

Trudoxhill Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd February 2023 at 7.30pm (Village Hall)

Present: Sheila Salmon, Diana Francis, Chris Kenyon (Chair), Rohan Mason-Taylor

Clerk: Sam Winstanley

Public Attendees: 4

23/385 Apologies

JS, CBC

23/386 Disclosure of Interest

23/387 Minutes of the last meeting

Approved

Meeting suspended to take questions or comments from the Public

Member of Public – telephone box needs clearing, is still being misused as a dumping ground. Not waterproof anymore. Perhaps ask the parish in the plan questionnaire, CK will see if possible? What are the options - Refurbish? Sell? Clerk to add to communications in newsletter, YourView, Facebook etc

23/388 Planning

23/389 Finance

23/389.1 Financial Report

The clerk reported £2,466.65 in bank, £500 ahead of budget, with some outstanding bills.

23/389.2 Accounts for payment

Christmas Party – £100, Clerk – £276.90, Annual Website Hosting - £275

23/390 Reports

To receive reports and updates on:

23/390.1 Highways (SS)

Shopping list for highways requests is being prepared for Cllr Ham's meeting. Potholes have been sprayed, but not filled, paint has since worn out. Gritting – After discussions with highways representatives, our parish roads are grade C, so no gritting under policy. However, continuity is important, Wiltshire grit to hilltop, so perhaps this is an angle to pursue, will follow up. Current gritting route goes Nunney catch to Trudoxhill, Witham, Upton Noble to include school – unclear as councillors were told differently, will ask for clarification.

23/390.2 SpeedWatch (SS)

ASW information has been circulated, should be in the parish plan questionnaire. Much cheaper, more effective, agreed to push ahead with project, clerk to pursue. Cllr Clarke will connect us with a clerk at Hemington council who have a successful program for best practices and advice.

23/390.3 The Village Hall

A minor leak that was reported in the façade has been fixed. Events going well with good community attendance, more members of the parish are running their own events too, such as the popular bookclub.

23/390.4 Unitary Update

Budget overspend is £24M, estimated £37M at years end. Grants available on SCC website food, whitegoods, oil heating, energy. Highways shopping list to Cllr Clarke, please. Constitution committee focusing on planning and LCNs. Reorg still running very late.

23/391 Correspondence and Emails Received

23/391.1 Gaerleat Security Lights

Security lights been added recently, disturbing neighbours. Perhaps a recommendation from dark skies on security lights would be helpful. Suggest a conversation with light owner, SS to coordinate.

23/392 Other Business referred to the Clerk

23/392.1 Gare Hill Gritting

See discussion under Highways above.

23/392.2 Parish Emergency Plan

Councillors discussed that it is difficult to plan for the unknown with so varied outcomes and so little budget. It was suggested that perhaps the best way to build resilience into our parish is to continue organising and funding community focused events – the more people that get to know each other and the more successful the community building is, the better the ties in the parish, the more we understand each others strengths and needs and can help our neighbours when the time comes.

23/392.3 Litter Pick

Sunday 2nd April

23/393 Date of next TPC meeting

Thursday 2nd March