

TRUDOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 3rd December 2015

PRESENT: P Twigger (Chairman), C Galpin, A Steele, S Salmon, J Symes, Cllr Skidmore.
4 members of the public

CLERK: Georgina Blackshaw

APOLOGIES: Cllr Ham.

Declaration of Interest:

JS (8.3)

8.0 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

Additional background information was provided for Planning Application 2015/2780/FUL which is being discussed under **8.3**

TPC was asked if details from 'Field' about the position/height and appearance of the proposed mast had been established. **Clerk had contacted company.** The whole process is on hold at the moment, once it is being considered again then the TPC will be kept up to date with this and any other areas for which clarification may be sought

Has there been further action on the 20mph speed limit suggestion? **SS** explained that at both meetings with Highways and Police this was probably not feasible. There is a request for Speed watch volunteers on Your View out next week as this is an option supported by the police. They are also recommending 'pinch point' signs at the narrow part of the main road down through the village. This request is being passed to Highways. Signs being obscured by foliage, limited budget so Charlie Higgins (Mendip Area Manager, Highways) encouraged local communities to clear whatever they can. This and other areas is being looked at by the TPC as part of the Parish Plan.

Meeting resumed at 7.50pm

N.B At this stage **PT** recommended discussing the Planning Applications so that **JS** did not have to re-join and then leave the meeting later. **Cllr Skidmore** could also contribute to matters where his expertise was helpful but not have too much of his time taken with basic parish matters. **It will be Minuted under 8.3.**

8.1 Previous Subject Matters

8.1.1 Connor Construction. **Cllr Skidmore** had received an email from the TPC prepared by John Salmon on behalf of the TPC. The Enforcement Officer and **Cllr Skidmore** had discussed it but the latter reiterated his comments from the last meeting and stated that there appeared to be no need to inflict enforcement. It would be up to the Council, should they wish to continue to pursue the issue. Heated discussion took place with several Cllrs expressing continued concern about the planning process and procedure. **CG** stated that all the Council wanted was to establish the basis for the planning permission. It was agreed that **Cllr Skidmore** would ask the Enforcement Officer to reply in writing to each of the issues /questions raised in the email so that all parishioners can clearly see the basis on which the decisions have been made.

8.1.2 Parish Councillor Vacancy – **Clerk has displayed form** from MDC following Adam Pereira's resignation. **She will now post a 'Notice of Co-option'** and ask for candidates so that a new person can join the TPC after the January meeting. The post will be informally advertised on Your View and the eNewsletter in the hope that someone will be willing to support their parish.

8.1.3 Website. Transparency Code. **The Clerk has submitted our bid** for £775 and we should know if we have been successful in January

8.1.4 Christmas arrangements. Party – Clerk updated TPC on progress. Numbers attending are needed by Thursday 10th. She will check queries with **CM** and email replies. Tree – **JS** has obtained a Christmas tree and he and **PT** will put up on Saturday 5th 11,00am. **Clerk and SS** will help with decoration and lights will be supervised by **AS** who will turn them on when she returns after the weekend. A request for a more controlled use of tinsel has been noted!

8.2 Correspondence

8.2.1 All correspondence received. Bus Services & Fares Consultation poster will be displayed and **Clerk will issue individual copies to parishioners** at the bus stop on Wednesday. Clerk at Witham had asked what TPC were doing about this issue as their Council are very concerned. **Clerk will update her.** Details will also go on the parish eNewsletter. **PT** drew attention to the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) and stated that Cllr's may need to be aware of this in the future.

8.3 Planning

Application No: 2015/3780/FUL (JS not present) Permanent rural worker's dwelling at Millards Hill Farm.

It was explained to the Cllr's that building on green field site is allowed for rural workers. All criteria have been met and it is a low key rural building. **CG** asked for clarification on height (7metres to the apex) pitch). It is 10sq metres larger than mobile home there at present. Planning is linked to Equestrian use and John White (Mrs Symes representative) confirmed that the planning consent is tied to this. After discussion the majority decision was to **Approve** with one Cllr wishing it to be left to the Planning Officer.

Application/3734/HSE. (JS returned to meeting) Conversion of hay loft to accommodation at Park Cottage Cheese Hill. **JS** observed that it is a rundown building so this is a positive step. **CG** had visited and agreed. Listed building therefore close attention would be given to ensure all materials and processes were appropriate. All Cllr's recommended **Approval**

Application 2015/2459/NMA. Non-Material Amendment. Freight Yard Trudoxhill. MDC- **Refused**

8.4 Accounts for Payment

8.4.1 Website – Moson Solutions - £20.00

8.4.2 Clerk's Wages – 15 hrs - £103.20

8.5 Items to Report:

8.5.1 Highways. **SS** had covered this area in Section **8.0** but also reported that some drainage work has been completed on the road along by The Rectory at Cheese Hill as a result of the meeting with Charlie Higgins (Highways) and that additional temporary signs have been placed at Iron Mills. Verge and potholes along Foghamshire Lane have been reported.

8.5.2 Grass cutting. **JS** has 2 quotes- for £800 from Kev Gale and £840 from Paul Uphill. Both has relevant insurance cover. **PT** recommended that the cheaper quote be accepted as money was tight. Mr Gale had also covered for Nev so knew the work. **JS** will contact both informally and the **Clerk will prepare** the contract for Mr Gale.

8.6 Other Business referred to the Clerk

8.6.1 Advertising signs at entrance to village off A361. Request that they can be removed unless they had planning permission as they are classified as Fly posters. **JS** will talk to Mobility Company to try to reach an amicable solution as the parish wishes to encourage and support local business. **Clerk will follow up** the Estate Agent signs.

8.6.2 Drainage at The Old Orchard site. Several parishioners had expressed concern about an overflow pipe from the bank in the front of Orchard House gushing water down the road during heavy rain. It was suggested that this could present a potential danger in the bad weather. **JS** will contact the builder Mr Jenkins to discuss the problem. The plans that were submitted and approved showed only the use of soakaways.

Agenda items to the Clerk by Wednesday 30th please.

The Clerk had been asked if the TPC could discuss St Leonard's at Marston at this meeting and it was agreed. Information about the Hunt meeting at Marston House on 22nd of December will go on the eNewsletter

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

The January 2016 meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 7th in Trudoxhill Village Hall

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

Cllr Skidmore, Cllr Ham