

TRUDOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 4th December 2014

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

Declaration of Interest:

None

7.10 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:

Rod Lewis informed meeting that the Christmas 'flyer' had been delivered and the tree organised for collection on 13th Dec at 11am. **PC** and **PT** would liaise about organising tractor etc to erect tree ready to decorate before the Carols on Sunday 14th.
Meeting resumed at 7.45

7.1 Previous Subject Matters

7.1.1 WW1 Service of Dedication Clerk showed Cllrs display material/pictures and folder to record the event for the Archives. A moving and fitting tribute to the servicemen with the plaque now mounted outside the Hall. Letters of thanks have been sent by the Clerk to all who helped.
7.1.2 Grass cutting contract. **JS** has put advert in Postlebury News. **Clerk to update** and place another in Jan edition with date of January 15th for all tenders to be submitted. **CM** to update the map showing the areas to be included. **JS** to forward this to MDC for their Landscape Group to provide quote. Interest expressed by two people at the moment.
7.1.3 Official dog fouling signs for Postlebury View. Clerk had contacted MDC who cannot issue them for TPC to put up. They need to visit/check and then display. This will take more time and Clerk has informed parishioners concerned about this rather drawn out process which she will monitor to try and resolve asap.

7.2 Correspondence

7.2.1 All relevant letters/emails/ posters read. **PT** hopes to get to Flooding drop in meeting in Glastonbury. **CM** to add relevant details to eNewsletter. **Clerk to display** SCC Winter Services posters.

7.3 Planning

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

App No:2014/2328CLE Application for lawful Development Certificate Poole Catch.. MOT Centre Nunney Mr S Poole. Cllr's could see no reason why this should be a problem and all **Approved the application**

7.4 Accounts for Payment

7.4.1 Nev Dean – Parish Plan printing
7.4.2 Clerk wages

7.5 Items to Report:

7.5.1 Parish Plan - **JS** updated TPC. All plans had been delivered and the reply date is January 15th. **CM** to remind parishioners to respond and **Clerk to advertise** on notice boards.
7.5.2 **AS** reported that The Rights of Way Officer has responded to the TPC Footpath Survey and clarified that MDC still maintained the clearing of the major footpaths that include West End Lane and Smithwicks but that they were introducing a 'trimmer scheme' so that parishioners could clear smaller paths that MDC cannot maintain. A volunteer would be needed and after training, would keep the trimmer to use as

decided once the scheme had started. **CM and Clerk to advertise.** Wanstow has adopted the scheme and once a volunteer has been found, we can approach for details of how they operate the scheme. Other issues raised in the report are ongoing and in the hands of the Rights of Way Officer, Clare Haskins. 7.5.3 **PT** had received a complaint about lack of hedge cutting by the old incinerator site and at The Bushes. He will research who is responsible for these maintenance issues and report back 7.5.4. **CM** explained about the organisation of the Children's Christmas party. Maureen and Jean will do the food. Georgie will 'man' the door and **CM** will manage all the rest. Numbers attending needed asap.

7.6 Other Business referred to the Clerk

7.6.1. Annual Precept 2015/16. Discussion about whether an increase was needed and if so, by what %. The general feeling was, because of potential increase in budget demands for next year with the grass cutting contract to be renewed plus the general increase in costs, that a small% would be needed. There was an increase of 5% last year but Cllr's decided that a smaller 3% increase would be appropriate.

7.6.2 Clerk was concerned about the state of the Trudoxhill Parish notice board as it is unstable and in need of some remedial attention which she felt needed to be done sooner rather than later. Someone had also managed to open it without a key and post an advert. Cllr's agreed that this should be done as there is money available as the print costs for the Parish Plan were lower than budgeted for. **JS** offered to research. **CM** suggested that when the playground was being built in the spring, there will be a carpenter on site, he/she could be asked to look at this at the same time. This idea was agreed.

7.6.3 The state of Buns Lane was discussed and there was a strong feeling that we need to exert pressure to try and get Highways to resurface rather than continue to (inadequately) 'patch up the numerous pot holes that keep appearing. It was felt that we need to lobby strongly for this and the first stage is to discuss the issue with Cllr Ham. **Clerk will contact him** to take advice.

7.6.4 Width restriction signs at Marston Pound. Clerk has contacted Highways. The right hand sign is now adjusted and both are correctly positioned.

7.6.5 The bench dedicated to RBC needs to be checked as **CM** has spotted cracks and felt it needs a coat of varnish etc. **Clerk to contact maker**, Anthony Rogers to seek his advice about maintenance.

7.6.6 **CM** raised a query about Marston Moat being on the English Heritage 'At Risk' register and asked if the TPC had any responsibility this. **PT** would follow up. Concern also expressed about the number of signs appearing on the grass verges at the entrance to the village off the A361. **JS** suggested removing them all, as they are not 'official'. **CM** offered to liaise with companies to express our concerns.

7.6.7 **PC** raised the issue of next meeting being on 01/01/15, with prior information to Cllr's being circulated over the Christmas week. This is not workable and it was decided that the January meeting should be cancelled. The next meeting will therefore be on Thursday 5th February 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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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