

Trudoxhill Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2023 at 7.30pm (Village Hall)

Present: Sheila Salmon, Diana Francis, Chris Kenyon, Jack Symes, Charlie Bonham-Christie (Chair),

Clerk: Sam Winstanley

Public Attendees: 2

22/376 Apologies

RMT

22/377 Disclosure of Interest

none

22/378 Minutes of the last meeting

Approved

Meeting suspended to take questions or comments from the Public

none

22/379 Planning

22/380 Finance

22/380.1 Financial Report

The clerk reported a balance of £3,342.55, £900 ahead of budget with no outstanding bills. The clerk reported on their research for a website provider, Netwise was the preferred vendor at a cost of £275/yr (current setup is £250/yr) with a setup fee of £499. The vendor has proven track record of hosting parish websites, provides full support and future updates and is fully compliant with all accessibility and security regulations. **RESOLUTION – 5/5 voted to approve engaging this vendor**

22/380.2 Accounts for payment

Clerk £276.90, Netwise £499

22/380.3 Precept

The council held a robust discussion on the precept, looking to close the budgetary gap for the projected expenditure for next year, which is estimated at £868.50... At the vote, 4 councillors voted to match the budget deficit, 1 councillor voted to close the budget deficit over two years. **RESOLUTION – Increase the precept to match the budgetary requirements for 2023-24 in full, which sets the precept to £7,079.**

22/381 Reports

To receive reports and updates on:

22/381.1 Highways (SS)

Councillors reported new potholes and are awaiting water receding to report accurate locations.

22/381.2 SpeedWatch (SS)

Has restarted after Christmas break. Looking at ASW rather than SID for automated speed abatement, there are data upload requirements, however, which will mean resources needed from the budget and from the community.

22/381.3 The Village Hall

Christmas party success, many residents glad to see this tradition returning. The committee is holding a social this month and will be doing so monthly to encourage the community to use the hall regularly. A councillor reported water in cubby where the Christmas decorations were stored and reported it to the committee for investigation.

22/381.4 Unitary Update

Cllr Clarke reported - *Following the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) decision to support a single Unitary Council across Somerset, vesting day for the new Unitary remains as 1st April 2023. Tier 2 (Director level) appointments are taking place during mid-January and Tier 3 before vesting day in March. Unfortunately these appointments were due last summer and the delay has created a significant risk to the programme delivery.*

22/382 Correspondence and Emails Received

22/382.1 Parish Plan

There have been 4 or 5 meetings so far, working towards building the questionnaire. Planning to use doorstep, email & social distribution to maximise coverage and responses.

22/383 Other Business referred to the Clerk

22/383.1 MDC DOI Documents

All required documents have been submitted

22/383.2 Civility & Respect Pledge

The chair read the pledge statement items, which were agreed to by all members. The clerk is to register the councils pledge and send training plan to all members.

22/383.3 Gare Hill Gritting

Cllr wrote to Somerset highways to ask them to grit from Bunns Lane to where Wiltshire begin gritting at the church up Gare Hill; they did not get a positive response. Councillors asked when they stopped doing Gare hill and thought it was 3 years. A further response will be requested to explain the change in service.

22/384 Date of next TPC meeting

Feb 2nd