

# TRUDOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014

**PRESENT:** P Candy (Chairman) P Twigger (Vice Chairman) P Allen, J Symes A Steele A Pereira  
Cllr Ham  
2 members of the public

**CLERK:** Georgina Blackshaw

**APOLOGIES:** C Midgley Cllr David Stevens

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### Declaration of Interest:

None

### 4.10 The Minutes

- Having been circulated, **PC** then signed them off as a true copy once a change from **PA** to **PT** made (4.5.3).
- Chairman welcomed new Cllr Adam Pereira. **PC** countersigned the Declaration of Acceptance.

Meeting then suspended at 7.35 for:

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

One issue raised about speed sign being obscured by foliage. This is a general issue in most areas at this time of year. **Cllr Ham** will follow up. Concern also expressed about ragwort on the verges off the A361 near Nunney roundabout. **Clerk to report** to Highways

Meeting resumed at 7.45

### 4.1 Previous Subject Matters

4.1.1 Highways report – Clerk has produced a summary of work reported/completed. She stated that most items have been addressed but that she will continue to monitor and act as required. Thank you letter to be sent to Andrew Turner to acknowledge the support given by his team despite pressures on Highways budget/time Copy of the chart will be displayed on notice boards and circulated to TPC/Cllr Ham and parishioners on the email contact list within the next 2 weeks. Pot hole at entrance to village needs to be reported. **Clerk to action**

4.1.2 Cllr's roles confirmed with **AP** taking over 'Village Communications' to include Your View. **Clerk to forward** timeline etc for this but Cllr's encouraged **AP** to bring his own expertise and new ideas to this area. **JS** offered to take over the litter pick. **Clerk to update and display** new details on notice boards and include Clerk's email address as first point of contact for parishioners.

4.1.3 **CM** purchased sign requesting no dogs in Village Garden. **PC** to erect. Information poster to be displayed on notice board

4.1.4 Neighbourhood Watch – report at next meeting. Fly tipping on increase. Request from Chairman for any suspicious actions to be noted/reported to try to track people responsible.

### 4.2 Correspondence

4.2.1 All relevant letters/emails/ posters read and will be displayed. **CM** to include details in her next email update

### 4.3 Planning

None received.

**NB: Process of comments on Planning Applications that require a response to Mendip before the scheduled TPC meeting needs to be formalised and CM and the Clerk were asked to produce a draft idea for these situations. However new procedures that will be adopted by Mendip with no hard copy/all on line proposal means this matter will be put back until the new process is clear.**

### 4.4 Accounts for Payment

4.4.1 Moson - website.

- 4.4.2 Nev Dean - grass cutting
- 4.4.3 Clerk wages
- 4.4.4 Chairman expenses – small thank you gift to retired Chairman presented for all his years of service to TPC.
- 4.4.5 Zurich Insurance – public liability. Increase of £94.00 (to include new Village Garden) but Clerk asked to get comparative quotes for next year's renewal.

#### **4.5 Items to Report:**

- 4.5.1 Playground update – **CM** absent but has submitted a Grant Application. **PC** acknowledged the huge amount of time and work this had taken. This is appreciated by TPC.
- 4.5.2 Parish Plan - **JS** met with Pat Cloney and Rod Lewis and exemplar materials circulated. Cllr Ham has provided ideas and expertise. Questions/discussion about how to proceed i.e type of responses - Yes/No? Comments need to be analysed – time taken to do this? Raffle to encourage participation? How to involve all parishioners? Costing/funding needs to be addressed. Suggestion that Somerset Community Council could help. **JS** & Pat Cloney to check printing costs re: colour v B&W with Nev Dean to get estimate, all in favour of layout similar to that shown. Encourage local businesses to support and sub-committee to look at funding streams. Thanks expressed for all the background work undertaken.
- 4.5.3 Village Hall Meeting **AS** attended and reported that the Committee had agreed to let TOP's have 3 free uses of the Hall to help with their fund raising. A long discussion about the defibrillator re.siting/training etc . Cllr Ham suggested checking with Richard Masters (Nunney) as they has had similar discussions and felt that 1<sup>st</sup> responders are equally useful. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary arrangements discussed . 2 course meal Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Oct, limited to 90. Cost £8.00 per person. Terry Cullin will mount a display of photographs showing history. Finances in good position.

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

- 4.6.1. Ashfield Close – grass cutting. Clerk clarified that Nev Dean was contracted to cut the area by the bus shelter and Mendip had sent updated map of the Close they had responsibility for. However it appears that the land the TPC pays to have cut is owned by Mendip therefore the issue needs clarifying with MDC. Cllr Ham offered to check the situation which would be greatly appreciated by the Clerk to obtain the correct details for future reference.
- 4.6.2 Brown sign missing on A361 – some confusion because of lack of detail provided. **Clerk** is now fully briefed and **will contact Highways** to resolve the situation as the white sign has also been removed and both need to be replaced.
- 4.6.3 Declan Quinn, PCSO leaving to start training as a Police Constable .**PC** will update TPC on new appointment at next meeting. **Clerk to write** to thank Declan for his support.
- 4.6.4 No response to advert for new Cllr. TPC to continue as is but to advertise on website.
- 4.6.5 **JS** reported dog mess on grass outside/in resident front garden at Postlebury View. Clerk to ask for warning sign to be displayed. However 2 Cllr's had seen a yellow Labrador walking unattended in the village. Parishioners need to be aware and responsible for their pets **CM** to mention on website
- 4.6.6 **AP** asked for clarification on advertising in Your View. General feeling that it should not be too commercial but any funding would help. A lot of parishioners valued the general details/updates it contains and it was good that it would now continue. Phil Allen has also agreed to add his support to the production.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm Thursday September 4th 2014

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

*Cllr Stevens, Cllr Ham*