

TRUDOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 4th July 2015

PRESENT: P Twigger (Chairman) C Galpin S Salmon A Steele J Symes
3 members of the public
CLERK: Georgina Blackshaw
APOLOGIES: C Midgeley A Pereira Cllr Skidmore Cllr Ham

Declaration of Interest:

None.

3.0 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

Several parishioners are concerned about the recurring problems with Connor Construction at Cheese Hill. They would like the support of the TPC to clarify with MDC issues including the use of the site, the role of the Enforcement Officer, what action (if any) will be taken about the removal, without permission, of the tree with a TPO. Discussion took place and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mendip Planning Department.

Meeting resumed at 7.50

3.1 Previous Subject Matters

3.1.1 Election of Vice Chairperson deferred to next meeting.

3.1.2 Spruce up the Parish – arrangements for 18th discussed. Poster to run off and display. **SS/CG** offered to do this plus **Clerk to put on notice boards**. Possibility of a flyer to all households if Your View does not go out in time. **Clerk to check with AP**. Nev Dean has offered to spray footpath/around grit bins before the 18th to make clearing easier. **Clerk will purchase Roundup**. **AS** will arrange the ‘catering’

3.1.3 Postie Paul’s leaving do 4th July. White Hart 7pm on. **Clerk will purchase wine** as a token present and **PT** will make a short speech.

3.2 Correspondence

3.2.1 All correspondence received had been read by Cllr’s. Clerk suggested inviting PCSO to next TPC meeting. Agreed.

3.3 Planning

Application No: 2015/1201/FUL Agricultural buildings replacement at Bunn Lane. **Recommend Approval**

Application No: 2015/1236/TPO Proposed work to trees The Builders Yard Cheese Hill. **AS** asked if recommending Approval implies that the TPC is happy with the general situation as such. **SS** unhappy with the background of the tree with TPO being felled and no timescale for the proposed work given. **PT** stated that it must be considered only as it is presented. **CG** stated that it is remedial work to save the trees. Cllr’s decided to **refer the decision to the Planning Officer** but asked the **Clerk to record their concerns**.

Applications Approved by MDC: **2015/0814/HSE** Extension 2 Fairview Trudoxhill

2015/0916/APP Approval of details, The Freight yard. Trudoxhill

3.4 Accounts for Payment

3.4.1 Grass cutting

3.4.2 HMRC

3.4.3 Parish Plan printing

3.4.4 Moson website

3.4.5 Clerk’s wage

Clerk has received request from PCC for the annual contribution towards the upkeep of Marston Bigot church yard (£250). TPC agreed that Clerk should include this in next month’s Accounts

3.5 Items to Report:

3.5.1 Footpaths. **CG** reported that he had met with Helen and Ken Gray to discuss the role and that Paul and Niki Warden had agreed to take over as Footpath Liaison officers. **CG** had talked through the outline of the scheme and will meet them again to go over more details. TPC expressed their thanks to Paul and

Niki. **Clerk will write to them** and also to Clare Haskins (Rights of Way Officer MDC) to inform her of the change. **CG** has started to look at the problems with West End Lane working with **SS** (Cllr for Highways). **AS** expressed concerns over lack of access to her fields as there is a large boulder at the end of the bridleway. Further research will be done as the whole issue of who is responsible for the upkeep of West End Lane as this needs clarification to enable a satisfactory conclusion to ongoing problems. **CG** reported a blocked Footpath in Trudoxhill as there had been a complaint received from a walker. It is with the Rights of Way team who are pursuing the matter.

3.5.2 Highways. Clerk had reported Portaloo left at at Tuckmarsh which has now been removed and a road sign at the Marston crossroad that need replacing. **CM** had had a conversation with a parishioner who had had his car badly damaged when left outside his cottage on the main road through Trudoxhill. She requested that the TPC write to local farmers to ask if they would ask their drivers/Contractors to take care through the village. However, after much discussion it was agreed that it was not appropriate to target only farmers and that a great deal of heavy lorries use the road and to determine who was responsible was impossible. The wider issue of speed, size of vehicles and walkers using the narrow road needs to be looked at in detail. It is one of the target areas for the follow up to the Parish Plan and will be looked at in depth within the next few meetings. It was agreed that the **Clerk would look at the cost of purchasing signs** asking people to slow down through the village and to highlight the issue to all in Your View. Advice would also be sought from the PCSO. **SS** has a traffic calming scheme idea emailed from Rod Lewis that could be a cost effective way of helping to solve a recurring problem in our parish as in many others. **SS** has all Highways info from **Clerk who will update the Maintenance Log** and send on for her to take over.

3.5.3 TOP's Lottery money received and cheque sent to Sovereign who can now schedule precisely when they will start the build.

3.5.4 Website Mats (Moston Solutions) is working on updating the site and there are a few issues yet to be decided but progress is being made at a quicker pace.

3.5.5 Defibrillator. Hopefully there may be some more volunteers once the request is on Your View.

3.6 Other Business referred to the Clerk

3.6.1 Clerk had received notice that the main road from past Cricket Farm to Iron Mills Bridge will be temporarily closed for resurfacing work for 5 days (excluding the weekend) from 30th July 2015. **Clerk will post notices** but it is too late to include in Your View.

3.6.2 Parish Plan is to be delivered to all households in the parish. **JS** has started the process and will compile list of where they have already been delivered. **SS/CG** will then cover Smithwicks/Marston/Gare Hill. **Clerk will then check and deliver** to those yet to receive copy i.e. Ridgeway/Nunney Catch.

3.6.3 Parish Plan As this plan was prepared by the previous Parish Council **SS and CG** did not have any input but will now be able to contribute to the future action on the issues raised by the parishioners who returned the original questionnaire. **JS** requested that the Plan be on the Agenda at each meeting. Clerk asked that a clear outline of actions and deadlines be set in order to identify the most important issues and respond to them within a reasonable time.

3.6.4 Agenda items for August – Parish Plan – the next step. **CM** – who will take over her areas while she is on sabbatical? Christmas music, any ideas to replace Frome Band? Other issues to Clerk by July 28th.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

The August meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 6th 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