



Priddy Parish Council

Minutes of Priddy Parish Council
held on **Wednesday 20 July 2022**
at **7:00pm** in Priddy Village Hall

Present: Cllrs C Dyke; D Collier; M Dodd; V Barbaret.

In attendance: G Pettitt (Parish Clerk); Cllr T Robbins (SCC)

Public Forum: No members of the public present.

112. Apologies for Absence and to consider the reasons given

Apologies were received from Cllr Thompson.

RESOLVED: To approve reasons for absence from Cllrs Thompson. Approved.

Cllr Phippen was absent.

113. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest received.

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

115. Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: To approve and sign the minutes of 1 & 27 June 2022. Approved.

116. Reports

a) **Somerset County Council:** Cllr Robbins reported that Cost of Living and Climate Emergency motions had been approved by Full Council and had agreed to increase communications with parishes. He will send through the minutes of the meeting. The new CEO for County Council has been ratified and will start in October. He noted that there would be a meeting in Wells in September regarding Local Community Networks. Cllr Robbins is a member of the Adult and Social Care, and HR Committees.

b) **Mendip District Council:** No report.

c) **Avon & Somerset Police:** No report. Clerk will contact Leanne Chinnock.

117. Update on Unitary Authority Cllr Collier reported on meetings that Doultong Parish Council have been arranging for rural Parish Councils to discuss their response to the Unitary arrangements. Cllrs Collier and Dodd expressed an interest in learning more.

118. Consultation / Website

a) **Update on website** - no update. Cllr Dodd will contact Cllr Phippen.

b) **SALC Community Review – RESOLVED:** To register an interest in participating in the SALC supported Community Review in order to start producing a Parish Plan. Approved.

119. Events – Councillors reported that the Platinum Jubilee weekend went very well despite the weather not being the best. Many members of the community put a lot of work into making it a success. Council thanks them all and especially Cllr Phippen who put a great deal of time into co-ordinating and organising events.

120. Highway matters – Report back on ascertaining land ownership around the parish deferred.

121. Environmental initiatives and maintenance

a) **Feedback from the EWG meeting and Terms of Reference** - The EWG has not met. Meeting to be convened by Cllr Thompson.

b) **Membership of EWG** – deferred.

c) **Asset management:**

- **Key to New Inn noticeboard** – Noted Cllr Dodd now has the master key;
- **Phone box and bus stop maintenance** – Cllr Dodd the paint and materials & will maintain in due course;
- **Fountain Cottage noticeboard & roadside boundary stones** – Cllr Dyke reported that members of the public have kindly volunteered to maintain the noticeboard. Cllr Dyke had discussed with a local contractor who will repaint the three boundary stones at £50 per stone;

RESOLVED: To approve that the work go ahead subject to the contractor's confirmation of the works. Approved.

- **Council contractor – RESOLVED:** To approve to seek three contractors to be approached for an hourly quote for jobs of up to £250. Approved. Cllrs will send the Clerk contact details of potential contractors.

d) **Priddy '22 Litter pick** – Cllrs reported on the Litter pick. A small group picked up a fair amount of rubbish. Noted that the amount has reduced. Agreed that it is preferable to hold the litter pick in Spring.

122. Planning Applications

a) 2022/1129/FUL – Erection of a 3-bay detached garage. The Old Rectory, School Hill.

RESOLVED: To offer no comment to planning application 2022/1129/FUL. Approved.

b) 2022/1113/HSE – Erection of single storey side extension, erection of a two-storey rear extension, erection of a double garage and internal alterations to the 1st floor. Conversion of an existing building to an annex. Home Farm, Nordrach Lane.

RESOLVED: To offer no comment to planning application 2022/1113/HSE. Approved.

c) 2022/1045/FUL – Extension to agricultural building to roof over yard and hay barn. Dale Farm, Dale Lane.

RESOLVED: No Objection to extension to existing Agricultural building subject to there being no additional impact through lighting.

Objection to the proposed Hay Barn which will have a negative impact on the open landscape. It is outside the existing development footprint. There is concern that this is expansion of an already intensive farm which is detrimental to the village and the environment. Council already has negative feedback from residents about light, noise and traffic disruption. Approved.

123. Finance

a) **Bank Reconciliation** to 30 June 2022.

RESOLVED: To approve the bank reconciliation to 30 June 2022. Approved.

b) **Budget Review to 30 June 2022 and Donations to charitable groups.** Cllrs discussed the possibility of helping parishioners in financial hardship through donations to local charities. Cllr Dodd will contact the John Plummer Trust and Cllr Collier the Priddy Friendly Society to discover if their funds can be targeted.

RESOLVED: To reduce the allocation of £5,000 to election expenses to £100. (The election was not contested so large costs will not be incurred.) To increase the reserves allocation to TCAG to £8,000 to allow for more improvements such as signage for Quiet Lanes. Approved.

Cllr Dyke reported on a bench @ £460 that could be considered for the War memorial bench on Top Green. Options on use of Wayleave funds were discussed, including a play area for Top Green – Cllr Dyke will explore options – and considerations from the EWG and TCAG working groups. Costed proposals and benefits to be brought to the next meeting.

c) **Payments – RESOLVED:** To approved the tabled payments and additional payments of £90 for Village Hall rental and £400 for Village Green mowing and strimming. Approved.

Narrative	Amount
PAYE to June 2022	127.48
Vocalist / Band Hire final	550.00
Jubilee facilities	366.00
New Website Remainder owed chq 982	52.40
Internal Audit	80.00
Mth 3 salary	334.04
Mth 3 expenses	25.65

124. Rights of Way Review – Council wishes to thank the member of the public who has put so much work into this review. Noted that stiles are being replaced across the county with metal gates. Cllr Dodd will identify all stiles mentioned in the report that may be alerted to SCC. Cllr Dyke will identify minor works that may be accomplished.

125. Matters of Report

- An enforcement issue has arisen. Cllr Dodd will contact the Enforcement Officer.
- Some verges have growth that may be impeding vehicular visibility. Cllr Barbaret will inform Highways.
- EWG is asked to discuss the set-aside edges of the green that now have high growth.

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 31 August 2022, 7pm

Signed

Dated