

TRUDOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 5th March 2015

PRESENT: P Candy (Chairman) P Twigger (Vice Chairman) C Midgley A Pereira A Steele J Symes
Cllr Ham 3 members of the public

CLERK: Georgina Blackshaw

APOLOGIES: Cllr David Stevens

Declaration of Interest:

PT for 9.3 Planning.

9.10 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 7.40

9.1 Previous Subject Matters

9.1.1 Village Maintenance – Clerk confirmed hedges up to turn off for West End Lane had been cut but several parishioners had asked her to mention that there was a lot of trimming left on the road, some of which was large and presented a danger to pedestrians/cars as the latter were forced out into the road to avoid it. **AS** had had some concern as she drives the route and felt it dangerous. Unfortunately it has now mostly been blown away but the points were noted to check immediately after the next cut. Bunns Lane confirmed to be resurfaced. Clerk has updated Highways Maintenance records and posted on both notice boards. Grass cutting contract has been awarded to Nev Dean who has the contract to sign and will start in late March. Clerk has received a complaint from a parishioner about farm waste being deposited along the banks around the underpass on the A361 and a pipe for removal of water being sited above the hedge height. **JS** was concerned about any encroachment of the Bridleway and **AS** pointed out that the owner of the land was responsible for the correct disposal of their own farm waste. The owner of the land was present and spoke on the issue. He stated that the hedges had been seeded and would settle and that he had kept within his boundary. He stated that he will readjust the pipe outlet. **PC** accepted this but it would be monitored and reported if it is not kept within the relevant legislation.

9.1.2 Clerk reminded Cllr's that they should check the email from MDC about the election process and she would be displaying information for parishioners that she had received on 23rd of this month. She will also use Your View, eNewsletter and Postlebury News to pass on information. It will be revisited in more detail in the April meeting.

9.2 Correspondence

9.2.1 All relevant letters/emails/ poster read and the poster will be put on Trudoxhill notice board.

9.3 Planning

App No: 2015/0211/FUL Day room at Somerleaze Farm, Trudoxhill. Mrs J Ayres.

PC explained the background to the site and **PT** asked if there were any restrictions on the number of people living there. **Cllr Ham confirmed there were none** but some concern was expressed that it should only be used as a day room and not for additional accommodation. 3 Cllr's **Approved** while the others wanted to **Refer to Planning Officer. Clerk would send TPC** observations within 24 hrs as MDC had granted a time extension for the Council to discuss.

PT left the Hall.

App No: 2015/069/HSE Single storey side extension at Monksham Farm Smithwicks Lane Mrs R Twigger.

JS said it was an isolated property and the build did not affect anyone. It proposed to use appropriate materials and he saw no problem with the application. All Cllr's voted **to Approve**

PT returned to the meeting

App No: 2014/2743HSE had been Approved by MDC

Appeal Ref: APP/Q3305/W/14/3000679 had been dismissed by the Inspector

9.4 Accounts for Payment

9.4.1 Clerks wages

9.5 Items to Report:

9.5.1 **CM** asked for TPC to submit an application for funding for TOP's which she will complete. **PC** agreed and **Cllr Ham** will help to clarify any issues if needed.

9.5.2 **AS** reported that Village Hall had received a higher water bill (£300 rather than the usual £80). Dean is checking for a leak and they will look back at past bills. Matter ongoing - to report again once result known. Chairman to stand down in June and none of the Committee felt able to take up the post... TPC willing to help with publicity and **AS** to ask John Harding (Chairman) to pass on information and clarify what help TPC can provide.

9.5.3. **AP** has started work on Your View which should go to print within the next week. He asked if there was any funding available for the broadband issues but **Cllr Ham confirmed** that with the elections due soon, it is best to leave the issue until later. **AS** will continue to liaise with Henry Gibson and Deborah Liggatt. A brief update about the Parish Plan will be included in the Newsletter but a focal point will be a piece on George Wareham.

9.5.4 **PT** had checked and confirmed that overgrown hedges along Bunns Lane had been cut back

9.5.5 **PARISH PLAN**

A large proportion of the meeting was left to focus on this and **Cllr Ham** and parishioners present were invited to contribute.

CM circulated the collated results that Rod and Jen Lewis had produced from the 52 questionnaires returned and initial discussion on this took place. **Cllr Ham** then circulated the files and information that Coleford Cllr's produced and gave advice about the way forward. The next stage is to obtain a statistical analysis of the results which will need to be done professionally. **PT** had researched a possible contact in Frome and **JS** would follow this up. There will be some expenditure for this, although much lower than Coleford (which was £1000) as we are a much smaller parish. Clerk stated that we do have a good budget left at the end of this financial year but the cost would need to be considered carefully. **JS** will discuss with **PC** once the amount is known and will be guided by the Chairman. If feasible he will go ahead ASAP without delaying until the April TPC. The next stages would follow under the newly elected TPC and will involve a considerable amount of time/effort before the final Plan is produced. However, it was felt that it is possible to work to a shorter timeframe than Coleford (approx. a year from the statistical analysis). **Cllr Ham** suggested that if there were queries about the process from here that Sara Skirton at MDC would be a good contact point. Clerk stated that she could prepare a summary of some of the parishioners immediate concerns and that there could be a straightforward strategy to implement some of the suggestions/queries expressed. There are indications that parishioners may be willing to get involved in small tasks which do not take too much time and it would be good to capitalise on this positive response as quickly as possible. **Clerk was asked to prepare this** to forward to Cllrs, then to parishioners, via the notice boards etc. by the April meeting. **AS/CM** will also use Your View and the eNewsletter to circulate this to as many people as possible. **CM** has a list of new email addresses from the questionnaire to add to the original database. Thanks expressed to Patrick Cloney and Rod and Jen Lewis for the large amount of work they had done to get us to this stage. **PC** asked **Clerk to purchase** a small gift for each of them and to write a letter of thanks. **JS** expressed his particular thanks as he had worked closely with the group and appreciated all that they had done. **Cllr Ham** was also thanked for all his support which has been invaluable.

9.6 Other Business referred to the Clerk

None as time was allocated to the Parish Plan

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm Thursday April 2nd 2015

For the attention of: Mr P Candy, Mr P Twigger, Mrs C Midgley, Mr A Pereira, Revd. A Steele, Mr J Symes,

Cllr Stevens, Cllr Ham