

## TRUDOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014

**PRESENT:** P Twigger (Vice Chairman) P Allen, P Cloney, C Midgley, J Symes  
11 members of the public

**CLERK:** Georgina Blackshaw

**APOLOGIES:** P Candy Cllr David Stevens  
With Chairman absent **CM** proposed that **Patrick Cloney** act as Chairman for meeting,  
**PA** seconded. **PCL** then took the Chair.

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#### Declaration of Interest:

PT last item 23.1.3

#### 23.10 The Minutes :

- Having been circulated, were proposed by **CM** seconded by **JS**. **PCL** then signed them off as a true copy. Meeting then suspended at 7.35 for:

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

The Chairman stated before taking points that there have been some negative and unhelpful comments included in emails sent to Cllr's about issues that are to be discussed at the meeting. He therefore requested that all attending the meeting should respect the opinions of others and that the meeting should proceed in a calm manner.

1 parishioner requested that there should be suggestions sought for the distribution of monies to local causes from Green Nation as a result of fines levied on lorries which had initially ignored planning conditions. **CM** has spoken to Jonathan Thompson about suggested areas and the matter will be revised when the total amount of money is known. 1 parishioner provided more detail about the Somerset Mineral Plan and **PC** will study. Thanks expressed for input. The Planning Application for Jasmine Cottage was raised when 1 parishioner expressed concern about being overlooked, the size of the build, traffic and visibility. The Site Notice is still not up despite the Case Officer stating it would be posted. **Clerk to follow this up.** A spokesman for the Applicant from POINTCLOUD consult then addressed the Council to explain that the first application from another person was not appropriate in size but that the second application from Mr & Mrs Lewis was smaller and more suitable for the site. This application was Approved by the TPC and explained the latest application is a resubmission of the Application to cover the issue of access. He stated that this access is in the middle of the drive and visibility is improved. The existing access has not resulted in any accidents and this plan now addresses the issues raised. A parishioner then responded and objected to the application, expressing a belief that the speed of passing traffic was not as low as suggested. He was also concerned about the size and the possible challenge in the ownership of some of the plot. The Clerk had received 2 other emails from parishioners who also wished to object. The Clerk had received complaints that the plans could not be accessed by ipad. She had clarified with Mendip that the public were available to view on desktop computer and confirmed that Cllr's had received hard copy. Meeting resumed at 8.00

#### **23.1 Past Subject Matters:**

- 23.1.1 Safe Places Initiative. Graeme at the pub has all details and application form
- 23.1.2 White lines – have been painted on bend of main road but part was on top of gravel so has been washed away. **Clerk to write to Highways** to ask for it to be redone. No other white lines are to be considered within village at the moment but the agreed double yellow lines will be completed by the summer. No definite date given. **Clerk will monitor.**

#### **23.2 Correspondence**

- 23.2.1 All relevant information received is displayed on Notice Boards. CPRE query about membership. Cllr's to let Clerk know their opinions. **PC** to add his thoughts when he has studied the letter.

### **23.3 Planning**

- 23.3.1 **Application 2014/0410/FUL. Resubmission of Application.** Jasmine Cottage. Trudoxhill. Mr & Mrs Lewis. The Chairman advised Cllr's that the issue being discussed was only about the omission regarding unacknowledged third party ownership certificate, the Application is otherwise not changed. **JS** wished to state, in response to emails received, that the timescale is set by Mendip and Cllr's have to work to those dates. He also objected to any implication of undue influence by any persons and wanted this to be noted. **PT** felt that the visibility issues have been address but suggested that a site visit may help to view the access only. **CM** stated that she had seen the site and it was agreed that the decision should be made at the meeting as, with the constraints on time and the Easter break, another date would not be able to be fitted in. **CM** was concerned about any implication of bias and stated that in a small village everyone knew one another and in their individual ways, contributed to village life. A vote was then taken and **JS** stated he was voting to Approve as he did with the previous application as did **PT**, who also voted in favour. **CM** and **PA** voted to Refer to the Planning Officer. **PCL** then cast his vote in favour. **Clerk was, therefore asked to write to the Case Officer to Recommend Approval**

### **23.4 Accounts for Payment**

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| 23.4.1 Moson – website update             | 23.4.5 SALC Annual subscription renewal  |
| 23.4.2 Nev Dean – Your View/grass cutting | 23.4.6 Village Hall rental – annual bill |
| 23.4.3 Somerset Levels Donation           | 23.4.7 Clerk Wages and expenses          |
| 23.4.4 HMRC                               |                                          |

### **23.5 Items to Report:**

- 23.5.1 Playground update – **CM** reported that TOP's (Trudoxhill Organising Playground) will start fundraising with house to house collections on April 5<sup>th</sup> and there was a request for Raffle prizes for the Easter Bingo Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 Village Hall Posters and flyers are being circulated
- 23.5.2 Village Plan. **PCL** presented/circulated draft ideas which he had researched. He explained that it should look to the future and ask "Where are we now? Where do we want to be? How do we get there?". The Plan could be used to liaise with Mendip on issues and support local small businesses in the parish. The draft includes a timeline and the item will be added to each future Agenda with the aim of taking things forward with public input by 2015. **CM** will support with Email / IT etc.
- 23.5.3 Connor Construction – request to follow up complaint about tree removal. To be added to next Agenda, request for detail / information sent to Clerk beforehand
- 23.5.4 **CM** reported request for support from parishioner who has a complaint about junction of Bun's Lane with B3093. **Clerk will contact Highways.**
- 23.5.5 **PA** reported a parishioner complained about stones and bricks thrown over Chapel Wall. **Clerk to check** with Rev Sara Iles.

### **23.6 Other Business referred to the Clerk**

- 23.6.1 Glastonbury PC letter asking for support to oppose Hinkley C. **Responses to Clerk by 1<sup>st</sup> May**
- 23.6.2 Annual Parish Meeting. 7.00 pm Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> May. Advertised in Postlebury News. Clerk asked for list of any achievement for yearly summary. Audit also prepared and ready for next stage
- 23.6.3 Communications with Enforcement Officer read out in relation to the Solar Farm development. The outstanding issue of the change from the Planning Board decision on the colour of the panel to what is in situ was discussed and it was agreed to write Cllr Stevens for his input. **Clerk to action.** Mendip have approved details of CCTV and planting has started which will hopefully improve the visual impact as it is considerable at the moment.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

The next meeting will be at 7.30 p.m Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014, following The Annual Parish Meeting 7.00pm

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

