

Trudoxhill Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1 October 2020 at 7.30pm (Virtual Meeting)

Present: R Masson-Taylor (**RMT**), (Chair), C Bonham Christie (**CBC**), C Kenyon (**CK**), T Pace (**TP**), S Salmon (**SS**), D Valentine (**DV**)

Cllr Michael Gay

Clerk: Rachel Nield

20/160 Apologies

None

20/161 Disclosure of Interest

None

20/162 Minutes of the last meeting

SS proposed the minutes of the last meeting be accepted. **DF** seconded the proposal.

RESOLUTION: Minutes of last meeting were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Meeting suspended to take questions or comments from the Public

Cllr Michael Gay reported as follows:

- He is now vice-chair of the Audit Committee which he was proud to accept
- The Local Government Bill to change the local authority structures may not go forward. 3 counties are affected by the bill including Somerset. County Council elections may also be cancelled
- A greener homes grant is available to home owners and landlords to make 'green' improvements. This would be 2/3 of costs up to £5k with potential grants of up to £10k for anyone receiving benefits

An update regarding the environmental agenda on behalf of John Salmon:

- To date, little has been included in the Parish Plan with regard to rural areas
- Difficult to work land such as the clay in our Parish is being worked for a single plan payment
- John's recent article raised the question of promoting areas of green regeneration and green corridors. There had been a positive response towards nature with respondents falling into 3 main groups; those aware of biodiversity with ambitious plans to promote this, those who are aware and a those waiting to hear the government plans and direction

RMT passed thanks to John from the TPC . He applauded his initiative and added that he would also speak with experts regarding this.

20/163 Planning

There were no applications to consider.

20/164 Finance

20/164.1 Expenditure of £230.08 + additional £273 authorised for parish grit bins.

20/164.2 Accounts for payment:

- £100 - K Gale Grass cutting September
- £97.70 - Clerk Salary September

The clerk also asked that the TPC authorise payment of £273 for 2 x grit bins. Cost £109 per bin + £55 carriage. **DF** proposed the payment, **RMT** seconded.

RESOLUTION: payment for 2 new grit bins was authorised.

20/165 Reports

To receive reports or updates on:

20/165.1 Highways. **SS** reported that:

- Communications continue regarding the Nunney Catch development (Eurogarages/Greggs/Carwash) and ongoing concerns regarding traffic, litter and the carwash. **SS** raised the issue that the Parish Council is expected to finance traffic control measures to improve a situation that is not of its making and that this is unreasonable. **SS** continues to work hard on this issue and thanks to Cllr Michael Gay also for his support.
- **SS** reported that SpeedWatch has been active completing sessions in the village in September. New volunteers have come forward and an additional, new site south of the village is expected soon.
- **RMT** commended the work regarding Nunney Catch and thanked **SS** and the SpeedWatch volunteers for their work that is impacting positively

CK was pleased to see the fence at the carwash at Nunney Catch but reminded the Council that the planning application indicated tree planting on the boundary.

Cllr Michael Gay added that he understood that planting would take place in the Autumn. He would share this agreement with Councillors via the Clerk. Also, regarding Nunney Catch, he has been in discussion with Philip Hamm regarding traffic controlling measures such as bollards. Eurogarages are to be asked to financially support any measures. Also, it was suggested that quarry companies may contribute in some way as their lorries contribute to the problems at Nunney Catch. Efforts to have yellow lines painted will continue.

RMT thanked Michael Gay for all his support.

20/165.2 The Village Hall. **TP** shared the following:

- TVH is open again to regular bookers
- All Covid-19 regulations and guidance is being followed

- The outside of the hall has been painted and the inside has been decorated
- The TVH is pleased to announce that internet in the hall is now available

20/165.3 Traffic Calming Measures. **DV** had nothing further to report. **SS** will ask Nick Cowling at Somerset County Council Traffic Management and Safety to meet with **SS** and **DV** and advise on options. The Council was reminded that a donation had been received specifically for traffic calming. RMT asked that councillors brainstorm other ideas that wouldn't incur additional costs. **CK** said that signs advising drivers of horse riders would be important and **SS** confirmed that she has been investigating this with Sara Davis from Highways.

20/165.4 Environment Agenda. This item had been discussed earlier in the meeting but the heating in the TVH was discussed as a new, more efficient system will be needed. **TP** will raise with the VH Committee at the October meeting on Tuesday 6 October. **CK** reminded **TP** that any bid for solar panels needed to be submitted by the deadline. **SS** to forward details to **TP**.

20/165.5 Mendip Paths meeting (CK/SS/DF) **CK** – reported on the meeting with Kelly Knight. Proposals for routes out of Frome were outlined. Details are not confirmed yet. TPC registered interest in principle and will wait for details of any scheme to come forward for consideration. Cllr Gay advised liaising with Kelly Knight once the TPC and Cllr Gay create a proposal that can be put forward for funding.

CK asked that the TPC support and pursue the project, **DF** seconded this.

RESOLUTION: TPC pursues and supports non-motorised routes within the Parish and local area.

20/166 Correspondence and Emails Received

- A new clerk is needed as Rachel is stepping down due to work commitments. **It was agreed that adverts could be posted advertising the role**
- **CK** advised that 'Your View' is not being delivered to all residents in the Parish. **DV will investigate**

20/167 Other Business referred to the Clerk

The annual application for the Parish precept will be submitted in January. Councillors were asked to consider plans for the budget for the next financial year so that any additional requirement can be factored in. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

20/168 Next TPC meeting

This was confirmed as Thursday 12 November.

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