

TRUDOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 1st May 2014

PRESENT: P Candy P Twigger (Vice Chairman) P Allen, P Cloney, C Midgley, J Symes
11 members of the public
CLERK: Georgina Blackshaw
APOLOGIES: Cllr David Stevens

Declaration of Interest:

PT last item 1.6 2

1.10 The Minutes :

- Having been circulated, **PCL** then signed them off as a true copy. Meeting then suspended at 7.35 for:

Members of the Public Comments:

As the two areas of concern from parishioner have been requested and are on the Agenda, parishioners will add their comments in sections 1.6.1 / 1.6.2

1.1 Previous Subject Matters

- 1.1.1 CPRE – request to join discussed. Decision not to join as web site has free information available.
- 1.1.2 Hinkley C – request for opposition letter from Glastonbury TC – majority decision not to send letter.
- 1.1.3 White lines – Highways will repaint during routine maintenance.

1 2 Correspondence

- 1 2.1 Somerset Levels info and thanks for donation of £25.00
- 1.2.2 Resignation letter read out from Cllr Rod Lewis. **PC** expressed regret about the negative aspects of his leaving and thanked him for all his years of hard work. Much of this was done quietly and few parishioners realised how much work he had done on behalf of us all.

1. 3 Planning

1.3.1 **Application 2014/0494** Single storey garage and store. St Laurence Church Trudoxhill. Mr A Peel **JS** thought it was in keeping with village and he was entitled to a garage. . No comments received from parishioners. Colour/finish should be in keeping but no issues. Vote in favour of **Approval** with one **Refer to Mendip**

1. 4 Accounts for Payment

- 1.4.1 Moson – website update
- 1.4.2 Nev Dean - grass cutting
- 1.4.3 Rod Lewis – thank you gifts for Your View distribution/use of electricity - Christmas lights
- 1.4.4 Clerk wages

1. 5 Items to Report:

1.5.1 Playground update – **CM** reported that TOP's (Trudoxhill Organising Playground) has raised £1,500 so far with house collections/donations and the Easter Bingo. Thanks to Rachel Candy and family for organising event. **Clerk to write letter of thanks.** Cley Hill Stompers plan to hold an event on May 31st in the Village Hall with an afternoon session for children followed by the evening session with bar. Look out for adverts with more details shortly.

1.5.2 Village Plan – **PCL** issued latest updates and talked through ideas. Stressed that needs to include a consultation event/s and all parishioners need to feel included and to contribute ideas/suggestions

for this to work and truly represent the parish. **PCL** will continue to develop this and asked for people to join him. **CM** would pass on details and ask for support via the web site. **PC** thanked him for all the hard work thus far.

1.5.3 Precept for 2014/2015. **PC** stated it was £4664.00 up from £4359.00 last year but the Council Tax Support Grant had dropped from £124.28 to £120.66 Audit information will be posted on the notice boards over the next 2 days.

1. 6 Other Business referred to the Clerk

1.6.1 Connor Construction. Mrs Yeoman clarified that the Enforcement Officer had given incorrect information to the TPC about the designated area of Marston Park. There was discussion and dismay at the ineffective action in preventing damage/removal of trees. The **Clerk was asked to write** to Bo Walsh/David Woodridge/Planning Officer to express concern and ask what was proposed as a result of this latest development. They would like to see the tarmac surface removed around the trees. Concern was also raised again about the high level of construction traffic using the site and the noise of lorries reversing. Parishioners do not have a problem with the office and two vehicles and they did wish it noted that they respect the business operator and his company but do not think the scale of his operation is appropriate for this site. There is a Public Inquiry to be held at The Lighthouse, Tytherington on Thursday 22nd May at 11.00 a.m. to consider the application by Connor Construction to add The Builders Yard, Cheese Hill as an operating centre to their licence proposing the use of 2 vehicles and nil trailers. **PC** stated that he would try to attend and that TPC would inform parishioners via the website.

1.6.2 . **PC** read out the response from Lara McKay, Planning Officer, to the request to clarify the position re the colour of the solar panels to Cllr David Stevens. There is still some concern about how this decision was reached. **PCL** stated he could not see how the recommendation of the Planning Board could be altered in this way but TPC agreed that individual parishioners need to liaise with Cllr Stevens to clarify the situation. As it was noted before, he has more detailed knowledge of the situation as he was part of the Planning Board when the application was approved. TPC will continue to support parishioners with Highways issues if problems arise once the installation has been completed. Some individual parishioners may have problems they will need to resolve themselves.

1.6.3 **PCL** read out his letter of resignation from TPC, effective from this moment. **PC** accepted it with great regret and thanked him for his work. **PCL** stated he would be prepared to continue as part of a working party to drive through the Village Plan and this is much appreciated. The Clerk advertised the Notice of Vacancies which will be displayed on notice boards tomorrow. **PC** then read out a letter to be posted with these Minutes in response to statement made by a parishioner about the Council on the Mendip Planning website. He expressed the personal offence he had taken to these unfounded comments and these were echoed by Cllr's present. He would welcome anyone who was prepared to give up their time unpaid to take responsibility for supporting and working for, and with parishioner, to maintain and enhance village life.

Before closing the Chairman thanked the Clerk for completing her first year and for the work she had done over a difficult period. This was echoed by all the TPC and a bouquet of flowers was presented.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

The next meeting will be at 7.30 p.m Thursday June 5th 2014

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