



Priddy Parish Council

Minutes of Priddy Parish Council

Held on 8 November 2023

At 7:00pm at Priddy Village Hall

Present: Cllrs M Dodd; D Collier; V Barberet.

In attendance: G Pettitt (Parish Clerk) Cllr E Hobbs (Somerset Council, (SC)). Seven members of the public.

- Public Forum**
- Event held at Stockhill Woods 22/23 October was antisocial, damaged security and required clearance litter and deposits. Measures were suggested to mitigate against this. Better communication channels needed with emergency services and Forestry England. A meeting will be held with residents and authorities. Council will be informed of when this meeting will take place.

108. Apologies for Absence and to consider the reasons given

RESOLVED: To accept apologies and reasons for absence from Cllrs Dyke and Storrie, (out of parish), and Cllr Thompson, (illness). Approved.
Apologies also received from SC Cllr T Robbins

109. Co-option: Jen Clements introduced herself as candidate for co-option to council.

RESOLVED: To approve co-option of Jen Clements to Priddy Parish Council. Approved.
The Declaration of Acceptance was signed by Jen Clements and the Proper Officer.

110. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Barberet and Collins declared an interest in item 120 - Priddy Folk Festival.

111. Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED: To exclude item 125 - quotes from the Press and Public. Approved.

112. Chair’s Announcements - none

113. Minutes of previous meeting -

RESOLVED: - To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of Priddy Parish Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 11 October 2023. Approved.

114. Reports - To receive reports in person or in writing from:

- a. Somerset Council - Noted

115. Actions from previous meeting not otherwise on the agenda - A list of Asset

Management outstanding works will be provided at the next meeting. The mowing of the triangle will take place once machine repaired.

Cllr Dodd

116. Planning - No planning consultations received.

117. Finance

- a. Noted that the switch to Unity Trust Bank has now been achieved
- b. Receipts were noted.

Priddy Parish Council Receipts 2022-23				
13-Oct-23	Implement sale	500.00		
Total		13,320.55		

c. Payments were noted.

Date	Narrative	Ex VAT	VAT	Total
Balance b/f				£57,855.75
	Command mounting strips	11.97	2.39	14.36
	Mowing and strimming Sept	90.00		90.00
	Correx water pump sign	15.00	3.00	18.00
	Salary Mth 7	352.91		352.91
14-Dec-23	ICO Register	35.00		35.00

d. The Information Commissioner’s Office Direct Debit was signed.

118. Rave at Stockhill Woods - Noted representations above in the Public Forum.

RESOLVED: That Priddy Parish Cllrs will attend the meeting with residents, Mendip Hills AONB, Forestry England and police to discuss security, protocol, and communication channels emergency services. Chewton Mendip Parish Council will be liaised with. Approved.

119. **Efficiency of meetings proposal**
RESOLVED: To approve the revised Efficiency of Meetings proposal. Approved.
a. **To consider and approve, (or not), returning to 6-weekly meetings.** Deferred.
120. **Priddy Folk Festival -**
a. **Update on Priddy Folk Festival application** - Noted that £2,000 support towards Nine Barrows triangle was approved and the grant has been received. Playground application will be considered once plans are further forward.
b. **Request for Priddy Folk Festival 2024**
RESOLVED: To approve 12, 13 & 14 July 2024 for Priddy Folk Festival. Approved.
121. **Hunt opening meet** - Noted this was held on Saturday 4 November
a. **Revised Risk Assessment** - The Hunt Secretary noted that he would be revising further, with prioritised actions, before the December meet. Council noted that the Risk Assessment does not record the number of stewards and that stewards need to be briefed, easily identified and numbered. Need signs asking for dogs to be kept on leads. Clerk
122. **Working Groups - To receive reports from:**
a. **Traffic Calming Advisory Group** - Noted that 3 priorities, Hunters, gateways and Pincross. £25,000 was estimated for coloured tarmac surfacing. Gateways works can go ahead. Works to the Pincross bend will be subject to budget.
b. **Environment Working Group** - Noted that, once Cllr Clements settles in, she may take on chairing the Environment Working Group.
c. **Play Ground Working Group** - A letter has been sent to the owner of the sports field regarding upgrading the goal posts. The Mendip Hills Fund will consider contributing to playground installation if Council resolves to match fund. Clerk
RESOLVED: To approve up to £15,000 from Council earmarked reserves to match fund playground works. Approved.
A meeting will take place with SALC next week to discuss its criteria for funding.
d. **Rights of Way** - Deferred.
123. **Asset Management**
a. **Dredging of Priddy Pool** - Priddy Pool is not eligible for funding from Mendip Hills Fund. Clerk to chase contractors and also ask Turners of Mudgley. Clerk
b. Update on moving Nordrach noticeboard posts and board repairs. Deferred Clerk
c. Update on Fountain repairs. The sign for the fountain has arrived. Cllr Collier will put in place. Follow on works will be listed at next meeting. Cllr Collier
d. Update on Nine Barrows Triangle damage - Cllr Dodd has written to SC Highways to ask for a meeting? Mendip Hills Fund could consider an application to fund the Nine Barrows triangle works.
e. Fingerpost repair schedule - deferred
124. **Policies**
a. **RESOLVED:** To adopt the Grant Policy and Application form with amendments. Approved.
b. **RESOLVED:** To adopt the review of the Publication Scheme. Approved.
c. **RESOLVED:** To adopt the review of the Equality and Diversity Policy with amendments. Approved.
125. **Council email and website package**
RESOLVED: To approve migration of web hosting, email provision, and .gov.uk domain Parish Online @ £315.00 excl. VAT per annum subject to input from Cllr Storrie. Approved.
126. **Report on Energy Efficiency and Transport training** - Deferred to January meeting.
127. **Report on the new biodiversity conservation duty for Parish Councils** - noted that the deadline for this is April 2024 and will be brought to future meetings.
a. Noted that the Planning, Development and Nature Recovery in the Mendip Hills training from Mendip Hills AONB will be held 9 October.
128. **Matters of Report**
a. **Responsibility for the Village Hall/School grit bin and potholes** to be researched.
b. **Items for Pew magazine** - Cllr Collier will provide request to record near misses at Hunters crossroads.
c. **Yeo Valley** - Cllr Dodd will invite to the January meeting to discuss Planning appl. Clerk

Date of Next Meeting: 13 December 2023, 7pm, Priddy Village Hall