

TRUDOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 5th December 2013

- PRESENT:** Paul Candy (Chairman) delayed by 15 mins, P Twigger (Vice Chairman), R Lewis C.Midgley, P.Cloney, J. Symes, P. Allen
One member of the public
- CLERK:** Georgina Blackshaw
- APOLOGIES:** Cllr. David Stevens,
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Declaration of Interest:

None

19.10 The Minutes :

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

Members of the Public Comments:

A parishioner raised concerns about an overhanging hedge on Foghamshire Lane. It was agreed to talk to resident about the matter before having to report the issue.

19.1 Matters Arising:

- 19.1.1 **PCL** - thanks to all who arranged/helped with litter pick. All rubbish now collected but fly tipping at Toby Wood is not Mendip's responsibility, attempts will be made to check who owns land and liaise to see if the rubbish can be removed. Rucksack found at top of Village during clear up, contained bank card etc. **Clerk has reported** it to Frome Police and handed it in at the Station. Crime Ref. number filed.
- 19.1.2 Speed limit request by parishioner at Ridgeway. Clerk has received a phone call from Somerset Highways to say that they have looked at the matter. With new legislation it does not meet the criteria, especially as it is a dead end, therefore they are unable to assist with the request. All other Highways matters referred at the last meeting have been reported and logged. **Clerk to monitor situation and check response policy.** She will follow up as appropriate, especially with the long running issue of the bridge at Brook House. There was concern expressed about the lack of action and/or responses to requests thus far. **PC** would mention our concerns to Cllr Philip Ham.

19.2 Correspondence:

- 19.2.1 All relevant information received is displayed on Notice Boards and **CM** will also update by emailing those on village website list.

19.3 Planning

- 19.3.1 **Planning Application Ref No. 2013/ 1098** Jen's Cabin, Marston Bigot. Cllr's noted that the Drawings/Supporting Information received on 13th May had been **Approved** by Mendip.

19.4 Accounts for Payment

- 19.4.1 Nev Dean – printing Your View
19.4.2 Clerk Wages

19.5 Items to Report:

- 19.5.1 Playground update – **CM** reported that TOPs (Trudoxhill Organising Playground) was registering as a charity to open a bank account and start applying for funding. It was going to 'start small' with 2 pieces of equipment at under £5000. She circulated pictures/plans for Cllr's to comment on, including the seating/space for fruit trees. **CM** then asked for confirmation that the Council were in support of the scheme which was then given. The TOP's working party will now look at fundraising/sponsorship and keep the Council and parishioners updated by minutes of meetings/posters/website and Your View
- 19.5.2 Your View. John Walton, a new villager at Postlebury View has agreed to take on the role as editor in 2014. Georgie Blackshaw will liaise with him and support while he gets to know the system. **Clerk to write** to thank him. She will also do the same to Bronwyn Incedon for her sterling effort in attending the planning meeting before Halloween and submitting an excellent article for the front page of the Christmas edition.
- 19.5.3 Christmas events. **CM/RL** prepared/delivered flyers. Pub requested help to find gazeboes. **PT** has one. **RL** to arrange helpers to erect during week prior to event. Arrangements for the party confirmed. **PC** to supply and circulate a collecting 'bucket' for donations during the Carols, then count/split between Frome Youth Band and Party Fund. Tree to be erected /decorated Sat 7th 11 am. Angela Steele to allow us to use her electricity source. Jean (Lemon) and Maureen (Cullen) to continue to organise the food for the children's party. **CM** (+ volunteers) to sort the rest and buy/wrap gifts. **RL** to liaise re.float etc.
- 19.5.4 Precept 2014. **RL** informed Cllr's about the letter from Mendip Financial Services requesting details of Trudoxhill's Precept requirement for 2014/2015. At the moment it stands at £4339 and has not been increase for 4 years. **JS** expressed some concern that by not putting it up annually it makes 'a rod for your own back' and that the proposed increase will need to be fully explained. A discussion led to a vote to increase the precept to £4664 to cover the Council outlay for 2014. Parishioners will be able to discuss this and any other matter at the monthly meetings or at the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2014
- 19.5.5 Website update. **CM + PA** have met with Mats (Moston Solutions) and some initial information was circulated about the basic Design Guidelines which were accepted. Mats will undertake the work and another meeting has been set for later this month to continue the planning. **CM** asked for the issue to be added to the next TPC meeting and will provide more details of costs etc. **Clerk will add to Agenda**

19.6 Other Business referred to the Clerk

- 19.6.1 SALC/ Mendip Planning web site/ Mendip Forum info circulated.
- 19.6.2 De-icing materials. **PT** collected and will liaise with **RL/PC** to place where needed in village
- 19.6.3 Issue of white lines in village – **RL** still has had no response from Traffic Engineer. **Clerk to check** (See 19.1.2.)
- 19.6.4 Road collapses – between Toby Wood/Iron Mills and Foghamshire Lane by Red Tun's Farm
Clerk to report

Proposal that meeting on January 2nd be cancelled as there will be fewer urgent matters/Planning issues over the Christmas period. Agreed but Chairman will monitor and act on any urgent issues should they arise. Clerk will post information on Notice Boards.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

The next meeting will be at 7.30 p.m Thursday 6th February 2014

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