



## Priddy Parish Council

Minutes of Priddy Parish Council

Held on 13 March 2024

At 7:00pm at Priddy Village Hall

Present: Cllrs V Barberet; R Thompson; J Clements; B Storrie; D Collier; C Dyke.

Public Forum – Regarding item 188, planning application 2024/0307/FUL: Members of the public spoke to the application explaining their position and asking council to support the application.

181. Apologies for Absence were received from Councilor Dodd and were approved by the council

182. Declarations of Interest – Councilor Collier pointed out that he was chair of the Priddy Folk Festival and that the festival had an interest in item 188. the planning application for the New Inn. It was agreed this was not a prejudicial interest so councilor Collier could still participate in the debate and votes on the matter.

183. Chair's Announcements - None

184. Minutes of previous meeting. None were available to approve

185. External Reports. None were received before the meeting. Somerset Councilor Edric Hobbs was present and reported on actions being taken to address the raves at Stockhill Woods (following another rave being held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March which is believed to be the fourth in 18 months). Councillor Hobbs has invited the Police to attend the next LCN meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Councillor Hobbs reported that the work to improve the Miners crossroads is expected to start soon. It hopes to let us know exactly when it will start and how long it will take.

186. Actions from previous meeting not on the agenda. None

187. Planning for absence of the Parish Clerk. It is expected that the Parish Clerk is going to be absent for at least one month on sick leave.

Resolved to contact Clerk to confirm if and how we councilors can help the clerk and to get access to email inbox and or the Parish laptop. Also resolved to ensure that an appropriate out of office message be provided on emails redirecting correspondence to the chair and vice chair.

188. Planning application 2024/0307/FUL Change of use of the New Inn public house to form a café/restaurant and provide three dwellings and two holiday lets.

Resolved unanimously to approve the application and provide a statement in support.

189. Events

a. Litter pick will happen at 10:00 am on 17<sup>th</sup> March starting from outside the New Inn. All were encouraged to attend.

b. Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall. The following resolutions were made

- Clr Thompson to invite
  - Russel Sage to share plans for New Inn
  - Mendip Hills National Landscapes (formerly AONB)
  - Yeo Valley for update on plans
- Presentations to be made by councilors on



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- Environment and sustainability actions (Clr Clements)
- Traffic Calming (Clr Collier)
- Proposed Playground (Cllr Barberet)
- All Village organisations to be invited to submit a report for the meeting by 3<sup>rd</sup> April and be invited to attend
  - General invitation to go on Facebook (Clr Collier)
  - School, Friendly Society, Cricket Club (Clr Barberet)
  - Monday Club, History Group, Gardening Club, Dog Training (Clr Dyke)
  - Fernhill Farm (Clr Clements)
- Refreshments to be provided as per previous years (Clr Dyke)
- All councilors invited to a meeting to plan event on 3<sup>rd</sup> April at Queen Vic

c. Other Events – Weed pulling event is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> April. Volunteers welcome

### 190. Matters of Report

- Blocked drain on green not resolved. Contacting Bristol Water
- Pursuing contacts at Wedmore for help with environment work
- Article on environmental work being prepared for Pew
- School have produced children's traffic calming signs for putting round village for summer
- Some confusion over the village website. Only information for the Parish Council currently available, and status of various old domains is unclear.
- It has been suggested that it may make sense to close the far end of Nine Barrows Lane to vehicles.

Date of Next Meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 7:00pm Priddy Village Hall