T Iveson, Mr and Mrs Prewer,
F Payne, L Brooks, T Brooks, P Garfield Dyke, S Horn, I Horn, S Russel, G Collier,
K Freston.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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