



Priddy Parish Council

Minutes of Priddy Parish Council
held on **Wednesday 1 June 2022**
at **7:00pm** in Priddy Village Hall

Present: Cllrs C Dyke; R Thompson; D Collier; M Dodd.

In attendance: G Pettitt (Parish Clerk); Cllr Edric Hobbs.

Public Forum: No members of the public present.

91. Apologies for Absence and to consider the reasons given

Apologies were received from Cllrs Phippen and Barberet, also from Cllr Killen & L Chinnock (A&S Police)

RESOLVED: To approve reasons for absence from Cllrs Phippen and Barberet. Approved.

92. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest received. Noted that all Councillors are required to complete and return their Declaration of Registrable Interests to Mendip District Council by 2 June.

93. Exclusion of the Press and Public – No items required exclusion of Press & Public.

94. Minutes of previous meeting – Noted date of last meeting was 11 May '22 not 6 April as in draft.

RESOLVED: To approve and sign the Minutes of 11 May 2022. Approved

95. Reports

a) Somerset County Council – Cllr Hobbs sits on the Planning; Quarry Advisory; Policy & Scrutiny; and Highways Committees.

Cllr Hobbs reported he had met with Transport and Highways in the parish looking at hedges and road markings. Considering changing the Give Way sign to a Stop sign at Hunters crossroads, to redo road markings and cut hedges back further. Cllr Collier will forward the TCAG report to Cllr Hobbs. Cllr Hobbs is also looking at different ways of providing public transport to the parish.

Cllr Hobbs was asked to ensure SCC considers the in-depth reports from previous years; and to establish the next stages of any SCC improvements and to report back to Priddy Parish Council.

b) Mendip District Council – no report.

c) Avon & Somerset Police – no report.

96. Update on Unitary Authority – Noted that all new councillors to Somerset will remain as Unitary Authority, Somerset Councillors during and after the transition. Noted that Adult and Social Care accounts for half of the council's budget, councillors are looking at how the council will honour the pledged £18m savings.

97. Consultation/website – Consideration of consultation data deferred until all data returned.

Noted it is hoped the website can move to one site rather than to run two. Cllr Dodd offered to support Cllr Phippen.

98. Events

a) Fitness on Green Bootcamp:

RESOLVED: To approve the running of the bootcamp for four months and to review at September Council. Approved.

b) Notified Summer events:

- **RESOLVED:** To approve the holding of Somerton Classic MCC trials at Lower Pitts Farm. Approved.
- **RESOLVED:** To approve the holding of the Mike Peachey trials at Ubley. Approved.
- **Cheddar Road Race** – noted marshals are needed.
- Noted **Great Weston Road Race** of 17 July.

99. Queen's Platinum Jubilee: All preparations are in place. Thanks to Cllr Phippen for all the work she has put in to this.

100. Highway Matters: Cllr Thompson reported that she is researching ownership of various pockets of land.

RESOLVED: To approve up to £30 towards Land Registry searches. Approved.

Cllr Collier reported children's road signs are ready to be printed.

Nine Barrows Triangle continues to be damaged by lorries turning. Clerk to look into the situation.

101. Environmental initiatives and maintenance:

a) **Environment Working Group (EWG)** - Noted this is a large subject area. **RESOLVED:** To add 'The Council recognises that the scope of activities is potentially extensive. These will be refined in light of the investigation

delivered by the EWG and agreed by Council no later than September 2022. 'Priorities will be based upon budgetary requirements and consultation results. If new opportunities arise, they will be brought to Council. Approved. The EWG will firm up the Terms of Reference and bring to Full Council.

b) Appointment of members to the EWG – RESOLVED: To appoint all members initially to the EWG, subject to confirmation at the first meeting. Approved.

c) Rewilding Mendip – Noted this initiative does not apply - no Mendip District Council land in the parish.

d) Actions arising from asset inspection:

- **Sheep fair signs** – some 10 or 12 signs will be kept. Fencing and hurdles are written off.
- **Bye law signs** – these are in the New Inn noticeboard which has no key. Cllr Dyke will find substitute.
- **Phone box** – Cllr Dodd will talk with member of public who has some materials.
- **Bus stop** – Cllr Dodd will revarnish the notice board at the bus stop.
- **Memorial bench** – To be purchased subject to budget review at end of first quarter.
- **Fountain Cottage noticeboard** – Cllr Dyke will enquire of member of public.
- Noted it may be useful to have a council contractor for small works. Cllr Dyke to send Clerk suggestion.
- **Roadside boundary stones** – deferred.

e) Priddy litterpick – RESOLVED: To approve litterpick to be held 3 July: meet 10am on the Green. Approved.

Cllr Thompson will contact Cllr Killen for MDC equipment. Notice to be placed in the Pew – Cllr Thompson, and Facebook. Cllr Collier will provide Hi Viz jackets.

102. New Premises license: RESOLVED: To approve new premises license for Arctangent Festival, Fernhill Farm, Compton Martin. Approved.

103. Planning Applications

a) 2022/0892/CLE: Application for a certificate of lawful existing development for breach of condition for agricultural tie. Dursdon Drove Farm, Dursdon Drove, Rookham.

RESOLVED: To offer No Objection to application 2022/0892/CLE. Approved.

Noted Council concerned at potential of removing agricultural ties due to lapse of time. Cllr Thompson will request list of agricultural ties in the parish.

104. RFO report:

a) Statement of account 2021/22: RESOLVED: To approve the statement of account 2021/22. Approved.

b) Bank reconciliation: RESOLVED: To approve the bank reconciliation to 20 May 2022. Approved.

c) Clerk hours of work: [The Clerk left the room.] **RESOLVED:** To increase Clerk hours of work to 8 hours per week from 1 June '22 and to approve an extra 32 hours up to August '22 to cover backlog accrued due to changes of clerk prior to September '21. Approved. [The Clerk returned.]

d) Payments: RESOLVED: To approve Vocalist/Band hire deposit £200; HMRC fine £100; Salary Mth 2 £184.18; Mangled Wortzels £400. Approved.

105. Footpath Review: Deferred to next meeting.

106. Councillor biographies and photographs on the website: RESOLVED: To not approve Councillor photographs on the website. Approved.

RESOLVED: That Councillors produce 100-150 word biographies for the website. Approved.

107. Matters of report

a) Noted The Pew cites a former Chair as Emergency Officer. Clerk tasked with sourcing the Emergency Plan. Emergency Officer to be appointed at next meeting.

b) Pincross – Clerk to contact residents re access to Right of Way.

c) Noted 6ft border of green should not be mown. Some grass has been sprayed – Cllr Collier will contact resident. EWG may consider spraying policy / consider wildflower planting on borders.

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 20 July 2022, 7pm

Note an interim meeting will be called before the end of June to approve the AGAR.

Signed

Dated

Actions

95a.SCC report	Forward TCAG report to Cllr Hobbs	Cllr Collier
97. Website	Offer of support	Cllr Dodd
100. Highway Matters	Up to £30 towards land registry searches	Cllr Thompson
101d. New Inn noticeboard Phone box Bus stop noticeboard Fountain Cottage noticeboard Contractor for small works	Source substitute key Talk with member of public with maintenance materials To be revarnished To enquire on maintenance Contact details to Clerk	Cllr Dyke Cllr Dodd Cllr Dodd Cllr Dyke Cllr Dyke
101e. Priddy litterpick	MDC for equipment Hi Viz jackets Notice for the Pew	Cllr Thompson Cllr Collier Cllr Thompson
106. Biographies	To produce 100-150 word biography for website	All Councillors
107. Matters of report	Contact resident re spraying	Cllr Collier