

TRUDOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 5th February 2015

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

Declaration of Interest:

None

8.10 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 had prepared an update on the Parish Plan and was asked to speak on this matter when Agenda item 8.5.1 is discussed.

Meeting resumed at 7.40

8.1 Previous Subject Matters

8.1.1 Dog fouling signs at Postlebury View. Clerk has spoken to MDC again and the issue is now on the current round of checks and should be dealt with soon. Parishioner who raised issue has been informed.

8.1.2 RBC Seat. Clerk had spoken to Anthony Rogers, who made the seat. His advice was that it did not need a 'finish' and would continue to age without any attention. This was accepted by the TPC

8.1.3 Highways update. With no January meeting, Clerk had had time to update the Maintenance Record and clarify issues. A copy of this will be displayed on the Trudoxhill Notice Board. Cllr Ham had sent an email to inform TPC that Buns Lane will be resurfaced but was not present to confirm this. **Clerk will contact him** to make sure that this will actually happen and obtain more information about proposed date.

8.2 Correspondence

8.2.1 All relevant letters/emails/ posters read. **AS** and **CM** will investigate/respond to the Internet email and **AS** will communicate information via the next copy of Your View. **CM** will use the village eNewsletter.

8.3 Planning

App No:2014/2689/HSE Single storey side extension. Japonica Cottage. Trudoxhill. Mr M Hotson **PT** asked if drawing was complete as the block plan does not show the existing garage and wooden building. There is also a tree on the site which was not indicated on the details submitted. **JS** felt that it was not obtrusive and it was agreed that the chosen materials were in keeping with the rest of the house.. There were some concerns expressed about the amount of extension that MDC would allow as the site's footprint has been enlarged several time from the original. 2 Cllr's Approved but the majority decision was to **Refer to the Planning Officer** because of the queries raised. **Clerk would send TPC** observations within 24 hrs as MDC had granted a time extension for the Council to discuss.

App No: 2014/2144/HSE + 2014/2257/LBC had been Approved by MDC

Appeal Ref: App/Q330/A/14/2227283 had been dismissed by the Inspector

App No: 2014/2743/HSE Installation of ground floor window Ash Hose Trudoxhill. Mr R **Woodman** had been **Approved** by the TPC. The deadline was Jan 29th and no time extension granted so the decision was made via electronic communications.

8.4 Accounts for Payment

8.4.1 Moson- website

8.4.2 Clerk wages / expenses (Parish Plan delivery/Xmas tree expenditure £9.00 in total)

8.5 Items to Report:

8.5.1 Parish Plan - **JS** / Rod Lewis updated TPC. 52 replies received which was a positive 30% of the Parish. RL agreed to collate the responses on a spreadsheet but the TPC would then need to compile the report. After discussion it was agreed to devote most of the next TPC to this task and the Clerk would keep other Agenda items to a minimum. Cllr Ham would be invited because of his expertise of the process at Coleford.. It was also agreed that it would be highly likely that the final version would need more expertise to produce and **CM** would look at the cost and personnel for this. **Clerk will contact Cllr Ham** to invite him to attend. Thanks expressed to the subcommittee (Rod Lewis and Patrick Cloney + Cllr Symes) for their work. The associated Raffle would take place during the White Hart pub quiz on the 19th Feb...

8.5.2 **JS** had received 2 quotes for the new Grass cutting contract which were discussed. The Landscape Group were slightly cheaper than Nev Dean but it was felt that the advantage of supporting a village business which had already got experience of the work involved was an advantage. He has also shown a positive attitude to completing minor addition tasks without payment. **JS was asked to go back to Mr Dean to see if there was some flexibility with his quote and discuss the outcome with PC. The Clerk would then be informed to update the contract.**

8.5.3 **AS** reported that, as yet, there had been no response to the advert about the Strimmer Scheme. **PC** informed the TPC that Helen Gray, the Footpath Officer, has written to him to resign her post. Dismay was expressed and thanks for her (and her husband, Ken's) hard work. **Clerk will write a letter of thanks.** After discussion, it was agreed that the whole issue of 'who does what' needed to be clarified and a new approach would be needed. **CM** was asked to advertise the Strimmer Scheme via email and the **Clerk will find out more details** as well as the practicalities of employing someone to clear some footpaths on a 'handy person!' basis. Helen and Ken would be invited to a meeting later in the year to add their expertise to the issue so that we can continue to maintain and improve the footpaths in the parish within the budget constraints on MDC. There had been no Village Hall meeting to report back on.

8.5.4. **AP** is about to start work on Your View and discussion took place about what articles should be included. These were noted and Cllr asked to submit their updates. It was felt fitting to focus on the life of George Wareham and **AP** will research background information. The section for the Refuse/Recycling will be maintained to provide the information we all need.

8.6 Other Business referred to the Clerk

8.6.1 The hedge from Bridge House to the end of West End Lane needs to be cut as several parishioners had complained it is difficult/unsafe to walk past. **PC** would speak to the farmer to pass on the request

8.6.2 Clerk gave initial information about the Parish elections as all Cllr will be up for re-election in May. **She will contact MDC** for the important dates/details and brief the TPC at the next meeting.

8.6.3 **PT** has attended the meeting which discussed the Somerset Levels and Moors Flood Action Plan and reported back about the current state of affairs. He gave the Clerk a copy of the report which is available should anyone wish to borrow it. Email/phone the Clerk if you wish to do this.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm Thursday March 5th 2015

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