

PRIDDY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at the Hunters Lodge Inn at 7:30pm on Wednesday 21st June, 2017

Present: Cllrs Kate Greet (Chairman), Chris Dyke,
Robin Maine, Barry Wilkinson (Vice-Chairman)

In attendance: William Newton Newey (Clerk)
Mr Rob Haworth of Entourage Live
Mr Jack Godley, Licensing Officer, Mendip District Council

PPC17/093 **Apologies for absence**
Cllr Alan Butcher

PPC17/094 **Declarations of Interest**

Members are required to act in accordance with the Priddy Parish Council Code of Conduct adopted 6th July, 2016 (clauses 10 – 14) where a matter arises at the meeting in which he/she has a disclosable pecuniary interest or other interest as detailed in the Code. Unless a dispensation has been granted the member shall not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter or shall withdraw from the meeting as required by the Code.

Nil

PPC17/095 **Public Forum**

Mr Haworth explained that he was from an event management company that helped manage the festival and that festival organisers had sent their apologies as they were setting up for another event. The ArcTanGent Festival was in its fourth year and currently had a licence for up to 4,999 the new application was to increase the number to 9,999 attending as well as varying times for the food service times and layout of the festival site. There would be food service through the night, performances on the acoustic stage until 03:00 (there was currently a silent disco until 03:00). The public entrance to the site would be from the main road (signposted by the AA), with contractors, staff and emergency vehicles only using the normal Fernhill Farm entrance. Mr Haworth said that he expected 5,500 to attend the festival in 2017 (the first year had been attended by 1,500 people) and he thought that, as the festival was devoted to a particular sub-genre of rock, that there would always be a limited number of people interested in attending. Charges were made for parking on site and a shuttle bus service was run from Bristol airport, city centre and Temple Meads station. The event “owners” were keen to keep residents informed and to deal with any issues as they arose; a letter giving contact details would be circulated to neighbours before the event began.

PPC17/099 **Planning**

a) **2017/1396/VRC** Application to remove condition 2 of planning approval 2010/2009 (Conversion of agricultural building to form holiday let) to enable full time residential occupation of the property. Dursdon Drove Farm Dursdon Drove Rookham Wells BA5 3AW

There was a brief discussion which included the consideration of the potential to generate extra traffic and the approval of similar applications in the past.

It was unanimously agreed to support the application without comment.

PPC17/100 **Parish Council Matters**

a) **ArcTanGent Licence**

Mr Godley explained that under the Licencing Act 2003 the licence application would be considered against three factors:

The prevention of crime

The prevention of public nuisance

The protection of public safety

The protection of children.

The application would be reviewed by the responsible authority under these headings and comments received from other responsible bodies and interested parties (local residents, parish council, etc.)

Mr Godley said that the organisers of the event had sent out a draft application and written to local residents and neighbours. This was good practice but not followed by all event organisers. Mr Godley had offered to facilitate a meeting between the organisers and local residents but this had not been taken up.

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It was thought that an illegal rave at Charterhouse had caused concern among some local residents, especially as the police had not taken the action that residents thought they should have taken.

It was stressed that any issues with the festival should be raised with the organisers and Mr Haworth agreed to send contact details to the Clerk for inclusion on the parish website.

The Chairman then asked about the Outsider event to be held at Fernhill Farm in July. Mr Godley said that this event had been running for six years, and given its small size (up to 499 people on site) had been covered by a Temporary Event Licence. There had been no noise nuisance or other complaints about the Outsider event.

PPC17/104 **Matters of Report**

a) **Finger Posts**

The Chairman had received an email about finger posts and the training of volunteers to refurbish them. It was not known why this had been sent to her personal address and to nobody else, including the Clerk.

The Clerk had replied to the email outlining the steps that the Council proposed to take in relation to the Nordrach finger post. The County Council had replied that they were happy but that they would require the work to be undertaken by approved contractors. The County Council had also sent an electronic copy of the Finger Guide that it had prepared and issued. This had been issued in April 2017 but not sent to the Clerk, despite the Council having enquired previously about the care and repair of finger posts...

PPC17/105 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting: Wednesday 5th July at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 7:52pm

Signed
(Chairman)

5th July, 2017

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27th June, 2017
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