

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1ST FEBRUARY 2012

VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: PRIDDY VILLAGE HALL @ 7.30pm

		<u>Present:</u> Cllrs Alan Hutfield (Chair), Rachel Thompson, Kate Greet, Rick Tobiassen, Sharon Sparkes, Richard White; also in attendance Tom Killen, Harvey Siggs and Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
	1	<u>Apologies for absence</u> were received from Liz Turley	
	2	<u>Public Forum:</u> The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow public participation. A member of the public asked for more information on item 6g on the agenda (Boxing Day Hunt)	
	3	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> Kate declared a personal interest in item 12b) Newsletter expenses.	
	4	<u>Resolutions relating to the conduct of the Meeting.:</u> None	
	5	<u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 4 th January 2012 were agreed and signed as a true record. The minutes of the meeting held on 11 th January 2012 were agreed and signed as a true record.	
	6	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meetings:</u> a; Fly tipping: there had been additional fly tipping in Nine Barrows Lane and on the B3134. Tom Killen advised that this was in process of being cleared; Barry Payne (in attendance) offered to collect the bed which had been dumped in Nine Barrows Lane. b: Emergency Planning: Richard had inspected various premises and would have a draft plan ready for the next meeting. c: Rural Isolation Strategy: Mendip DC had set up a steering group and a draft consultation document would be circulated in the spring and information was also available on the Mendip DC website.	BP RW

		<p>d: Housing Needs: the draft document had been circulated by Rachel and was summarised by Alan H. It was agreed to include mention of the Affordable Housing and of those residents who wished to remain in the village but wanted to “downsize”. Information also to be included about recent dwellings and domestic extensions constructed in the Parish since 1/1/2007. Subject to these minor changes, the document was agreed and the updated document to be sent to Mendip by the Clerk.</p> <p>e: Affordable Housing update: Alan H had spoken to Hastoe Housing and it was confirmed that the formalities were proceeding.</p> <p>f: Newsletter: This had been circulated.</p> <p>g: Boxing Day Hunt meeting: Rachel, Sharon and Alan H had met with the Hunt on 31st January 2012 and Rachel had circulated notes. Discussions included insurance and ensuring that proper management controls for the event were in place.</p>	RMT/Clerk
	7	<u>Police Report</u> ; No report	
	8	<p><u>Council Reports:</u></p> <p>a: Somerset County Council: Harvey Siggs confirmed that he had spoken to Highways who had no objection to the proposed dry stone walls for the village gateways. There would be no increase in council tax for the coming year but savings were still being made including reductions to bus subsidies. Minor road safety improvements were taking place at the Miners Arms Crossroads (rumble strips) and there were proposed improvements to the Hunters Lodge crossroads in 2012/13. There was an upcoming meeting to discuss tasks which could be handed over to Parishes.</p> <p>b: Mendip District Council: Tom Killen advised that the fly tipping had been dealt with and that Mendip were in discussions with the wood carver currently parked up at Townsend crossroads. The budget would go to the full council on 16th February, they had found £1.5m savings but there would be no increase in council tax and no redundancies. There was to be a change to the Parish Forum to focus more on rural parishes. A new SCC/MDC hub was being created in Shepton Mallet.</p>	

9	<p><u>Parish Council Matters:</u> a; Queens Diamond Jubilee: There was to be a further meeting on 29th February 2012. b: Village Gateways: work was continuing on the revised proposals and a meeting with Tom Hayward (SCC) was to be arranged. Rick queried the timescale to progress the gateways. Alan H confirmed that further mock-ups, costings and another public consultation would be required before any works could start. The notes circulated by Kate of the meeting on 4th January 2012 to be included on the website. c: Top Green damage: The letter had been sent to the school who were meeting on 6th February 2012 to discuss the matter. d: Youth Provision: The clerk was still progressing the matter.</p>	<p>LT AH Clerk</p>
10	<p><u>Committee Business:</u> a: PARC Committee – Recommendations to the Parish Council: <i>i) Litter picking event to be organised:</i> a provisional date of 11th March 2012 was agreed; the clerk to contact Mendip to see if equipment was available and to post notices about the event. <i>ii) Organisations to seek consent to use the village greens:</i> it was agreed to write to organisations using the greens advising on insurance requirements, the need to seek consent where planned activities breached the By-Laws and the requirement to leave the greens clean and tidy after events. A calendar of events taking place on the village greens to be prepared. c: Sheep Fair Revenues Advisory Committee: Terms of Reference. Rick proposed a meeting week commencing 20th February 2012 and a draft Terms of Reference to be circulated after that meeting for further discussion at the march PC meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk RT</p>
11	<p><u>Planning:</u> No applications have been received for inclusion on this agenda.</p>	

12	<p><u>Financial:</u> a: Clerks salary and expenses for January: £173.05, this was agreed with the addition of £19.59 in respect of website costs paid by the clerk making a total of £192.64 for which a cheque was raised. b: Newsletter expenses; Kate Greet: £121.05, these were agreed and a cheque raised. c: Account for youth club monies: awaiting paperwork from the Natwest Bank.</p>	Clerk
13	<p><u>Correspondence:</u> Clerks and Council Direct Magazine CPRE Planning Booklet Proludic Play Areas brochure</p>	
14	<p><u>Matters of Report:</u> There were none</p>	
16	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next scheduled meeting is on 7th March 2012.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

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