



Priddy Parish Council

MINUTES

for the Priddy Parish Council meeting

held on 8th April, 2026 at 7 PM in Priddy Village Hall

Present: Cllrs B Storrie (BS) R Thompson MBE (RT), D Collier (DC), M Dodd (MD),
Parish Clerk S Baynes (SB/RFO), 1 Members of the public

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| 159 | Apologies for absence: JC & VB - approved | ALL |
| 160 | Declarations of interest: BS> 165 a) | ALL |
| 161 | Exclusion of public and press <i>from any agenda item under Standing Order 3d), due to the confidential consideration of asset purchase - ref to 171/e</i> | Chair |
| 162 | Adjournment of meeting for public forum: No matters raised | ALL |
| 163 | Minutes of previous meeting(s): RT signed as chaired previous meeting | ALL |
| 164 | P1 Governance (GOV) report | |
| | a) Portfolio groups update: Annual General meeting proposed for the 27 th May - to be confirmed. RT to check hall availability. | ALL |
| | b) Parish clerk update: AGAR email received by Clerk, with help from RT it will be actioned over the next month. PPC acknowledged that LittleJohns audit will not be required as turnover is < £25k | SB |
| | c) Policy review: village greens policy: In progress | RT |
| | d) Parish archives to Somerset Heritage Centre: In progress | RT |
| | e) LCN matters: Calendar invite sent to all councillors | RT |
| | f) Councillor & Clerk training: In progress | ALL |
| | g) Serious crime concerns of local parishioner's/farmers: BS to email the local community officer to thank him for his recent visits to the Green and to request that future dates are shared in advance so the PPC can promote them on social media. | BS/RT |
| | h) Resignation of Councillor – PPC casual vacancy/advertisement of & application process: Clerk to inform Somerset Council's Electoral Services of the vacancy. | ALL/SB |
| | i) Updating Parish Emergency Plan: Clerk to retrieve the 2011 plan for MD to update and action. | MD/SB |
| 165 | P2 Built Environment Group applications & group (BEG) report | ALL |
| | a) Planning Applications <i>Object / support / comment / material considerations: Consideration of planning applications including any arising before the meeting NB Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023: duty to seek to 'further' the statutory purposes of Mendip Hills NL Protected Landscape. Special qualities list circulated.</i> | |

Proposal: Application for Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for the erection of an agriculturally tied workers dwelling.

Location: Land At 354595 155050 West Harptree Road Priddy Cheddar Somerset

Applicant: Steven Burdge

Application Type: Outline Application

Application Number: 2026/0473/OUT

Comments are welcome by 15th April 2026

Priddy Parish Council response: The Parish council SUPPORT the application and feel that there is need for a dwelling on the farm for livestock control and management. Priddy Parish Council's policy is to support the needs of the local rural economy, including farming, to thrive and prosper.

	b) Parish plan: MD to schedule meeting	RT/CD/MD/BS
	c) <u>Topics:</u>	
	i) Village Hall energy efficiency survey: No matters arising to report	JC
	ii) Community Council for Somerset affordable housing needs (Thrive): see b) above	RT/CD/MD/BS
	iii) Issues raised regarding Hastoe Housing/Reeves Paddock: Proposed/resolved to remove this item.	MD/SB
166	P3 Assets and maintenance group (AMG) report:	
	a) Annual inspection for asset register: In progress	DC/MD/ALL
	b) <u>Topics:</u>	
	i) Fountain / TAP: to discuss> a) supply location, b) compliance (if remaining at current location), c) initial costs of compliance / moving, d) annual supply costs: Awaiting Bristol Water's confirmation of adoption costs. Council to work with Priddy Folk Festival, who will fund installation, and Council to take over the account. Proposed and resolved.	All/RT/DC
	ii) Hobb's bench: Awaiting delivery of the bench for installation.	DC/MD
	iii) Greens maintenance: Two tenders were submitted to the Chairman (BS) for Council consideration. Vote taken and carried; applicants to be notified of the outcome.	All/SB
	iv) Vegetation growth damaging the Causeway: Council to seek advice on approaching contractors capable of carrying out the work.	MD/DC/JC
167	P4 Large infrastructure Playground project group (LIG_PG) report:	
	<u>Topics:</u>	
	i) grants (awards for all): No matters arising to report.	VB
	ii) community engagement: No matters arising to report.	VB
	iii) landowner approaches: No matters arising to report.	VB
168	P5 Parish IT & Communications group (COM) report	
	a) <u>Topics:</u>	
	i) website / social media / Pew /ZOHO mail: Mobile police events to be uploaded to the website once details are received.	BS/VB/SB
	ii) Frequency of events / festivals/ Concerns: Advice to be obtained on monitoring events and gathering organiser information for parish updates. BS to action.	BS/DC
169	P6 Environment (green) working group (EWG):	
	a) <u>Topics:</u>	
	i) Eastwater Drove: Reports on the outcome were very positive. RT to ask National Landscapes about sourcing signs to deter unauthorised motorised use.	JC/EWG
	ii) Mineries: Stakeholder meetings (Natural England, landowners, and the Fire Brigade) have taken place since the fire to address future fire-prevention measures. PPC will report outcomes as information becomes available. Fire-prevention planning is ongoing, and PPC will advise accordingly.	JC/EWG
	iii) Septic tanks scheme: Proposed/resolved to remove.	All/JC/EWG
	iv) Village Green Tree matters: MD to confirm cherry tree location, and Clerk to pass details to the applicant.	MD/JC/EWG
	v) Village Green wall boundary: Work in progress.	MD/JC/EWG
	vi) Priddy Pool: EWG to prepare a plan for clearing the drain opposite.	JC/EWG
	vii) Crescent wall proposal: MD to contact Open Spaces Society for advice on locating the wall on the Upper Green.	MD
170	P7 Highways Action Group (HAG) report:	
	a) Local Community Network (LCN) highways/active travel: DC in Meeting last week and will continue to monitor outcome	DC
	b) <u>Topics:</u>	
	i) Speed Indicator Devices: In progress	MD/DC
	ii) Village gateways plan: In progress	MD/DC
	ii) Quiet lane initiative: In progress	MD/DC
	iv) Proposal to install hedgehog road signs on approaches to village: In progress	DC/RT/ALL
	v) Hunters Crossroads current accident rate: DC to continue to monitor	DC/All

- vi) Flooding and potholes on the West Harptree road, update: BS to action and contact highways again **BS**
- 171 **Finance: RFO report, budget & payments:**
- a) Approval of new payments:
- i) DB Gibbons Eastwater Drove Improvements (Part 1) - £9000.00 – Already Paid - approved **ALL/RFO**
 - ii) DB Gibbons Eastwater Drove Improvements (Part 2) - £4080.00 – Already Paid - approved **ALL/RFO**
 - iii) 2 Hours extra Clerk Training (SALC) for Yearend/audit - £26.50 - Approved **MD/RFO**
- b) Expected payments made:
- i) Priddy Village Hall hire for Meetings - £195 Paid - Approved **ALL/RFO**
 - ii) Paid IN from Somerset Council Grant for Eastwater Drove project - £7500.00 - Noted **ALL/RFO**
- c) Rugby & Hinckley Savings account access: All forms have been signed and will be sent this month. **MD/ALL**
- d) Budget Revision: The Eastwater Drove overspend was discussed, and it was proposed and agreed that £1,103.80 (ex VAT) to be allocated to the 2025/26 project fund. It was further proposed that future projects include a financial contingency plan. MD to review governance processes to incorporate contingency planning. **All**
- 1x member of public left
- (note public exclusion) for 171/e**
- e) Purchase of assets (and other matters relating to individuals) – In Progress **ALL**
- 172 **Matters of report:** No matters arising to report **All**

Meeting ended 20:50