

## TRUDOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**PRESENT:** P Candy (Chairman) P Twigger (Vice Chairman) C Midgley A Steele J Symes  
3 members of the public  
**CLERK:** Georgina Blackshaw  
**APOLOGIES:** A Pereira Cllr David Stevens Cllr Philip Ham

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#### Declaration of Interest:

None

#### 6.10 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

Meeting resumed at 7.38

#### 6.1 Previous Subject Matters

6.1.1 WW1 Service of Dedication Clerk updated Cllr's about plans which are now nearly complete. Plaque ready, wreath collected, publicity issued (including Frome Standard with thanks to Jane Norris for her help with this). Nev Dean has been an excellent support in providing high quality resources for the display and Alick and Penny Moore have volunteered to help. Stephen Thomas from Nunney has been invaluable in providing more detailed background about the servicemen. Other thanks due and this will be acknowledged at the next TPC when a report of the event will be included.

#### 6.2 Correspondence

6.2.1 All relevant letters/emails/ posters read Cllr's decided against contributing to Mendip Community Transport at this time as there are several planned areas of expenditure for the rest of the financial year **CM** asked for clarification about why Trudoxhill had been left off the list of villages on the Mendip Local Plan email. All thought it should be included as we are producing our Parish Plan. **JS** will follow up.

#### 6.3 Planning

**App No:2014/2145/OHL** Replacement pole. Nunney Catch Southern Electric. **Approved**

**App No:2014/21/HSE** Replace ground floor extension with 2 storey rear extension. 2 Fairview Trudoxhill. Mr & Mrs P Lovell. Cllr's felt that it would not be visible from road and as the chosen materials are appropriate, it is a reasonable request. **All voted to Approve**

For information:

**App Ref: 2014/0686** Change of use/agricultural to residential garden. The Parsonage, Gare Hill **Refused by Mendip. Has now gone to Appeal.**

**App Ref: 2014/1179/HSE** 1<sup>st</sup> floor side extension.1 Postlebury View. **Approved by MDC**

**App Ref No: 2014/0256/FUL** Change of use Freight Yard to residential Trudoxhill **MDC Approved**

**App Ref No: 2014/1185** Conversion of barn at Red Tons Barn Trudoxhill **MDC Approved**

#### 6.4 Accounts for Payment

6.4.1 Nev Dean – Your View printing

6.4.2 Nev Dean - grass cutting x 2

6.4.3 Clerk wages and expenses

6.4.4 WW1 event expenses – Cllr Midgley (Plaque) Clerk (assorted – tape/refreshment/printing)

#### 6.5 Items to Report:

6.5.1 Playground update – **CM** and trustees had held the AGM, prior to the TPC at 7pm and all were re-elected for another year. Volunteers will be needed to check playground weekly. Chair's report will be displayed on both notice boards with these Minutes. Thanks expressed by **PC** on behalf of the parish for

the hard work in obtaining the grant of £5,000 plus all the fund raising events thus far. £10,000 raised and a Lottery Grant application will provide another £6000. Building will start in Spring 2015 and take approx.. 6 weeks.

6.5.2 Parish Plan - **JS** requested clarification of the amount that will be provided for the Raffle Prizes. It was agreed that 1<sup>st</sup> prize should be £30; 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint of pork (provided by **PT**); 3<sup>rd</sup> Bottle of wine (provided by **PC**). The choice of illustrations discussed and agreed on. **JS** will pass this information on to Patrick Cloney within next 24 hrs.

6.5.3 Dog fouling – Postlebury View and areas of the village. **JS** reported there is still concern about irresponsible dog owner(s) in the village letting their dog(s) roam unattended. A request for Warning Notices was repeated and will be **actioned by the Clerk**. An initial plea to those responsible to control their dogs was circulated on the email newsletter sent by **CM** but has had no effect. **PC** will investigate this in more detail but 3 people have reported an older black lab and a yellow lab strolling through the village

6.5.4 Litter pick – 6 people has helped **JS** with this and a van full of black rubbish bags collected. Several potential safety issue noted about visibility of sign/hedges which have also been reported by parishioners. Clarification will be sought from Cllr Ham at the next meeting and responses sought from Highways, if appropriate.

6.5.5 **AS** requested that the **Clerk contact Footpath Officer** as two parishioners wanted clarification on 1) who was responsible for clearing the footpath by the side of The Stores and 2) why there was a gate across the footpath running at the side of 2 Fairview? The Clerk clarified that SCC/Mendip were responsible for clearing paths and that she would raise the issue again as they have yet to respond to other matters arising from the survey completed by Helen Gray. Mr Lovell, who was present at the meeting, was able to clarify that the footpath is still marked and runs past the side of his house. He explained that the gate is unlocked for general access but that some form of protection for his young child was needed to prevent potential accidents if his youngster ran out onto the road He was thanked for clarifying the situation for anyone who wishes to use the Footpath.

6.5.6. **AP** was thanked, in his absence, for producing Your View. Some topics will be included next time as space was at a premium. More details about the Rubbish Collections requested as it is a very helpful reference sheet. **PC** to liaise with **AC** before the next edition of the newsletter. TPC sent best wishes to Adam and his wife on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Annabelle.

## **6. 6 Other Business referred to the Clerk**

6.6.1. The Clerk has prepared a budget forecast as requested and it shows that the TPC should have some money in hand for the rest financial year. The estimated costs of the Parish Plan (printing ) will be £200 -£250 and the website revamp approx. £150 - £200. This means that there should be about £500 in the budget at the end of March 2015, after taking out the known costs of wages/HMRC/printing etc

6.6.2 **PT** asked **Clerk to contact Highways** to clarify the positioning of the width restriction signs at the Marston Pound x roads + one has some damage.

6.6.3 **JS** will start to compile a new grass cutting contract that is now due to go out to tender for the next 2 seasons (March 2015 – October 2017). Some changes to the scope of work will be needed as the new Village Garden layout will need to be considered. Suggested that an advert be placed in the Postlebury News. **JS** to liaise **with the Clerk** about this over the next month.

6.6.4 Clerk had received a pleasant letter from a Wanstrow resident thanking the farmer for clearing the mud from the end of Foghamshire Lane. He appreciated the difficulties caused by the wet weather but he had cycled through and was impressed with the efforts to clear the road. **Clerk to write to Mr Wareham** to thank him and pass on the email. A positive way to finish the meeting, our thanks for his efforts as well.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

**The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm Thursday December 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*