

Trudoxhill Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th May 2023 at 7.30pm (Village Hall)

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

Clerk: Sam Winstanley

Public Attendees: 3

23/412 Apologies

BC, JS, RMT

23/413 Disclosure of Interest

23/414 Minutes of the last meeting

Approved

Meeting suspended to take questions or comments from the Public

23/415 Planning

23/415.1 None

23/416 Finance

23/416.1 Financial Report

Precept landed, 8061 in bank, with outstanding invoices about 3 up on month. TVH annual invoice is larger due to price increases, should be ok to absorb.

The clerk reported £8,061 in bank, on budget with outstanding invoices. Trudoxhill Village Hall annual invoice is larger than budgeted due to price increases, but only £50 so should be absorbed without issue.

23/416.2 Accounts for payment

K Gale – £112.50, Clerk – £316.40, Lucy Carter – £50

23/416.3 AGAR Approvals

Having been previously provided with full copies of the documents comprising the yearly AGAR, the councillors discussed and agreed unanimously that they were a fair and accurate representation of the years financial accounts and approved their signing by the chairman.

RESOLUTION – 4/4 voted to approve the AGAR

23/417 Reports

To receive reports and updates on:

23/417.1 Highways (SS)

SS reported that there was now a process to apply for 20mph in villages – Cornwall has implemented in all villages, Somerset considering it. The council would need to officially ask parishioners, and have a record of their responses, if they want it. It must be 600m of road, although this may be reduced to 300m in certain situations. It is also upon the village to pay for signage and road markings as well as legal costs, which has been estimated at £3500. The councillors discussed the viability of Trudoxhill as a site under the conditions and the high cost and asked SS to monitor to see if Somerset adopts this pathway and whether assistance becomes available to follow it.

23/417.2 SpeedWatch (SS)

SS had a conversation with highways on Automated SpeedWatch (ASW), it is not as of yet approved by the police. Highways are monitoring pilots in a few villages, it is noted that cameras cannot be attached to power poles. Police are trialling too, until approved by police, advice is not to commit. SS was asked to write to police to prompt their response and shall do so.

23/417.3 The Village Hall

The hall continues to look to grow bookings, automate the booking process and continue community events.

23/417.4 Unitary Update

None, in BCs absence the clerk sent round the monthly update email.

23/418 Correspondence and Emails Received

23/418.1 Fly Tipping

The council discussed the current mechanisms for reporting and dealing with fly tipping after a neighbouring parish councillor reported a pile of tyres, which were subsequently set alight prior to being cleared. The council channels appear to be fruitless, but the fixmystreet website and app seem to prompt fairly fast results – and the IDVerde team seem to respond in good time. It was agreed to ensure that any incident was logged on fixmystreet to stay on top of any tipping. Councillors noted that fly tipping was amongst the highest concerns for parishioners in the recent survey and agreed to stay vigilant and continue to press council representatives for a response on the recent increases.

23/419 Other Business referred to the Clerk

23/419.1 YourView, content & advertising

The clerk reported that the Spring edition is proofed and ready for the printer; SS and DF were ready to organise the distribution.

23/419.2 Parish Plan Update

CK confirmed that survey results are in and the data is being compiled and analysed. Need to draw up a report on responses, which will lead to building the plan. Deadlines are looming!

23/420 Date of next TPC meeting

To confirm date of next meetings – 1st June