

TRUDOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 3rd July 2014

PRESENT: P Candy (Chairman) P Twigger (Vice Chairman) P Allen, C Midgley, J Symes A Steele
1 member of the public
CLERK: Georgina Blackshaw
APOLOGIES: Cllr David Stevens Cllr Ham

Declaration of Interest:

None

3.10 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:

One issue raised about grass cutting by the side of the Bus Shelter. Query as to who should do this as one resident of Ashfield Close has tried to find out but to no avail. **Clerk to follow up.**

Application to join Trudoxhill Parish Council received by Adam Pereira had been considered by Cllr's. **PA** proposed that the application be accepted and this was seconded by **CM**

All Cllr present voted in favour and it was resolved that Adam Pereira sign the Declaration of Acceptance before the August meeting and joins the Council from that date.

Meeting resumed at 7.45

3.1 Previous Subject Matters

3.1.1 Highways report – Clerk has had a very quick response from Charlie Higgins at Somerset Highways who explained the process of reporting/follow up and Clerk now has clear idea. **She will now check and chase up outstanding work to report at next meeting.** Evidence of some work starting to Buns Lane – Warning Sign re road markings/ undergrowth cut back but the general state of the road surface/proposed action will need monitoring. **PT** reported that reinstatement work by Somerset Highways in the Tuckmarsh area will start within next week as part of the conditions associated with solar farm development.

3 2 Correspondence

3.2.1 All relevant letters/emails/ posters read and displayed. Agreed to donate £250 to PCC for churchyard maintenance at St Leonards as in previous years. Noted that proposed road closure in Bruton will affect parishioners. **CM** to include details of this and copies of posters that will be displayed on notice boards in her next email update

3.2.2 **PA** will chase up OS membership and confirm the process by which TPC can obtain printed copies of relevant maps needed for the parish.

3. 3 Planning

3.3.1 **Application 2014/0940.** Approval of details. Willow Cottage Trudoxhill. Mr D Millard. **Approved** and comments submitted by deadline of 27/06/14

3.3.1 **Application 2014/1031.** Erection of Agricultural storage. Field in Buns Lane. Mr C Maxwell. Several Cllr's were concerned about the fact that the second barn already there is not finished and wanted it noted in the response to Mendip + a query about its planning approval. No objections to this request.

Recommend Approval

3.3.3. **Application 2014/0973** Agricultural storage Larchfield Nunney Catch. Mr M Day. Plans are not clear in order to see the actual areas referred to but it is generally well covered and Cllr's did not see any problems. **Recommend Approval**

3.3.4 **Application 2014/1185** Conversion of barn. Red Tuns Barn Trudoxhill. Mr D Horsfall. **PC** stated Boundary line on map provided is incorrect but general agreement that with sympathetic building materials it will be an attractive addition. **Recommend Approval**

Clerk requested that the process of comments on Planning Applications that require a response to Mendip before the scheduled TPC meeting needs to be formalised. CM and the Clerk will produce a draft idea for these situations to be discussed at the August meeting.

3.4 Accounts for Payment

3.4.1– HMRC.

3.4.2 Nev Dean - grass cutting

3.4.3 Clerk wages–

3.4.4 Clerk expenses – printing ink.

3.4.5 PCC donation

3.5 Items to Report:

3.5.1 Playground update – **CM** reported that TOP's (Trudoxhill Organising Playground) is about to apply for the Local Legacy Grant which has a minimum £5,000. Thanks expressed to the Village hall committee who have offered 3 free hires of the Hall. Events will be planned to take advantage of this generous offer.

3.5.2 Parish Plan –**JS** reported that the Consultation Meeting held on 02/07/14 organised by Patrick Cloney with help from Rod Lewis, was a very positive event attended by 21 parishioners. There was good feedback and the results will now be collated. **JS** will report back at next meeting and stated he was very encouraged about the progress thus far. **PC** and all Cllrs expressed thanks for the work and organisation of the event and the follow up. Cllr Ham had also provided some exemplar materials which the TPC also appreciated.

3.5.3 **PA** said that a parishioner had seen a dog being walked in the Village Garden and asked **CM** to look at erecting an appropriate sign

3.5.4 Query about Neighbourhood Watch – did it still function/who was responsible? **PC** to check with PCSO and report back.

3.5.5 Village Hall AGM **CM** attended and had circulated a copy of the accounts and reported that the bookings were steady and constant. Hall in excellent condition. As she is updating website, offered space on the new site and support to establish this.

3.5.6 Graeme Barry at the White Hart asked for support in getting the brown sign reinstated on the A361 from Nunney Catch towards Frome as he has paid a considerable amount for this and it has not been replaced. **Clerk will liaise and follow up with Highways**

3.6 Other Business referred to the Clerk

3.6.1 Connor Construction. The Enforcement Officer had sent a copy of the Planning Contravention Notice served on Mr Webb for "Without planning permission the creation of a hard standing and without planning permission the change of use of the land to haulage and road maintenance depot" TPC will be kept informed of the action taken in due time and will report as the information is received.

3.6.2 Annual Audit now sent to external auditor, Grant Thornton.

3.6.3 Cllr's responsibilities discussed. At this time in the meeting **PA** formally submitted his resignation to take effect immediately. **PC** accepted and thanked him for his work on the Council. Clerk distributed list of present responsibilities and discussion took place about original/new roles. It was decided that most tasks would be continued by the designated Cllr and that **AS** would take over responsibility for the Village Hall liaison and Footpaths. **JS** would monitor the Parish Plan as well as his other roles but as Adam has yet to join the meetings the definitive list would be drawn up and published after the next TPC in August. The topic of 'Your View' and communications within the village should be reviewed. A complete and updated list of all Cllr details will be compiled for notice boards after this. **Clerk will post details** of the Cllr vacancy on notice boards and **CM** will do likewise via email.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm Thursday August 7th 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 (+ copy to Adam Pereira)