



Priddy Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES

for the Priddy Parish Council meeting

held on 8th July 2026 at 7pm in Priddy Village Hall

Present: R Thompson MBE (RT), Cllrs B Storrie (BS), V Barberet (VB), M Dodd (MD), K Rose-Nokes (KRN)
Parish Clerk S Baynes (SB/RFO), 1 Members of the public

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| 036 | Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllr D Collier, Priddy Folk Festival commitments; Cllrs J Clements, Family holiday. RESOLVED: To accept Cllrs Collier, Clements reasons for absence and apologies. Approved’. | ALL |
| 037 | Declarations of interest: None | ALL |
| 038 | Adjournment of meeting for public forum: No matters Raised | ALL |
| 039 | Minutes of previous meeting(s): To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of a Priddy Parish Full Council meeting held on July 8 th 2026. RESOLVED: Approved. | ALL |
| 040 | P1 Governance (GOV) report | |
| | a) Portfolio groups update: No matters to report | ALL |
| | b) Parish Clerk update – Confirmed letters of thanks were sent to suppliers of grants for the Eastwater Drove Project. | SB |
| | c) Policy review - village greens policy: Resolved, RT to finish review by November 2026. Approved. | RT |
| | d) Parish archives to Somerset Heritage Centre: Resolved, RT to finish archives by November 2026. Approved. | RT |
| | e) LCN matters: No matters to report | RT |
| | f) Councillor & Clerk training: No planned training. | ALL |
| | g) Serious crime concerns of local parishioner’s/farmers: RT reported there is continuous monitoring of criminal activities by the authorities. | BS/RT |
| | h) Co-option of councillor: An application for co-option was received from Kelly Rose Nokes, who addressed the Council prior to the vote. Following a brief discussion, councillors RT, BS, MD and VB voted on the proposal. The outcome was unanimous in favour of co-option. Kelly Rose Nokes completed the declaration of acceptance of office, countersigned by the Chairman (RT). The Clerk will issue the remaining induction and governance documents. It was proposed that Kelly Rose Noakes be invited to consider taking on the Built Environment portfolio (BEG). Kelly Rose-Nokes then joined the other councillors at the table. | ALL/SB |
| | i) Updating Parish Emergency Plan: MD reported work is in progress. | MD |
| 041 | P2 Built Environment Group applications & group (BEG) report | |
| | 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 has been circulated.</i> None received | ALL |
| | b) Parish plan: Meeting planned for early September, MD to circulate to council | RT/CD/MD/BS |
| | c) <u>Topics:</u> | |
| | i) Village Hall energy efficiency survey: JC Still chasing surveyors report. | JC |
| | ii) Community Council for Somerset affordable housing needs (Thrive): Meeting planned for early September, MD to circulate to council. | RT/CD/MD/BS |
| 042 | P3 Assets and maintenance group (AMG) report: | |
| | a) <u>Topics:</u> | |
| | i) Fountain / TAP: DC reported some progress. Proposed and resolved to write letter of thanks to Tessa Munt MP for raising matter in Parliament. | DC |

	ii) Hobbs bench: Bench to be installed once quote in the range £300-£500 is confirmed. Proposed and accepted.	RT
	iii) Greens maintenance: It was proposed and agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the contractor; MD will draft the letter and forward it to the Clerk for issue. Weed control around the Green was discussed, and MD offered to undertake hand-weeding. All matters will be reviewed after the Priddy Folk Festival, with a further discussion scheduled for the September meeting, including consideration of appropriate weed-killer options.	BS
	iv) Vegetation growth damaging the Causeway: A letter of thanks from RT is to be sent to the Clerk for forwarding to the contractor.	RT
	v) Reported hole on the green: VB personally filled the hole; MD will continue to monitor the issue. MD and DC to review the Parish Assets.	VB
043	P4 Large infrastructure Playground project group (LIG_PG) report): Proposed to remove to end of meeting. Exclusion of public and press from any agenda item under Standing Order 3d), due to the confidential consideration of asset purchase - ref to 043	
	<u>Topics:</u>	
	i) grants (awards for all): No matters to report	VB
	ii) community engagement: No matters to report	VB
	iii) landowner approaches: No matters to report	VB
	It was proposed that a letter be sent to the land agent, with MD to draft the correspondence. The Council agreed to explore an alternative approach to the situation; proposed and resolved.	
044	P5 Parish IT & Communications group COM) report	
	<u>a) Topics:</u>	
	i) website / social media / Pew /ZOH mail: BS to report by September's meeting	BS
045	P6 Environment (green) working group (EWG):	
	<u>a) Topics:</u>	
	i) Mineries consultation: A consultation meeting between all parties is expected to take place shortly.	JC/RT
	ii) Mineries, PPC sponsored summer walk proposal: Proposed to defer to next meeting, approved.	ALL
	iii) Priddy Pool: Noted	JC
	iv) Crescent wall proposal: RT has contacted the contractor, who confirmed he remains interested in undertaking the construction. RT will liaise with Open Spaces to confirm that the proposed location is suitable.	RT
046	P7 Highways Action Group (HAG) report:	
	a) Local Community Network (LCN) highways/active travel:	RT/DC
	<u>b) Topics</u>	
	i) Speed Indicator Devices: No matters to report	MD/DC
	ii) Village gateways plan: No matters to report but paint markings were noted on road by council members.	MD/DC
	iii) Quiet lane initiative Nine Barrows Lane: No matters to report	MD/DC
	iv) Proposal to install hedgehog road signs on approaches to village: No matters to report	DC/RT/ALL
	v) Hunters Crossroads current accident rate: No matters to report	DC/ALL
	vi) West Harptree road, sign update: The Clerk reported that letters had been sent to Somerset Highways, and a reply had been received confirming that they are awaiting the outcome of an inspection of the location.	BS/SB
	A parishioner's concerns regarding traffic speed at Charterhouse Crossroads were received by email and discussed. It was proposed that a letter be sent acknowledging the correspondence and expressing the Council's shared concerns; this was approved.	RT/KRN

It was further proposed—and approved—that a letter be sent to the Police and the local MP outlining the Council’s wider concerns about traffic within the parish. KRN will draft the letter and forward it to the Clerk for sending to the local MP, the Chief Constable of Somerset, and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

047 Finance: RFO report, budget & payments:

a) Approval of new payments (excluding expected): None

ALL/RFO

b) Expected payments paid:

i) DB Gibbons greens mowing/Strimming June Invoice - £576.00 Noted

ALL/RFO

c) Rugby & Hinckley Savings account access: BS has confirmed access - noted

RFO/JC/BS/DC

d) Resolution to approve minor edits 2026 / 2027 to expected payments list: Proposed and accepted – copy to KRN

BS/RT/RFO

e) 2026 / 2027 Annual Accounts PPC Balance sheet:

ALL

i) Wayleave issue and inclusion disagreement: It was proposed that the Clerk correct the accounts and circulate the emails received from the AGAR accountants. The Council noted and approved the proposal not to include the wayleave in the asset register.

ii) Review of Internal auditor’s report: It was proposed that the item be removed; approved.

It was noted that Somerset Cllr E Hobbs is to pay in a donation into the council bank account with ref to the Defibrillator Cabinet at the Hunters Lodge – PPC recorded a vote of thanks.

048 Matters of Report:

ALL

VB reported that the flagpole on the Green is leaning; MD will speak with DC and investigate.

MD enquired about the bleed kit that has appeared in the telephone box, noting he was unaware of who had placed it or who is responsible for its upkeep; MD will follow up.

MD commented on ongoing traffic issues in Cheddar Gorge caused by young drivers. KRN noted that strimming has damaged the children’s speed-awareness signs at the gateways on Pelting Drove.

PPC noted that there will be no meeting in August. The Clerk will display a notice and forward a copy to BS for inclusion on the website.

Member of public left the meeting

Council returned to 043 for discussion

Meeting ended 20:26