

TRUDOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 1st October 2015

PRESENT: P Twigger (Chairman), C Galpin, A Pereira, J Symes.
3 members of the public

CLERK: Georgina Blackshaw

APOLOGIES: A Steele, S Salmon, Cllr Skidmore, Cllr Ham.

Declaration of Interest:

JS Agenda item 6.3

6.0 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

6.1 Previous Subject Matters

6.1.1 Highways update **CG** reported for **SS**. TPC has had difficulties in getting any response from PCSO to questions, despite Clerk sending 3 emails directly and via Avon and Somerset Police website. **Clerk to log complaint and follow up**. Various traffic signs missing/faded – to chase up with Highways. Incident at Iron Mills – bridge/area damaged and straw fallen into river/on verge. Caused by a Contractor. Police attended and incident logged with Highways. **SS** met with Bridge Engineer to discuss and follow up to this is ongoing as there are various Agencies involved. **SS** will report progress at next TPC. **CG** noted that in the Parish Plan questionnaire, parishioners were worried about flooding and this need to be addressed again asap. The issue of a large pool of water at the dip opposite Pyle Farm was discussed with the recent downpour causing concern about potential accidents. TPC will collate a list of areas and approach Highways again. An informal approach will be made to see if something can be done in the interim about the run off from the fields.

6.1.2 Date for next TPC is Friday 6th November.

6.1.3 Local Plan Part 11. Cllr's encouraged to attend the drop in session at The Cheese and Grain on Wed 14th October 10am-4pm. Poster advertising this for parishioner's information is on notice boards.

6.1.4 Village Garden Official Opening. Clerk reported that about 20 people attended and the good weather meant that the children could enjoy the playground and the adults tested the training equipment, the oldest of the visitors working out with gusto, after 'Postie Paul' has cut the ribbon. Nev Dean had arranged for an HMS Midgley sign (in honour of Cllr Midgely who was the leading light in getting the area built) mounted on the pirate boat. The new gates and sign are now in place and the results are a credit to the parish. Rod Lewis is refurbishing the older benches which will be re-installed over the next few weeks. Thanks expressed to all concerned for this huge achievement.

6.2 Correspondence

6.2.1 All correspondence received has been read by Cllr's and Clerk has displayed poster.

6.3 Planning

(**JS** left the meeting)

Application No 2015/1950/FUL. Conversion of existing stable to smokehouse unit – retrospective consent. Millards Hill Stables Trudoxhill Mr J Symes.

PT stated that he felt that the actual application was appropriate for the parish. He was of the opinion that small artisan businesses should be encouraged, that the building was in keeping with the surrounding area and the smokehouse would not lead to an increase in traffic. However, the retrospective aspect was of concern as **the applicant** was aware of the planning process. **AP** also expressed concern that the TPC should be seen to be diligent in looking at this as all local small business have to follow the planning rules, however frustrating they can be. The Council need to be seen to be objective. **CG** agreed but stated that

the planning was sound, the process, less so. **SS** and **AS** had forwarded their comments to the TPC and the vote was taken, with 2 Cllr's wishing it to be '**Referred to the Planning Officer**' while 2 '**Approved**'. The Chairman cast his vote in favour of the application for the reasons stated at the start of the deliberations. The application was therefore **Approved**. The Clerk would email MDC immediately as the Council had had an extension to discuss the matter in detail.

Approved by MDC: **2015/1655/TPO** Felling of T1Ash. Mr & Mrs Blackshaw. Trudoxhillll

6.4 Accounts for Payment

6.6.1 Grass Cutting - £100

6.6.2 HMRC - £77.40

6.6.3 Clerk's Wages – 15 hrs £103.20

6.5 Items to Report:

6.5.1 PARISH PLAN – **AP** reported as the Cllr responsible for Employment and Business. The idea of circulating flyers for the 'Field' initiative is not going ahead which had caused some frustration but there will be a mail shot instead. There was discussion about the proposed delivery timeline. **JS** suggested that people may wait to see what happens before committing. **AP** did suggest the need for a general 'branding' for the TPC to give a sense of cohesion and consistency with The Parish Plan/Your View/Website + other publicity. This was agreed and is being implemented gradually.

6.6 Other Business referred to the Clerk

6.6.1 Clerk had met with Mats (Moson Soltions) to discuss the website and the progress being made. Mats has agreed to advise about the submission of a bid for a small grant to help the TPC meet the Transparency Code. It was agreed to add this to the Nov Agenda when the Clerk will update the Council.

Agenda items to the Clerk by Thursday 29th October please.

The meeting closed at 8.08 pm.

The November meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 6th in Trudoxhill Village Hall

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

Cllr Skidmore, Cllr Ham