

# Trudoxhill Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm (Village Hall)

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**Present:** Diana Francis, Jack Symes (Chair), Charlie Bonham Christie, Chris Kenyon, Sheila Salmon  
**Clerk:** Sam Winstanley  
**Members of Public:** 1

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## 23/430 Apologies

RMT, Cllr Clarke

## 23/431 Disclosure of Interest

none

## 23/432 Minutes of the last meeting

approved

Meeting suspended to take questions or comments from the Public

Cllr Salmon read out comments from neighbours, summarised here:

The prospective build is Overbearing . Given its proximity to its direct neighbours it is both tall ( for a single storey build) and expansive . The building will be nearly 5 metres high at the ridge and metres away from neighbours. The build will bring more light and noise pollution to the area. Most of the land the annexe or residence will be situated on is currently an agricultural space . Converting the land use from agricultural to residential is a dangerous precedent. Dangerous in the sense it will provide a precedent to convert other agricultural settings in the vicinity. The area already suffers from significant run off issues in the height of winter, when rainfall can be quite extreme. The application in no way seeks to minimise its effect on the local topography or its neighbours . There is no effort to either ‘reduce the height or plant ‘ . A former application to build a small home within the main garden of the home was granted a few years ago. The potential development falls outside of the village’s permitted zone of development and lies within a paddock.

## 23/433 Planning

23/433.1 2023/0897/FUL – Erection of Annexe & Change of Land Use at Laurel House, Trudoxhill

It was discussed that this is the 4<sup>th</sup> iteration of this application, but the previous issues remain, new application does not change any of the councils previous opinions, it appears to seek to circumnavigate the core objection rather than respond to it. The frontage is 17m, similar if not larger than the wing of the existing building, massing and scale seems out of proportion with the original listed building.

**RESOLUTION – Unanimous decision to recommend refusal**

## 23/434 Finance

23/434.1 Financial Report

The clerk reported a balance of £6,482.03, £170 ahead of budget.

23/434.2 Accounts for payment

K Gale - £112.50, Clerk – £316.40

## 23/435 Reports

23/435.1 Highways (SS)

Highways are supporting an initiative to champion community led 20mph zone implementations. Response on ASW - cannot currently support, they are being trialled by police, when this trial is completed they will make decisions. Would

help with the 20mph limit. PC will await results, in the meantime volunteers are collecting resident opinions which are necessary for a successful 20mph zone application.

#### 23/435.2 SpeedWatch (SS)

New volunteers are being trained.

#### 23/435.3 The Village Hall

Upcoming event in September, more details to come.

#### 23/435.4 Unitary Update

Somerset were awarded 5.4M extra for road repairs after harsh winter. Somerset libraries are looking for volunteers to help support this year's Summer Reading Challenge, 'Ready, Set, Read!'. The challenge, which runs across all Somerset libraries, aims to encourage children to read six books during the summer holidays, while also engaging in a host of fun events and activities, online or at their local library.

#### 23/436 Correspondence and Emails Received

##### 23/436.1 Footpath Maintenance

Clerk reported maintenance issues that were making footpaths unusable for residents. These have been flagged and notices received by our footpath wardens, so the system is working. Wardens will investigate and action – if more effort is needed, assistance has been offered and clerk can involve K Gale if needed.

#### 23/437 Other Business referred to the Clerk

##### 23/437.1 Parish Plan Update

Results have been analysed and have identified focus areas the community agreed on. Time to write an action plan. Will share with PC and need to organise community engagement on the action plan.

#### 23/438 Date of next TPC meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> August

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