

TRUDOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 4th June 2015

PRESENT: P Twigger (Chairman) C Galpin C Midgley A Pereira S Salmon A Steele J Symes
Cllr Dick Skidmore 5 members of the public

CLERK: Georgina Blackshaw

APOLOGIES: Cllr Ham

Declaration of Interest:

None.

2.0 The Minutes

- Having been circulated, **PT** then signed them off as a true copy

Meeting then suspended at 7.35 for:

Members of the Public Comments:

Cllr Skidmore introduced himself and gave a brief summary of his career/previous experience at MDC as a Cllr for 24 years. He assured the TPC that he would attend as needed and act on any issues that they wished to raise. **CM** asked him for clarification as to whether TOPs needed planning permission for the larger number of pieces of play equipment now being funded for the playground and he stated that there was no need as the present arrangements were sufficient. He was thanked for his input and assurances. A parishioner asked for clarification on 2 issues he had raised previously which the Clerk provided and she would send on relevant emails received from MDC. The first concerned the waste along the hedges on the A361 underpass and was with the Environment Agency. The second about dog fouling signs was still unresolved. The Clerk stated that she felt that an official complaint about the lack of response from MDC was needed and the District Councillors would be approached to support this letter.

Meeting resumed at 7.55

2.1 Previous Subject Matters

2.2.1 Footpaths. Helen and Ken Gray were invited by **PT** to outline their responsibilities as Footpath Officer(s). They talked through the role and the need to liaise with all concerned i.e. landowners/walkers/MDC They walked and cleared paths on a regular basis but having resigned there is now the problem of finding a replacement as, despite advertising the role, no one has come forward. **SS** put forward suggestions to encourage more people to become involved with the possibility of a Parish Walk. After a long discussion, it was agreed that once the Cllr's roles were allocated then the person who will take over the Footpath responsibilities would research and prepare suggestions for the way forward. A generic advert would be included in Your View as it is a paid role and the details of the position agreed at a later date once an interest had been shown. Helen and Ken were thanked for attending and for all their hard work over the years.

2.2.2 Village Communications. **AP** is starting Your View and needs input from Cllr's within the next 2 weeks. He explained that we also use Facebook and Twitter to appeal to the younger parishioners but it was agreed to be truly inclusive, paper copies of the important information should always be the priority. **AS** was concerned about the 'labelling' of parishioners who may not want/feel comfortable with social media and **AP** and **CM** were very aware and respectful of this. **CM** suggested that **AP** ask in Your View who would like to receive paper copies of the eNewsletter which she can easily provide. **CM** to investigate the system for delivery of the Newsletter.

2.2.3 New Roles and Responsibilities were discussed and agreed. **Clerk to prepare the information** for the parish notice boards. (See Attached sheet). **CM** asked for Cllr's to consider who will be prepared to cover her roles when she takes a sabbatical for the birth of her child. **Clerk will Agenda** this for the next meeting

2.2 Correspondence

2.2.1 All correspondence received had been read by Cllr's. **CG** and **SS** are going on a Cllr training course organised by SALC. **PT** had applied for a place on the Role of the Chairperson but it was full. **Clerk will check with SALC** for another potential course. Slinky Bus advert to go to **AP** for Your View.

2.3 Planning

No new applications had been received

Applications Approved by MDC: **2015/0576** Display Adverts. Nunney Catch Esso Garage; **2015/0432/VCR** Variation of Conditions. Freight Yard Trudoxhill; **2014/2697/HSE** Side extension Japonica

Cottage Trudoxhill; **2015/0801/HSE** Extension The Parsonage Gare Hill; **2015/0813/HSE** Porch extension Ash House Trudoxhill.

2.4 Accounts for Payment

2.4.1 Grass cutting

2.4.2 SALC annual subscription

2.4.3 Analysis, development and copywriting of Parish Plan plus photography

2.4.4 Chairman's small thank you gifts to parishioners for their time and work on Parish Plan

2.4.4 Clerk's wage

2.4.5 Clerk expenses – presents for Mr and Mrs Harding – retiring from Village Hall. K Gray for internal audit.

Clerk informed TPC that Moson Solutions, who support the website have increased the cost slightly but it is still much cheaper than IT companies outside the parish. **Clerk to circulate email.**

2.5 Items to Report:

2.5.1 Highways. Clerk issued update and this will be displayed on both notice boards. **SS** and **CG** updated about past requests. **SS** asked for information about the damage to, and responsibility for, paying for repair to the bridge at Tuckmarsh. **Clerk to contact Highways to investigate** as the tarmac needs to extend to the edges as it is unsafe for cyclists at the moment. Some concern expressed about the time taken and effort put in to the repair work. Flood prevention – **SS** asked if any money is available for this area but **PT** stated that the money allocated was being spent on the Somerset Levels as a priority. **Cllr Ham** had confirmed this at a previous meeting. **AS** concerned about the placing and amount of signs at the entrance to Trudoxhill from the A361. **Clerk will clarify** the legal aspects with MDC and report back.

2.5.2 Parish Plan – **JS** has plan ready to print with a quote of £1.90 per copy with total of £286 for all households to receive a copy. It was agreed that this should be done as there has been nearly a years' work in the preparation and the action plan will be useful in negotiations with MDC about issues of concern to the parish. **CG** asked for a copy which **JS** will email. Clerk asked for a date for the 'tidy up' suggestion on the Interim Measure poster so that this can be displayed and advertised in Your View. July 18th agreed. 10am start with refreshments for all provided by **AS**. Meet at the White Hart carpark. Event begins at 10.30am with the intention of clearing areas around the grit bins, moss on pavements as well as litter picking. TPC keen to get as many people as possible as it was an issue raised by many who responded to the Questionnaire and needs support from as many as possible to make it worthwhile and effective.

2.5.3 TOP's £2000 banked donated from Marston Solar Power. Equipment ordered to start the week's build in August. Village Hall Committee will be approached to ask if workmen can have access to WC. A volunteer will visit daily to oversee/check all is OK. Child Protection Policies sent to TPC and checked. There is Public Liability cover, next stage - volunteers sought for ROSPA training, date to be decided. 7 people signed up **AP**, **AS**, **SS** indicated their support and spare spaces will now be offered to other local Parishes. All Cllr's need to be able to sign TPC cheque book as a Lottery Grant requirement. Clerk has collected form from TSB which will be circulated to **CG**, **AP**, **AS** and **SS** who will each need to visit the Frome Branch. **CM** asked if this could be done asap and added thanks for the extra admin it entails.

2.6 Other Business referred to the Clerk

2.6.1 Leaving party for 'Postie Paul'. Ian Blackshaw and Rod Lewis with Graeme Barry are organising. Date – JULY 4th 7pm onwards at the White Hart. TPC will fund the buffet and Ian will organise the publicity posters. **CM** will add to eNewsletter

2.6.2 **AP** has prepared a poster advertising the vacancy for Chair of the Village Hall Committee which Nev Dean has printed free of charge. It is to go on eNewsletter and notice boards etc around the parish.

2.6.3 Frome Town Band cannot support Xmas Carol event so **PT** asked for idea of alternatives. He has an idea but asked for all Cllr's to give it some thought for the next meeting.

2.6.4 Phone box – repaint needed. **JS** asked **AP** to advertise in Your View for a person to do the task.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

The July meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 2nd in Trudoxhill Village Hall

*For the attention of: Mr P Twigger, Mr C Galpin, Mrs C Midgley, Mr A Pereira, Mrs S Salmon,
Revd. A Steele, Mr J Symes,*

Cllr Skidmore, Cllr Ham