

**PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2014**

**VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: HUNTERS LODGE INN, PRIDDY @ 7.30PM**

		<b>The press and public are excluded from this meeting due to the confidential nature of the business discussed.</b>	
		<i>Present:</i> Cllrs Rachel Thompson, Kate Greet, Barry Wilkinson; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
	1	<i>Apologies for absence:</i> Cllrs Alan Hutfield, Chris Dyke, Simon Eastham.	
	2	<i>Declarations of Interest:</i> None.	
	3	<i>Resolutions relating to the conduct of the Meeting:</i> It is hereby resolved that press and public shall be excluded from this and other finance committee meetings until May 2015.	
	4	<i>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</i> The minutes of the meeting held on 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record.	
	5	<i>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meetings:</i> a: New Inn – the clerk had written to Mr Hatton to advise that the Parish Councils offer was still on the table, he not, as yet, received a reply. b: Parish Plan – grant applications and other funding – awaiting next meeting in January.	
	6	<i>Committee Business:</i> The business and discussions of the committee shall be considered as confidential unless otherwise agreed. <b>a: Quarterly Budget Review including project costs update:</b> the clerk circulated the updated budget and actual costs sheet and an updated sheet showing expenditure against costs apportioned and grants received for projects. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the remaining sum of £319 from Priddy Pool works with the unspent £1000 for the Townsend gateway together with the £750 granted for Dark Lane from the 2014 Folk Festival be aggregated to allow works to Dark Lane to be undertaken. Rachel had received a verbal quote from Dave Gibbons of £2000 for these works which was considered to be very competitive; a check quote from Tom Owen was £5500.	

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	<p><b>b: Budget for 2015/16 and precept recommendation:</b> a forward budget based on 2014/15 costs had been prepared and was reviewed. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that the precept for 2015/16 remain as 2014/15 at £9636.</p> <p><b>c: Legal costs and options related to Greenhill Cottage:</b> there was some discussion about the best way to proceed with resolving the discrepancy with the registrations around Greenhill Cottage. It was agreed to see if an exchange of letters, given that the area was registered village green would suffice to clarify the different lines of registration.</p> <p><b>d: Financial Regulations update</b> – the clerk had now prepared these in draft and would circulate them after a final review.</p> <p><b>e: Newsletter:</b> Kate circulated a draft newsletter which was discussed and agreed subject to some small amendments. It was agreed to include a slip regarding entry onto the Parish email list.</p>	
7	<p><u>Recommendations to the Parish Council:</u></p> <p>i) That existing granted funds totalling £2069 be used for the improvement of Dark Lane to be carried out by D Gibbons Contractors subject to final agreement of the price for the works as proposed.</p> <p>ii) That the precept for 2015/16 be set at £9636 being no increase on the 2014/15 figure.</p>	
8	<p><u>Matters of Report:</u></p> <p>The clerk to discuss with Tim Hancock the installation of a security light; clerk to arrange to progress the works as soon as possible.</p>	
9	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015, 7.30pm at the Hunters Lodge Inn.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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