

Trudoxhill Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd August 2023 at 7.30pm (Village Hall)

Present: Diana Francis, Jack Symes (Chair), Charlie Bonham Christie, Chris Kenyon, Sheila Salmon
Clerk: Sam Winstanley
Members of Public: 3

23/439 Apologies

RMT

23/440 Disclosure of Interest

CBC – 23/442.2

23/441 Minutes of the last meeting

approved

Meeting suspended to take questions or comments from the Public

A resident from Trudoxhill – *queried that the resubmission of holmlea application had a deadline for comments that would expire before the next meeting; the clerk responded that an extension had already been applied for and the council would discuss the application at the September meeting.*

A resident from Trudoxhill – *asked about the groundworks at Hazlits hill? The agricultural barn under construction is being built under permitted development, but there appears to be a Footpath issue as it is currently blocked? Cllrs have spoken to owner – an application to move footpath has been submitted, officer contacted (Clare Haskins) and will make site visit as soon as possible. Should there be a stop order until footpath resolved, if building is erected, it is at risk of being requested to be removed? The council has referred the issue to the officer and will monitor but has no role in personal risk management of residents.*

A resident from Trudoxhill – *Questioned item 23/442.2, does the application only refer to Futuro house, as some uploaded documents on the portal appear to reference other site items. The council responded, YES, somerset have not gone through all documents and system may show some documents from previous applications erroneously, but this application is only for the named items.*

23/442 Planning

23/442.1 2023/1371/ADV – Erection of 3 Hoarding signs, Nunney Catch Roundabout

Similar to a previous application from Mendip, this appears to be a new initiative to raise money for unitary council. The signs do appear low, not obstructing sight lines. However, councillors agreed they will still distract drivers and will be clutter.

RESOLUTION – Votes were 1/3/1, with a majority to recommend refusal.

23/442.2 2022/2004/FUL – Temporary Siting of 'Futuro House' for leisure, Marston Park

CBC recused. Cllrs made site visit, there is no current sight line to Marston House, vegetation around is coping well and has grown back and surrounded it. Perhaps idiosyncratic with its surrounds, but has not caused issues in its previous 3 years. Arrived Spring '21, quite large, looks easy to move. However, some cllrs mentioned it would have been an issue when it arrived as it is incongruous with surroundings, but now it is well seated in vegetation that concern has passed. There was a question about whether the 5 year permit would be from the original siting in 2021 or from the application – answer is from start in '21. Cllrs discussed if they were approving a change of use of land, but agreed, No, this application is only for temporary placement and can and will be removed. CLERK to call it out in response.

RESOLUTION – Votes were 3/0/1, with a majority to recommend approval.

23/442.3 2023/1341/FUL – Erection of an Agricultural Building, Bunns Lane

Cllrs discussed that the combined barns on this land will now be over 1000m², so it requires planning rather than PD. There was some concern raised over why so large a barn for small area of sheep farming? The clerk referred to points 5.1 and 5.7 in planning statement, that the use for sheep farming is stated as sole use and no increase in site traffic. Cllrs agreed that this should be conditioned to ensure the use and vehicular traffic remain sheep farming related.

RESOLUTION – Votes were 4/0/0, with a majority to recommend approval, with conditions as above

23/443 Finance

23/443.1 Financial Report

The clerk reported a balance of £6,035.14 in bank, £139 ahead of budget

23/443.2 Accounts for payment

Clerk – £316.40, K Gale – £112.50

23/444 Reports

23/444.1 Highways (SS)

Police have approved the use of ASW devices! Details available on how to apply and progress have been received. Options on devices seem unclear, but preference is for automated data collection and transmission. Surveyed the village with door knocking – nearly unanimous preference for 20mph zone in the village and appetite for spending for it, grants are available. Will look for organising a group outside of PC members, perhaps a subcommittee to allow access to funding, to push the project forward.

23/444.2 SpeedWatch (SS)

Speedwatch continues, new recruits' training is frustratingly slow to be processed.

23/444.3 The Village Hall

There is a date for the barn dance, 23rd Sept. Promotions will happen on email, posters etc.

23/444.4 Unitary Update

Unitary Council finances are not good, a projected overspend of £28M. Phosphate mitigation tests are proving successful, looking for grants to expand. Volunteers needed, which the clerk will post on the website.

23/445 Correspondence and Emails Received

23/446 Other Business referred to the Clerk

23/446.1 Parish Plan Update

Drafts completed and returned to assisting mentors who will process into a document (analysis, exec summary) for sharing with the parish. Should have this to share before the next meeting. Will need paper copy as well as electronic. Needs a public meeting, bar, posters, emails, pub notice?... Cllrs mooted Thu 28th Sept as a date? Twin with VH social...? time TBD but will publicise as soon as it is decided.

23/447 Date of next TPC meeting

September 7th

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