

## TRUDOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2013

- PRESENT:** Rod Lewis (Chairman), P. Candy, C.Midgley, P.Cloney, J. Symes, P. Allen  
Ten members of the public
- CLERK:** Georgina Blackshaw
- APOLOGIES:** Cllr. David Stevens,
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#### Declaration of Interest:

None

#### 14.10 The Minutes :

- Having been circulated, were proposed by RL, seconded by PC. RL then signed them off as a true copy.

#### **Members of the Public Comments:**

The meeting was suspended to allow for Parishioners time to raise relevant issues. 4 people took the floor to express concerns about the Planning Application for the change of use of parkland (Marston) for equestrian use, the siting of 2 mobile homes at Marston View and the proposed Wind Turbines at the Torr Works. Councillors noted their concerns and thanked them for their input. The formal meeting was then resumed at 7.55 pm.

#### 14.1 Matters Arising:

- 14.1.1 Fencing – JS presented 2 quotes and it was decided that the one prepared by Nev Dean would result in the repairs being completed quickly. As it does need urgent attention, **JS will action with ND asap.**
- 14.1.2 Rubbish Bins – replacement for outside Postlebury View needed. Several options presented by JS. Possible replacement offered by Will Green (parishioner). **JS to follow up. Clerk to check with Mendip** refuse section who say that bin is emptied weekly, JS assured TPC that he does it on alternate weeks as the Contractors only visit every fortnight.

#### 14.2 Correspondence:

- 14.2.1 Cheddar Reservoir – 2<sup>nd</sup> public consultation. Information only.
- 14.2.2 Grit Bin – Clerk contacted Nunney PC Clerk, who has confirmed that they will provide/fund bin at the Ridgeway
- 14.2.3 Sabbatical – Patrick Twigger. Patrick has taken a sabbatical from 7<sup>th</sup> June for the duration of the Monksham Farm/Solar farm Planning Application.

#### 14.3 Planning

- 14.3.1 Application: Change of use of parkland for equestrian use. Land south of East Lodge Marston Bigot. Cllr's very concerned about any changes to this historic parkland and the small amount of information and details provided. **Recommend: Refusal**
- 14.3.2. Application: Construction of solar park at Little Sharpshaw Farm. It is not in Trudoxhill Parish but we are invited to make general comments. All Cllr's expressed deep concern about this proposal as it would have a overpowering visual impact both from the A361 and the other side of

- the valley as well as the impact on locals and visitors driving on the road. There have been serious accidents on this stretch and this could prove a major distraction. **Recommend: Refusal**
- 14.3.3 Application: Siting of 2 mobile homes at Marston View. Appeal by Mr & Mrs Ayres against the Council's refusal of planning permission. The Parish Council wish to make representation to the Inspectorate strongly reinforcing what has been said in previous refusal letters and expressing concern that Mendip have not enforced previous decisions. RL urged all Parishioners to express their concerns by writing to the Inspectorate individually **Clerk to write by 11/07/13**
- 14.3.4 Torr Works. Information only about installation of 4 wind turbines. To wait until further details.

#### **14.4 For Discussion**

- 14.4.1. Election of new Chairman. JS,PCL,CM did not feel they had been on Council for long enough to understand all the areas that need consideration. New Chairman needs to be able to check and respond to emails daily and to liaise with Clerk who takes responsibility for all the administration. PC was asked if he would consider taking over and he felt that if he had initial support from RL he would be prepared to accept role. Other Cllr's would help by taking over PC's roles at the moment. PC was voted in by all. RL would act as Vice Chairman until Patrick Twigger returned.

#### **14.5 Accounts For Payment**

- 14.5.1 PCC – Marston Graveyard upkeep  
14.5.2 N Dean – grass cutting  
14.5.3 Clerk – Wages & Postage

#### **14.6 Items to Report:**

- 14.6.1 Playgroup – CM asked if she could liaise to organise local help with running Playgroup as present leaders are vacating the role. Playground working group to meet 11/07/13 7.30pm White Hart.
- 14.6.2 New seat in memory of RBC looks good but the other old seat distracts and is in bad repair. Site meeting to look at this and possible removal/replacement. **Clerk to contact Cllr's re.possible date.**
- 14.6.3 PA request for new kissing gate opposite Vanquish – RL suggested contacting Mendip if not completed by agreed date
- 14.6.4 New village sign is being erected by Paul Candy in more secure spot.
- 14.6.5 Village Hall – RL reported the redecoration/updating and Accounts. Council wished to thank the Village Hall committee for all their hard work and a hall for villagers to be proud of.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.  
The next meeting will be at 7.30 p.m Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013

*For the attention of: Mr R Lewis, Mr P Allan, Mrs C Midgley,  
Mr P Candy, Mr. P Cloney, Mr J Symes.  
Cllr Stevens*