

TRUDOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 4th September 2014

PRESENT: P Candy (Chairman) P Twigger (Vice Chairman) C Midgley A Steele A Pereira
Cllr Ham
No members of the public

CLERK: Georgina Blackshaw

APOLOGIES: J Symes Cllr David Stevens

Declaration of Interest:

None

5.10 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:

Cllr Ham explained that Highways are under additional pressure with man power/finances at the moment because of staff shortages and the Somerset Levels work but that it should improve. He would also welcome feedback about the email sent re Connecting Devon and Somerset.

Financial cuts of £40 million for SCC will put pressure on resources again but no decisions made yet about where these cuts will be focussed..

TOP Grant Application still 'in the pot' the charity will be notified in October.

Meeting resumed at 7.45

5.1 Previous Subject Matters

5.1.1 Highways report – Clerk has sent photographs of missing signs on A361. They will be replaced within the next 12 weeks. One set of pot holes filled at exit to village onto A361. Others not deep enough to fill at the present! Ragwort reported and logged on their system.

5.1.2 Neighbourhood Watch – **PC** had met with new PCSO to highlight areas of concern and these were noted. **AS** asked about Farm Watch as she had not had any information. **PC** will follow up.

5.2 Correspondence

5.2.1 All relevant letters/emails/ posters read and will be displayed. Connecting Devon and Somerset – concern expressed about broadband provision and the possible funding bias towards Taunton/Bridgewater area. Cllr Ham had highlighted his concern at the start of the meeting and would note comments. The issue of our links to Wiltshire as a near neighbour were also noted but it is a longstanding and complicated issue.

5.3 Planning

None received.

App Ref: 2014/0686 Change of use/agricultural to residential garden. The Parsonage, Gare Hill **Refused**

App Ref: 2014/1179/HSE 1st floor side extension. 1 Postlebury View. **Approved**

5.4 Accounts for Payment

5.5.1 Mrs H Gray,- Footpath Scheme.

5.5.2 Nev Dean - grass cutting

5.5.3 Clerk wages

5.5 Items to Report:

5.5.1 Playground update – **CM** reported Grant Application submitted/being considered. Vandalism cover will be needed £60 per year, TPC will consider funding this at a later date. AGM to be held before Nov TPC at 7pm. Volunteers will be needed to check playground weekly. First of free uses of Village Hall for a Halloween party, Oct 31st 5.30 – 7.30. Help needed + posters/Your View will be used to advertise. 'Trunk* or Treat' (*as in car boot!) to be considered in future. Cley Hill Stompers video now available at £5.00, to be advertised in Your View. Available from Clare or Adam or email: trudoxhillplayground@gmail.com.

5.5.2 Parish Plan - **JS** requested clarification of quantity/quality for Questionnaire/Plan. Agreed the former to be cheapest paper/stapled while the latter should be bound/colour. One per household (200) in total but suggested that on the initial questionnaire there should be a tick box so that parishioners could request an electronic copy, This would save expense but funding for the process needs to be discussed in more detail at the Nov. meeting. **Clerk to prepare a TPC budget forecast** to aid discussion

5.5.3 Village Hall Meeting **AS** attended and reported new curtains/track for the stage will be purchased in moss green. The defibrillator was discussed and Dean Sylvester will attend meeting at the Cheese and Grain to gather more information. Anniversary arrangements 2 course meal Sat 4th Oct, limited to 90. Cost £8.00 per person. WW1 plaque discussed. **CM** ask for a brief discussion on this later in meeting.

5.5.4 Footpath Survey. **AS** reported that Helen Gray, Footpath Officer had completed her annual walk/clearance of all footpaths and identified 3 areas to report to Rights of Way Officer at MDC. **Clerk will action** Annual fee will be paid to Helen and thanks expressed to her and Ken for all their work completed during the year.

5.5.5. **AP** brought TPC up to date with Your View content/production/distribution dates. This edition should be with printer, Nev Dean in the next few days with all the information collated and posters to also be displayed on village notice boards. Phil Allen helping with this edition. Village Hall committee very grateful to **AP** for his help with pictures they needed updating. Thanks expressed to Adam for the amount of work to re-establish the newsletter which is appreciated by a lot of parishioners

5.5.6 **CM** wanted to ask for ideas for the WW1 plaque which the Village Hall committee have agreed can be mounted on the front of the Hall. TPC felt that it would be right to have a proper ceremony to acknowledge the 3 men from the village who lost their lives. Date proposed – Remembrance Sunday 9th Nov. **AS** to lead service and liaise with **Clerk** who volunteered to put together an appropriate programme to include unveiling the plaque. It is proposed to try to encourage parishioners to join in with a special emphasis on an input from the youngsters. **GB** will research/organise volunteers and with **AS** put together a short event that pays fitting tribute to these soldiers. Thanks to Ann Harding for the initial research and suggestion at the Annual Parish Meeting. **CM/AP** will raise awareness via website/Newsletter.

5.6 Other Business referred to the Clerk

5.6.1. Ashfield Close – **Cllr Ham** has checked the situation with MDC and passed the information onto the Clerk. The TPC will continue to include the area in their grass/hedge cutting contract. This contract is due for renewal and **Clerk will liaise with JS** (Cllr with responsibility for village maintenance) to put out to tender for the start of the new season March 2015

5.6.2 PCSO update. Clerk has written to thank Declan Quinn for his support and our **new PCSO Callum Davis** has met with **PC**. The Chairman was impressed with the enthusiasm and commitment shown and there was discussion about parish issues to raise awareness of our concerns. Callum will try to attend our next TPC meeting and the Clerk will continue to post any information from Avon & Somerset Police on the notice boards.

5.6.3 **Clerk informed the meeting that she will be on holiday from 15th September – 4th October. PC suggested that it would be best to cancel the Oct TPC on 02/10/14 but if any planning issues arose, he would circulate information on the Clerk's site and ask for responses from individual Cllr's so that he can log them with Mendip. This was agreed. CM would highlight this to all parishioners via email**

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm Thursday November 6th 2014

**The AGM of TOP will be held prior to the meeting from 7.00 – 7.30pm.
All Parishioners are very welcome to attend**

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