

Minutes of the Meeting of Priddy Parish Council held on 6th October 2010 at Priddy Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Tina Bath, Chair, Alan Hutfield, Will Simmons, Robin Maine, also in attendance Cllr Tom Killen and Alan Butcher(Clerk)

- 1 **Apologies for absence** were received from Indra Cotton and James Small.
- 2 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st September 2010:**
The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.
- 3 **Declarations of Interest:** there were no declarations of interest.
- 4 **Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:**
 - a *Re-direction of mail;* the Clerk had not succeeded in completing this process but had now written to most correspondents advising of the change of address; re-direction of mail to be monitored.
 - b *30mph speed limit;* a meeting to discuss the signs had been arranged for 3rd November 2010, 3pm in the Village Hall; Clerk to post notices
 - c *Road safety information* had been posted in caving club huts, local pubs and the camp site.
 - d *PEW magazine* ; an item had been included and this would continue on a regular basis.
 - e *Council Tax consultations* ; papers had been placed in the correspondence file
 - f *SCC winter maintenance survey* ; Indra had responded.
- 5 **Public Forum;** the meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak:
 - a Tina Bath advised that there were two items considered to be "emergency items": the federation of Priddy and Westbury Sub Mendip schools and the planning application from Mendip Farmers Hunt regarding Mountain Ash.
In respect of the Mountain Ash planning application, Tina advised that no substantive discussion could be held on the matter as Priddy PC had not been included on the consultee list. This situation which had now been rectified and when details had been received and circulated, an extra PC meeting would be called where the public could make their views known.

Clerk

In respect of the school, this was a matter of information and Tina asked Leslie Houlton to outline the proposals which include a federated governing body to cover both schools and a shared head teacher (this has been in place since January 2010). The reason for these changes is to ensure that both schools remain at the heart of their communities. In other ways the schools would remain separate and the staff would remain in place. A consultation document is available from Priddy school.

- b Mrs Walker representing herself and Mr Walker handed a letter to the clerk and councillors from Kirby Sheppard solicitors regarding the proposed levelling of the village green (items 8/i&j) and advised that they would seek an injunction against the PC should they decide to commence the proposed works.

6 Financial:

- a Advice of wayleave payment received £36.63
- b The clerk had responded to a request for information from Moore Stephens and had received a letter indicating that the audit had not been completed by the due date (30th September) and that the return "subject to audit" should be posted.
- c A cheque for village hall hire was raised in the sum of £48.00
- d Change of Bank signatories; the following resolution was prop Alan H, sec Robin and agreed:

"It was resolved that a banking relationship will be maintained with National Westminster Bank (the Bank) in accordance with this mandate and that:

- * the individuals identified as Authorised Signatories may, in accordance with the Signing Rules, sign cheques and give instructions for Standing Orders, Direct Debits, electronic payments, bankers drafts and other payments on the Accounts even if it causes an Account to be overdrawn or exceed any limit.
- * any Authorised Signatory may give other instruction or requests for information to the Bank in relation to the Accounts; opening accounts with the same Signing Rules and Authorised Signatories; closing accounts; or other banking services or products.
- * the Bank may accept instructions that do not have an original written signature provided the Bank is satisfied that the instruction is genuine and subject to any other agreement the Bank may require for those instructions.
- * the Customer will provide to the Bank a copy of its constitution and any amendment to the constitution, certified as correct by the Secretary.
- * this Mandate will continue until the Customer gives the Bank a replacement mandate or the Customer passes a resolution changing the Signing Rules and/or adding or removing an Authorised Signatory by completing and returning the Change of Signing Authority form in which case this Mandate will continue as amended."

Signatories to be Indra Cotton, Robin Maine, James Small and Alan Butcher

Clerk

- e It was prop Alan H, sec Robin and agreed: that a Bonus Saver Account be opened with the Natwest and that when opened, £4000 to be transferred into the account from the current account. Signatories to be Indra Cotton, Robin Maine, James Small and Alan Butcher.

Clerk

- f A cheque for the fireproof filing cabinet was raised in the sum of £440.63 - discussed and agreed under Agenda item 8a.

7 Planning Applications:

- a Application 2010/1351 - Stockhill Cottages was approved without comment (this had already been notified to MDC.)
- b Application 2010/1912 - New House, Priddy, works to trees was approved without comment. (approval had been received from MDC)
- c Application 2010/1912 - Warren Farm, Charterhouse, Mr J Small - change of use from Agricultural to camping with parking, farm larder and agricultural building. This been received late and a response was required by 16th September. Tina and Indra had responded with comments.
- d Ebborways Farm - planning contravention notice; the contents were noted.
- e Application 2010/2155 - Batch Farm, Priddy, Ms J Coles, Erection of detached dwelling (revision to previous approval) - agreed to support.
- f Application 2010/2009 - Dursdon Drove, Rookham, Mr R Forward, conversion of farm building to holiday lets. It was noted that this had been submitted to or three times before. After discussion it was agreed to support the application 3 votes in favour with 1 abstention.

8 Agenda Items:

- a *Storage of Parish Documents;* The Clerk had circulated councillors with details about various cabinets and it was prop Tina, sec Alan H and agreed to purchase a secondhand four drawer cabinet from Gazelle Office Furniture in Bristol for the sum of £440.63 including VAT and delivery to be sited in the village hall (subject to their agreement.) The Clerk had written to the Village Hall committee asking if the cabinet could be so sited. The VHC were meeting on 7th October and would confirm whether the request was granted after the meeting.
- b *Blackdown management plan;* Documents had been received from the AONB regarding the proposals for the management of Blackdown and Burrington Ham which had been circulated to councillors. It was agreed that the Parish Council should offer a supportive response to the proposals. Nigel Taylor (representative on the AONB panel) had been advised at the recent panel meeting that the AONB had the £10,000 for the costs of the consultation but the the costs of the plan itself which were about £300,000. Tina felt that the plan should be run by the Burrington conservators and not the AONB. It was agreed that Tina would respond to the proposals.

Tina

c *Mendip District Council licensing policy* ; councillors had no comments on the policy; clerk to contact Indra to confirm response, if any.

Clerk.

d *Ebborways Farm licensing application* ; the hearing scheduled for 16th September had been adjourned but Tom Killen advised that the hearing had been rescheduled and that interested parties would be contacted shortly by MDC.

e *Parish Council vacancy* ; there had been no call for an election to fill the vacancy. It was agreed to advertise for interested parties and fill the vacancy by co-optation at the November meeting.

Clerk.

f *Clarification of the status of the minutes for the meeting of 23rd June 2010* - the agreed and signed minutes of the 7th July 2010 wrongly include the acceptance of the 2nd June 2010 minutes which were previously accepted and signed; whereas the 23rd June 2010 minutes remain unsigned. Taken together the previous minutes show this to be an error. It was therefore agreed that minute 2 of the meeting of 7th July 2010 refers to the minutes of the meeting of 23rd June 2010 and not the 2nd June 2010 and that those minutes were agreed with one alteration as a true record at the time but now cannot be signed. This minute is to be signed at this meeting and appended to the minutes in question for clarification.

The following resolution was prop Tina, sec Will and agreed as follows: It is therefore agreed that minute 2 of the meeting of 7th July 2010 refers to the minutes of the meeting of 23rd June 2010 and not 2nd June 2010 and that those minutes were agreed with one alteration as a true record but cannot now be signed.

An extract of this minute was placed in the minute book, agreed by councillors present as a true record and signed by the Chair and dated 6th October 2010.

g *Emergency Items* ; school federation information (see Public Forum) and Mendip Farmers Hunt planning application - to be discussed when received.

h *Greens and Highways Committee* ; minutes had been circulated. Roger dors (in attendance) noted that they were still dealing with the registration of the land behind Pincross.

i & j *Levelling part of village green* - following receipt of the letter from solicitors representing Mr and Mrs Walker these items were adjourned.

k *Works in front of New Inn* ; it was agreed that the works in kerbing the area of grass should proceed.

l *Sheep Fair Committee* ; minutes had been circulate, there were no comments.

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m *Mendip District Council update*; Tom Killen advised that the cardboard and plastic recycling collection would start in Priddy from February 2011.

Harvey Siggs (sent apologies) had advised that salt supplies would be available for collection as per last year. The proposed extent of salting in bad weather would be the Wells Road as far as the village green only.

n *Standing Orders*; these had been circulated and were amended from the NALC model to suit Priddy PC. It was prop Alan H, sec Robin and agreed that they be accepted.

9 **Correspondance:**

a Central Mendip Community partnership; the PC had no items for the agenda for the meeting of 26th October.

b AONB Panel meeting; awaiting report from Nigel Taylor.

Nigel Taylor

c - l Items in correspondence file.

Additional items since the agenda was published included:

Community Council for Somerset; Thatch publication and papers

Flourish Homes; Annual Review

Community Policing awards; flyer

MDC Development Control update on planning services (email)

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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