

TRUDOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 3rd September 2015

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

Declaration of Interest:

None.

5.0 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

None

Meeting resumed at 7.38

5.1 Previous Subject Matters

5.1.1 **AP** introduced Henry Gibson, a parishioner, who spoke to the Council about introducing faster broadband to local villages. The proposal is to trial the service, 'Field', in Trudoxhill with it starting before Christmas. It is quite a simple process and will provide a better service than BT. 10% of the profits will be ploughed back into community activities with wireless internet from Tytherington. A mast will be erected but will be relatively unobtrusive and no planning permission will be needed for it to be erected. More details can be found about the scheme by responding to the flyer. **AP** suggested the TPC could help to support this and it was suggested that the flyer could be circulated with the TOP's party invites to the Opening of the Village Garden.

5.1.2– Election of Vice Chairperson. **PT** proposed **John Symes** who was seconded by **AP** and elected as Vice Chairman.

5.1.3 Connor Construction. **PT** reported back from his phone conversation with Cllr Skidmore. The agreement to carry out the work to the trees has been confirmed and should be completed within six months but **SS** expressed concern that this needs to be closely monitored. TPC agreed to do this and **SS** suggested that we could delegate some aspects of this, and other associated issues with the site, to John Salmon who has been a District Councillor at MDC and has his own planning consultancy. He has represented the TPC at Planning Board meetings in the past and his expertise would be of great value. Cllr Skidmore will also be approached again to continue to pressure for full disclosure of all relevant background information/decisions taken or not taken. **SS will copy the Clerk** into all relevant communications.

5.2 Correspondence

5.2.1 All correspondence received had been read by Cllr's. **CG** stated that now we have the details of the Local Plan, it was important that as many people as possible looked at it and commented as appropriate. **Clerk would advertise dates** for parishioners on notice boards + **AP** to add to eNewsletter.

5.3 Planning (none)

Approved by MDC: 2015/1236/TPC Proposed work to trees. The Builders Yard Cheese Hill

5.4 Accounts for Payment

5.5.1 Grass Cutting - £100

5.5.2 Annual Zurich Insurance (to include play equipment) £462.73

5.5.3 Clerk's Wages – 15 hrs £103.20

5.5.4 Clerk's Expenses – Epson printing ink £27.49

5.5 Items to Report:

5.5.1 PARISH PLAN – initial feedback.

JS – Cllr responsible for 'Housing' (page 13 of plan). Explained one of the main concerns were about sign being masked by vegetation. Suggested that TPC shared task but it was agreed that as it is a concern of all parishioners more help should be sought from as many people as possible as all the work cannot, and should not, be undertaken by only Parish Councillors. The litter pick was much better supported last time because it was better advertised, well in advance, and made more sociable by starting with bacon butties. This should be repeated soon to attend to some of the sign clearing tasks. A cohort of like-minded parishioners could be encouraged to sign up on a more regular basis and delegated tasks developed. Still no response for a volunteer to repaint the phone box. **AP** to advertise again in the eNewsletter.

AP responsible for Employment and Business (page 11)

As he was not at the previous meeting has only concentrated on the Broadband provision arranging with Henry Gibson to speak about the 'Field' initiative at the start of the meeting

SS – Cllr responsible for Highways (page 7) had met with Rod Lewis and **CG** to walk the route through the village that gives parishioners cause for concern. They had initial discussions about use of road narrowing lines, ways of introducing speed limits and vehicle widths. SID results were forwarded and studied and **SS** will now discuss initial ideas with the police. **JS** queried whether 20 mph was feasible but **SS** stated that more areas appear to have these now and will pursue with Highways.

CG – Cllr responsible for Footpaths (page 7) SCC 'Adopt a path' scheme explained and will be researched as a potential way of encouraging more support and better clearing of paths. **AP** to advertise in eNewsletter.

SCC will include West End Lane in one vegetation cut next year.

Clerk reported for CM. Cllr responsible for Environment and Culture (page 9) The Village Garden is nearly finished with a 'snagging' list for the play items installer, Sovereign, to complete before the final payment made. Gates and signs to be installed and the official opening is planned for Sunday 27th September (not 26th as initially advertised) 2 - 4pm with Postie Paul cutting the ribbon and refreshments provided in the Village Hall. **AP** to put on eNewsletter and press to be invited. **Clerk to action.** Old gate to be reused by Joyce Stride. RoSPA training event held on 29th August, well attended and a rota will be established to check the playground.

5.6 Other Business referred to the Clerk

5.6.1 Width Limit signs. Clerk has confirmed with Highways that the signs mean that no large vehicle can use the route as a cut through but how to establish which vehicles are doing this is problematic. She has written to the PCSO to ask if any form of camera that could be installed as it will be impossible for parishioners to record all the times and occasions that large vehicle come through the parish even if a Speed Watch type of system is started. She has asked for information about what other villages do but has yet to get a response. **She will continue to chase up** as a matter of urgency and will share the information with **SS** as it links with the Highways/Parish Plan actions that **SS** has responsibility for. **CG** queried placement of SID cameras and it was confirmed that these were the areas approved by the SCC Traffic Engineer.

5.6.2 Change of date for November meeting from 5th Either Wed 4th or Frid 6th suggested. **Clerk to check** with Jean Lemon.

Agenda items to the Clerk by Wed 23rd September please.

The meeting closed at 8.48 pm.

The October meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 1st in Trudoxhill Village Hall

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

Cllr Skidmore, Cllr Ham