



Priddy Parish Council
Minutes of Priddy Parish Council
Held on 8 May 2024
At 7:00pm at Priddy Village Hall

Present: Cllrs M Dodd; R Thompson; J Clements; B Storrie; V Barberet; D Collier.

Public Forum – A parishioner has raised the issue of verge erosion on Pelting Drive due to contractor farm vehicles passing each other. An email is in the inbox about this and will be responded to as soon as we can get to it.

1. Appointment of Chair – Cllr Mike Dodd was nominated and returned unopposed as Chair for the coming year.
2. Appointment of Vice Chair – Cllr Rachel Thompson was nominated and returned unopposed as vice chair for the coming year
3. Acceptance of Office – The official forms for acceptance of office were not available so will be signed at the next opportunity
4. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr C Dyke and were approved by the council
5. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Barberet declared that she was a good friend of the Cambridges, the applicants on two items of planning. The Chair accepted that the relationship would not be prejudicial so Cllr Barbaret would still be able participate in that agenda item.
6. Exclusion of the Press and Public – None required
7. Chair's Announcements – None
8. Minutes of previous meeting. – Draft minutes have been produced for the last two meetings but have not been formatted with the correct numeration for approval yet due to the ongoing absence of the Clerk. We also have no notes from the last meeting attended by the clerk in March. Councillors will try to reconstruct the minutes for the march meeting from their own notes and update the draft minutes so that they can all be approved at the next meeting.
9. External Reports. None were received before the meeting.
10. To confirm acceptance of existing Terms of Reference for and membership of:
 - a) Traffic Calming Advisory Group
 - b) Playground Working Group
 - c) Environment Working GroupAll Approved
11. Actions from Previous meeting not otherwise on the agenda – None
12. a) Planning for the continued absence of Parish Clerk – Parish Clerk is likely to remain on sick leave for at least another month. Laptop and passwords are now with the Chairman. It has become clear that the filing architecture is not well organised with some files on Hard disc, some on G Drive and some on One Drive.

Councillors agreed three Priorities:

P1 - Finances – Currently no outstanding payments, or pressing issues.

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P2 - Architecture – Cllrs Dodd and Storrie to meet this week to review what they can and agree next steps

P3 - Website – Is not currently being updated. Cllrs Dodd and Storrie to confirm passwords and access. Cllr Barbaret offered to do updates once this is resolved.

Cllr Dodd is investigating implications of continuing sick leave for clerk, such as sick pay, additional temporary support, etc

b) PO Box – current postal address for the Parish council is clerk's old address. Proposed and accepted to move the postal address to the Village Hall and to put in place a dedicated post box for the parish council.

13. Updating Website – Covered under 12

14. Reviewing Planning Applications

2022/1113/HSE – Voted unanimously to leave to decision by Planning Officer with no comment

2024/0619/FUL – There is some debate about whether this barn is in the curtilage of Snowberry House, but it was agreed that this was not relevant to our opinion on the planning application. Voted by majority to leave to decision of Planning Officer with no comment.

2024/0602/FUL – Voted unanimously to support planning application

2024/0592/CLP – Voted unanimously to support planning application.

15. Finance Update – No reports available due to absence of Clerk. No bills outstanding

16. Stockhill Raves update – Rural LCN meeting held in Godney on 30/4 discussed the matter and a further meeting with Somerset Cllrs Hobbs and Munt and Priddy Cllr Dodd with Forestry and Police is being arranged.

17. Matters of Report

a) Cllr Collier reported that he attended the Rural LCN Highways and traffic Subgroup meeting. We have received updates on roadworks being held in and around the Parish and should have ongoing access to this information. Also opened communication with Gary Warren, Service Manager for Traffic Engineering about the Traffic Calming requests from Priddy.

b) Cllr Collier also reported that the School Children traffic calming signs have been selected and will be printed on Correx for putting round the village. We also need to get Amazon vouchers for the chosen posters. When posters arrive, they will be put up.

c) Cllr Clements reported a useful meeting with Green Wedmore attended by several Priddy Councillors. As a direct result Cllr Clements is investigating possible routes to starting community led not for profits solar farm for Priddy and a domestic solar panel installation partnership.

d) Cllr Clements reported that she has met with John Dixon to agree a plan for the maintenance of the Priddy Pool in Nine Barrows Lane. Detailed proposal to be brought to next meeting

e) Cllr Clements reported a meeting with Tim ^{Haselden} ~~Haselden~~ (is name correct?) to agree a plan for the Townsend Pool, possible costs and possible funding sources (estimated costs of £5k). Plan

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Attend Hills

f) Cllr Clements reported that wildflower area in Churchyard will be cut to correct length next week.

g) Cllr Clements reported upcoming events of working party on Sunday 12/5 and Environment Group Working Party meeting on 13/5 7pm Vic

h) Cllr Thompson reported that an alternative suggestion for location of Playground has been suggested as on the main green.

List of Actions from this meeting:

Responsible	Action	By When
Cllrs Dodd and Storrie	12. a) P2 to meet this week to review what they can and agree next steps	17/5
Cllrs Dodd, Storrie, Barbaret	12. a) P3 to confirm passwords and access. Cllr Barbaret offered to do updates once this is resolved.	12/6
Cllr Dodd	12. a) investigating implications of continuing sick leave for clerk, such as sick pay, additional temporary support, etc	12/6
Cllr Dodd and Collier	12. b) move the postal address to the Village Hall and to put in place a dedicated post box for the parish council.	12/6
Cllr Dodd	16. attending meeting with Somerset Cllrs Hobbs and Munt with Forrestry and Police	12/6 for update
Cllr Collier	17. b) Selected School Children traffic calming signs to be printed on Correx for putting round the village. We also need to get Amazon vouchers for the chosen posters. When posters arrive they will be put up.	12/6
Cllr Clements	17. c) investigating possible routes to starting community led not for profits solar farm for Priddy and a domestic solar panel installation partnership.	12/6 for update
Cllr Clements	17. d) a plan for the maintenance of the Priddy Pool in Nine Barrows Lane. Detailed proposal to be brought to next meeting	12/6
Cllr Clements	17. e) a plan for the Townsend Pool, possible costs and possible funding sources (estimated costs of £5k). Plan also includes ongoing maintenance by National Landscapes (?). Project plan to be brought to council when ready.	12/6 for update

Date of Next Meetings: 12th June 2024, 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting, Priddy Village Hall

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Richard Thompson