



Priddy Parish Council

Minutes of Priddy Parish Council Held on 14 February 2024 At 7:00pm at Priddy Village Hall

Present: Cllrs M Dodd; V Barberet; R Thompson; Jen Clements; D Collier; C Dyke.
In attendance: G Pettitt (Parish Clerk); one member of the public; Cllr Edric Hobbs (SC).
Public Forum - There were no questions from the public.

166.	Apologies for Absence and to consider the reasons given Cllr Storrie gave his apologies. RESOLVED: To approve Cllr Storrie's apologies and reason given due to work. Approved.	
167.	Declarations of Interest - there were no declarations of interest.	
168.	Chair's Announcements - None	
169.	Minutes of previous meeting RESOLVED: To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of Priddy Parish Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 24 January 2024. Approved	
170.	External Reports a. Somerset Council - Cllr Hobbs is addressing water outages which are ongoing. He spoke against planned closure of Cheddar Gorge - there would be too many walkers, vehicles would take detours through Westbury and Draycott causing deterioration of traffic calming in Priddy also. The first consultation is published for speed reduction to 40mph at the Miners Arms. Stockhill Woods security has been removed by arborists and the gate has been left open. He noted the work done to help toads crossroads at the Miners Arms and Stockhill Woods - it is a big migration site for frogs, toads and newts. Stones on the verge at Moorview have been reported to SC Report a Problem on the Road. b. Avon and Somerset Police - Letter received asking for information on effects of Glastonbury Festival traffic - tail backs tend to be caused by traffic passing through via Burrington Coombe through to the Old Bristol Road - suggest diversion at the Miners Arms.	
171.	Actions from Previous Meeting not otherwise on the Agenda Cllr Dodd will create an action list. Cllr Dodd will be writing to the Planning Department regarding notices. Discussion regarding vehicle seen parked with people wearing balaclavas observing hunt movements on Wednesdays and Thursdays at around 10am. Cllr Collier questioned their dress, particularly whilst being parked close to the primary school; he was told they are worn for their own safety.	Cllr Dodd
172.	Planning a. To note site visit to the New Inn - Cllrs were generally supportive of the application, which will add holiday lets, small accommodation units and employment opportunities. The idea to have a bakery / café was liked; evening facilities will complement rather than compete with existing nearby venues. b. 2024/0100/HSE - RESOLVED: To support application 2024/0100/HSE. Material Consideration 3 - This is a good modernisation of an existing property that improves energy efficiency and creates no traffic issues. Approved.	
173.	Environment Working Group a. RESOLVED: To approve the Natural Environment and Biodiversity Policy with some typographical changes and to add 'development should be within the boundary of the development zone'. Approved b. RESOLVED: To approve the first draft of the Local Climate and Nature Action Plan with amendments to item 4 'liaise with community groups' and item 7 'Protect the rural character of the area'. Approved. Noted that the documents will be placed in the Cllr shared folder.	Cllr Clements Clerk
174.	Finance Payments Parish Online Website £315.00; Salary Mths 9 & 10 £761.54; Krystal Hosting £121.99; PAYE 327.20; SALC Portfolio training - shared £150.00 - Noted	

<p>175. Playground - Response to application to the Mendip Fund for support to the Playground installation that suggested application for Planning Permission be sought was noted. The Clerk will discuss with the planning officer. A Facebook post and article in Pew to be placed suggesting siting of the playground and calling for feedback and alternative ideas if the proposed site is not desired.</p>	<p>Clerk Cllr Barberet</p>
<p>176. Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Litter Picking March/April - RESOLVED: The litter pick will be held 17 March. Approved. Noted that a disclaimer and Risk Assessment are needed for this and the 21 April wildflower verge maintenance. b. Hunt Boxing Day meet - email from Mendip Sabs noted. Cllrs generally felt the comments on the Risk Assessment were reasonable - stewards were not easily identified or numbered. The email will be used when next considering the Mendip Hunt Risk Assessment. c. 2024 Annual Parish Meeting - To be held 24 April, will focus upon the New Inn development, the Playground and Environment Working Group. Cllr Dodd will outline ideas. d. Update on Stockhill Woods Rave and multi-disciplinary meeting - Cllr Dodd will discuss way forward with Cllr Hobbs to arrange meeting with Forestry England and Police. 	
<p>177. East Harptree Road Traffic Incident - Cllrs would like to share cost of repairs carried out by a member of the public. Costs to be taken from General Reserves. Resolved: To approve negotiation of payment towards costs of repair to road at East Harptree to a maximum of £400. Approved</p>	
<p>178. Priddy Water Outages - A member of the public has copied the council in to numerous letters to Bristol Water. The reservoir has been decommissioned so water is now pumped up to the Mendip Hills. The pumps often fail. As the system is fundamentally flawed options include to revert to a reservoir or to improve the currently adopted methods. Progress was noted and the Council support the complaints to Bristol Water.</p>	
<p>179. Bridleway - To discuss clearance and biodiversity of bridleway from Broad Road, B3134, to the wireless mast. Noted that this is actually a Restricted Byway, not a Bridleway. Cllr Thompson will check with Mendip Hills National Landscape.</p>	<p>Cllr Thompson</p>
<p>180. Matters of Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Article in Pew - Annual Parish Meeting. b. Answer to letter regarding upgrading the goal posts in the school field to be pursued. c. Noted that there have been 4 near misses in the last two days. d. Discussion of gateways - potentially including any of walls, fences and surface dressing. e. Foxes - noted that urban foxes are being released on the Mendip Hills. f. Badger carcass near the school - to be reported to SC. g. Village Green soakaway - will leave until the rain stops, then will cover with top soil. 	<p>Clerk Clerk</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting: 13 March 2024, Priddy Village Hall</p>	