

TRUDOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 4th June 2014

PRESENT: P Candy (Chairman) P Twigger (Vice Chairman) P Allen, C Midgley,(delayed until 7.55pm) J Symes
Cllr P Ham
3 members of the public

CLERK: Georgina Blackshaw

APOLOGIES: Cllr David Stevens

Declaration of Interest:

None

2.10 The Minutes :

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

Members of the Public Comments:

No issues raised. Application to join Trudoxhill Parish Council received by Rev'd Angela Steele had been considered by Cllr's. **JS** proposed that Rev'd Steele's application be accepted and this was seconded by **PT**

All Cllr present voted in favour and it was resolved that Rev'd Steele sign the Declaration of Acceptance before the July meeting and joins the Council from that date.

2.1 Previous Subject Matters

2.1.1 Highways report – yellow lines now in place. Clerk has updated check list of actions to be completed and will report on progress of outstanding work at next meeting. **PT** reported Large pool of residual water in the Marston layby A parishioner has also complained about the drainage/road surface along Buns Lane as well as the lack of white lines at the T-junction to Gare Hill and the profusion of undergrowth blocking views to the right at the give way towards to railway bridge. **Clerk to report issues to Highways.**

2 2 Correspondence

2 2.1 All relevant letters/emails/ posters read and displayed.

2.2.2 Frome Council Meeting clash with TPC meeting tonight. **PT** asked why Council was invited and Cllr Ham indicated that he thought it was to increase numbers to obtain various funding streams

2. 3 Planning

2.3.1 **Application 2014/0686/FUL.** Change of use from agricultural to residential garden. Mr & Mrs Altonl, Gare Hill. **PT** has visited and general point made that it is a small area of steep land which is well suited to this change of use. No objections raised and application **Approved** by all Cllrs. **Clerk to inform Mendip**

2. 4 Accounts for Payment

2.4.1 Mrs J Lewis – HMRC submissions / checking of Accounts for Internal Audit.

2.4.2 Nev Dean - grass cutting

2.4.3 Clerk – thank you gift for Mr K Grey for completing the Internal Audit

2.4.4 Clerk wages

2. 5 Items to Report:

2.5.1 Playground update – **CM** reported that TOP's (Trudoxhill Organising Playground) has raised £2,193.61 to date. The Cley Hill Stompers event was reasonably well attended and contributed nearly £400 to this total. Thanks to all who helped/supported and attended. TOP's is waiting to hear from HMRC as they need to confirm charity status before starting to apply for grants. Cllr Ham offered suggestions/support with this. Thanks extended. She also reported that the playgroup (Caterpillars) who use the Hall are struggling to keep going and as the TPC are custodians of the equipment, she will keep Cllr's up to date with news.

2.5.2 Parish Plan – Patrick Cloney issued latest updates and talked through work thus far. Discussions about the difference between Parish/Neighbourhood Plan took place and the Parish Plan is the approach the TPC will take to make it manageable. Cllr Ham felt that Mendip does give weight to these especially where planning is concerned. A sub-committee has been established with Rod Lewis and **Cllr John Symes** to develop the idea and support is being given by Wanstrow PC who have gone through a similar exercise. It is proposed to produce an explanatory flyer to be circulated by hand and electronically plus a meeting in the Village Hall to ensure that as many parishioners as possible feel encouraged to become involved. Need to identify contacts around the parish who can disseminate and encourage participation. Wanstrow worked on their plan for 2 years but TPC timeline hopes that a year will be enough. Cllr Ham reported that the Plan he was involved with took 18 months and offered to share some information that would assist us, suggesting that issuing raffle tickets to encourage responses had worked well. PCL to liaise with Cllr Ham. Responses would be collected in boxes in the White Hart+ phone box and a month given for replies. It will take time to collate these and **CM** will provide advice with the spreadsheets. The sub-committee will continue to develop this and **Clerk stated that they should record and submit invoices** for materials used for paper/printing etc. Some grants may be available that the TPC may be able to access. This will be researched. **PC** expressed thanks for the work and time taken thus far.

2. 6 Other Business referred to the Clerk

2.6.1 Connor Construction. The Enforcement Officer had replied to the letter sent by TPC about the tree removal/damage at the site and matters are being addressed at Mendip. Until these meetings have taken place, he was not able to make further comments but the **Clerk would monitor**.

PC attended the Public Inquiry held at The Lighthouse, Tytherington on Thursday 22nd May which was 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. He reported frustration at the delayed start and the fact that he and several other parishioners were not allowed to speak. He was informed that as the TPC did not own the land they did not have a right to contribute. Points at the meeting. **PC** had to leave at 3.30 pm when no decision had been reached. He has since been told that the solicitors representing Connor Construction withdrew the Application but will update the TPC once official feedback has been received.

2.6.2 As a point of information, Green Nation and the Highways Dept are due to meet to confirm and carry out reinstatement of roads around the site of the Monksham Solar Farm. **CM** has to talk to Green Nation anyway and **Clerk requested** that if possible, she could be made aware of what work will complete so that she can continue to monitor other Highways issues that parishioners have raised which do not come in to this remit.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm Thursday July 3rd 2014

For the attention of: Mr P Candy, Mr P Twigger, Mr P Allan, Mrs C Midgley, Mr J Symes, Rev'd A Steele

Cllr Stevens, Cllr Ham