

TRUDOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 6th August 2015

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

CLERK: Georgina Blackshaw

APOLOGIES: A Pereira Cllr Skidmore

Declaration of Interest:

Clerk – 4.3.

4.0 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

Concern expressed on behalf of several parishioners about the ongoing situation at Connor Construction. It was stated that the TPC concerns had not been logged on the MDC planning site. **Clerk would check.** **PT** read out an email received from the Enforcement Officer acknowledging the issue but stating that at this time the case was ongoing and that the Council is considering an appropriate course of action in respect of the unauthorised works. It was decided to discuss the item at this stage and it was then agreed that **PT** would telephone Cllr Skidmore to ask for his support. An approach to the local MP would also be considered. Cllr Ham informed those present that MDC hoped to appoint two more Enforcement Officers in the near future.

Meeting resumed at 7.50

4.1 Previous Subject Matters

4.1.1 Spruce up the Parish – **JS** reported a good response with 20 parishioners starting off the morning with bacon butties. Thanks expressed to Richard Brooks for this and to all who put in a lot of hard work with excellent results. Special thanks to Nev Dean who undertook extra work before and during the event and to Bill and Pauline Stafford (Wyelands) for continuing to tidy up litter at the top of the village. **CG** requested more activity on the areas outside the actual village as despite Cheese Hill/Iron Mills/Gare Hill areas being covered there were pockets that also needed to be cleared. Saturday appeared to be a more suitable day than Sunday as in the past.

4.1.2– Postie Paul's leaving do 4th July – a good turnout. Paul had emailed his thanks and an article had been submitted and published in the Frome Standard

4.1.3 Christmas Music – still no one found. **PT** waiting for a possible to reply. **CM** suggested CleyHill Stompers and would investigate.

4.1.4 Connor Construction – discussed at the start of the meeting

4.1.5 Your View delivery. Clerk asked for a definitive decision about who would do this as it had been difficult to manage this time with Rod and Jen Lewis stepping in to help along with Postie Paul. **JS** would ask new postman, who he felt would cover the village/Ridgeway and **CG/SS** volunteered to take on the outlying areas to include Marston Bigot/Smithwicks and Gare Hill. Thanks expressed.

4.1.6 **CM's** roles. **AP** to take over eNewsletter and to support Mats and Clerk with website. Christmas Party – **JS/SS** and Clerk to would share duties (flyer/posters/present buying/wrapping) Father Christmas needed – **SS** has person in mind and would investigate. TOP's has team who have worked on the project and would continue to do so. Cllr needed to be responsible for this area and JS volunteered.

4.2 Correspondence

4.2.1 All correspondence received had been read by Cllr's. **CG** was interested in the details of the Local Plan and felt that it would be good for the Parish to be involved. Dates for Information Evening were on the Parish Bulletin circulated to TPC and **Clerk would advertise dates** for parishioners on notice boards + **AP** to add to eNewsletter.

4.3 Planning (Clerk left the Hall)

Application No: 2015/1665/TPO Proposed felling of Ash Tree with TPO Mr Blackshaw Trudoxhill Tree is dangerous with report showing high degree of internal rot. Near neighbour had written letter of concern about branches falling on his house and is in full support of the felling. A replacement tree has already been planted. **Application Approved** (Clerk returned to meeting)

Applications Approved by MDC: **2015/1201/FUL** Replacement hay barn. Bunns Lane

4.4 Accounts for Payment

4.4.1 Grass cutting - £100

4.4.2 Printing of Your View - £100 (£70 + £30 reprint)

4.4.3 PCC Annual donation to upkeep of Marston Churchyard - £250

4.4.4 SALC – new Cllr training x 2 - £40

4.4.5 Clerk's wage – 15 hrs £103.20

4.4.6 Clerk's expenses – purchase of Roundup x 2 for Parish Spruce up - £25.97

4.5 Items to Report:

4.5.1 Footpaths. **CG** reported that Paul and Nicki Warden are completing form to be officially registered as Footpath Officers. He then informed TPC about SCC 'Adopt a Footpath' Scheme which will be investigated in more detail and advertised in Your View. West End Lane – some improvement/repairs undertaken to surface. **CG** to follow up with Paul Candy to identify land owners for the future. Clare Haskins has stated that we can cut back this year to allow access to fields all along the Lane and agreed to add to SCC clearance schedule for next year. Footpath at Fairview – gate across is not locked and Clare Haskins will arrange for the path to be strimmed.

4.5.2 Highways. Clerk has phoned SCC about the lack resurfacing work due to start on 30/07/15 from Millard's Hill House to Iron Mills. She was eventually told that the Contractors had failed to register the road closure in time so that work could not start as planned. Frustration was expressed but **Cllr Ham** clarified that although Highways admitted it had been a mistake, they are committed to 3 major upgrades starting early Feb 2016 for the parish. These are: work to alleviate the flooding outside The Rectory, Marston Bigot; Bunns Lane resurfacing and Millard's Hill – Iron Mills resurfacing.

4.5.3 TOP's **CM** reported that most of funding in place. Work will start 19th August for 3 days. Official Opening – September 26th 2pm – 4pm. Details nearer the time of the village event/celebration Date for ROSPA training yet to be finalised.

4.5.4 **AP** absent so details of meeting organised by parishioner, Henry Gibson, about broadband put back to next meeting when Henry will be invited to update TPC.

4.5.5 Parish Plan. **JS** introduced item and pointed to the need to pick out most important issues. **CG** suggested they then needed to be prioritised. The information with Emma Pereira who compiled the report needs to be kept with TPC for easy access for Cllr's to refer to and **Clerk to store** if parishioners have queries. **CG** to follow this up. **Cllr Ham** suggested the need to decide short/medium/long term aims and to recognise that some 'wish list' ideas may just not be achievable at TPC level, not to be disheartened but to pursue those areas where there is the possibility of some success.. **AS** and **CM** suggested areas need to be linked to Cllr responsibilities already established. **JS** asked Cllr's matched to tasks to present their ideas for their 'section' at the next meeting and prepare a 3 minute input.

4.6 Other Business referred to the Clerk

4.6.1 Clerk had received a letter from concerned parishioners who had witnessed large vehicles trying to manoeuvre through the narrow road just before Postlebury View. They wanted clarification of the Width Limit sign and were concerned that the village was being used as a cut through. Clerk had written to the PCSO to seek the legal status but he did not know and would make enquiries with colleagues. He suggested asking Highways which the Clerk has also done but is awaiting a reply. **She will follow up**

4.6.2 Transparency Code for smaller authorities. Clerk explained that the Government issued a code of recommended practice for parish councils with a turnover of less than £25,000. There are various implications for the TPC which the **Clerk will address** and circulate to Cllr's and parishioners within the next few weeks. Some areas i.e. publishing financial information, details of meetings etc. we do at the present. Other areas will need to be implemented but there are financial implications with the updating of the website. SALC has requested details from the TPC to see if a grant may be available to support the work being done to the site at the present. Clerk has provided the details.

4.6.3 Agenda items for September – Parish Plan – reports from Cllr's. Broadband update – **AP** and Henry Gibson (if available) Appointment of Vice Chair (held over from Aug meeting). **Any other issue to the Clerk by Wed 26th Aug.** please.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

The September meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 3rd in Trudoxhill Village Hall

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

Cllr Skidmore, Cllr Ham