



# Priddy Parish Council

Minutes of Priddy Parish Council  
held on **Wednesday 2 February 2022**  
at **7:00pm** in Priddy Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs R Thompson (Chairman); G Butterell; C Dyke; D Collier; M Phippen.

**In attendance:** G Pettitt (Parish Clerk), five members of the public.

## Public Forum:

- Question regarding precept determination was asked. Noted that resolution was passed at previous meeting to retain the Wayleave funds for parish benefit. Noted a parish meeting would be arranged to consult on parish priorities. Noted grant funding for households is available – refer to Council Bulletin.
- Question suggesting a management plan for maintenance noted.
- Noted village WhatsApp is available.

[One member of public left the meeting]

- 17. Apologies for Absence:** No apologies from members. L Chinnock, Avon & Somerset Police; T Killen, Mendip District Council and M Pullen, Somerset County Council sent apologies.
- 18. Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs D Collier and G Butterell declared an interest in item 27.b.
- 19. Exclusion of the Press and Public:** There were no exclusions from Press and Public.
- 20. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**  
**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of 5 January 2022. Approved and signed as a true record.
- 21. Co-option:** No applications were received for co-option to Council.
- 22. Reports:**
  - a. Somerset County Council:** Report noted.
  - b. Mendip District Council:** No Report.
  - c. Avon & Somerset Police:**
    - [17/01/22 Road Traffic Collision- Plummers Lane. We have also received a report from a member of the public in regards to witnessing motor cross style bikes being used on the footpaths within Stockhill Woods, the person reporting tried to get registration plate details but said that there was not any on the bikes.  
We will continue to patrol the area and provide a visible presence.]
- 23. Clerk's Report:**
  - a. To consider 6-weekly meeting :**  
**Resolved:** To consider dates of provisional meetings at March Full Council as well as an Environment Committee. Approved.
- 24. Update on Unitary Authority:** The Clerk provided a verbal report.
- 25. Consultation / Website:**
  - a. Update on draft Priddy Parish Consultation:**  
**Resolved:** To hold a consultation event in the Village Hall, mid March.  
Noted Cllr Phippen is continuing to work on the new website.
- 26. Traffic Calming Advisory Group:** The report is being updated. A meeting is to be called to organise speed posters competition.
- 27. Matters Brought by Members of the Public**
  - a. Nine Barrows Lane triangle** – Cllr Thompson will write to Somerset County Council Chief Engineer on this and other matters – to be brought to Full Council when advised.
  - b. New Inn** – Council does not have power to resolve any actions until such time as an application or pre-application is submitted.  
**Resolved:** Cllr Collier will contact owner to email clerk in order to arrange a meeting. Approved.
  - c. Venue for Phone Box books**  
**Resolved:** Cllrs Dyke & Phippen to investigate church and dedicated library box by bus shelter.  
Approved.
  - d. Nine Barrows Lane** – Development of land to North side.  
**Resolved:** This item is part of the tree plan. Approved.
  - e. Muddy access to the Post Box** – see item 27.a.

**28. Queen's Platinum Jubilee:**

- a. **Beacon event:** 2 June - Cllrs Phippen & Thompson will meet with Westbury sub Mendip Chair to discuss before next Full Council. The Queen Victoria Inn will help with refreshments.
- b. **Jubilee event:** Noted a Royal Run for Hospice will be held Friday 3 June. Saturday 4 June a Fete to be held on the Green with community groups and bar. Sunday 5 June a Big Lunch will be held with a marquee on the Green with provisions for children.  
Noted a grant has been applied for from SALC.

**29. Environmental Initiatives and Maintenance**

- a. **Update on access point to Deer Leap car park:** Noted Council is awaiting feedback from AONB. A parishioner has offered a height barrier more in keeping with the AONB.
- b. **Tree planting** – Noted new position on Green for a Field Maple. Discussion regarding jubilee/memorial benches / plaques and round bench referred to March Full Council.
- c. **Strimming and mowing: Resolved:** To extend contract to 2025. Approved. Contract to be advertised before the Monday 28 February with poster on board; on website; Facebook and email. Strimming contract to be sent to current contractor.
- d. **Hurdle Stack:** Cllr Phippen will ask another thatcher to quote.  
**Resolved:** To agree quote of up to £600. Approved.

**30. Finance and Budget Review**

- a. **VAT refund:** Noted £339.68 to be claimed once HMRC approve Clerk access.
- b. **Payments:** Salary & expenses; £57 SLCC membership; £90 Village Hall hire; £120 Shift Design – logo; £265.58 Krystal website hosting.  
**Resolved:** To approve payments listed in Item 30.b. Approved.
- c. **NatWest:** Cllr Dyke reported that the application for Clerk access had been completed.

**31. Planning Applications**

- a. **Mendip District Council Planning Consultation:** PPC has no objections to the consultation and is happy to see such sustainable measures – look forward to delivery.
- b. **2022/0069/FUL** – Concreting existing hardcore area adjacent to agricultural buildings to manage water run-off Butts Quarry Farm.  
**Resolved:** To offer No Objection to 2022/0064/FUL. Approved.  
Noted 2022/0024/OUT is withdrawn.

**32. Policy Review**

- a. **Resolved:** To adopt PPC updated Standing Orders. Approved.  
Noted the first meeting after the 5 May '22 elections will be held 11 May. Noted Document Retention scheme to be implemented.
- b. **Resolved:** To adopt SLCC Document Retention policy. Approved.
- c. **Resolved:** To approve review of PPC Village Green Statement. Approved. Noted wording of statements on website regarding Village Green to be reviewed at next meeting.

**33. Matters of Report**

- a. Noted Lower Green wall damage requiring repair at Village Green.
- b. Items to be added to enquiry with SCC Chief Engineer – removal from SatNav of Nine Barrows Lane
- c. Noted new 5.5km trail is being laid by Yeo Valley, through funding from Farming in Protected Landscapes, which connects Priddy, Nordrach and Charterhouse. This was asked for by PPC so Council is very pleased to see progress.

**Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 2 March 2022, 7pm**

**ACTIONS**

Item 23.a. Prepare provisional meeting dates for March meeting	Clerk
Item 27.a. Write to Chief Engineer with list of issues	CLlr Thompson
Item 27.b. Contact owner of New Inn	CLlr Collier
Item 27.b. Investigate book library sites	CLlrs Dyke & Phippen
Item 29.d. Seek further thatch quote	CLlr Phippen