

Trudoxhill Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th September 2023 at 7.30pm (Village Hall)

Present: Diana Francis (Chair), Chris Kenyon, Rohan Mason-Taylor, Cllr Clark
Clerk: Sam Winstanley
Members of Public: 6

23/448 Apologies

CBC, JS, SS

23/449 Disclosure of Interest

23/450 Minutes of the last meeting

Approved

Meeting suspended to take questions or comments from the Public

Member of Public – *Requested a litter pick to clean up the hedgerows. All were in agreement, however should wait until foliage withdraws so all litter is visible. DF will publish a date through website and newsletter.*

Member of Public – *RE 23/451.1 2023/0106/OUT: Reviewed updated plans, previous objections stand. Environmental impact, flooding, privacy and safeguarding are all still major concerns. 12% larger footprint in this revision. No elevations were provided, so impossible to tell impact on playpark or Village Hall. Application seeks approval on landscaping with no details. Unclear if all consultees have been contacted. Appears in contravention of multiple planning regulations and urges council to continue to recommend refusal.*

Member of Public – *agree with the previous speakers' points.*

Member of Public – *very concerned with speeds around entrance to the village – recent accident was fatal for a horse, luckily not for the rider. Many of the speeders are villagers. Traffic coming to Palette and Pasture is huge, needs more attention for access. Any and all action the council can take or get started would be backed by the community as this is the most pressing concern for the village.*

Cllr Clk – *18M taken out of reserves already, budget not looking good. This includes the 18.5M saving from unification. Mostly due to inflation. Section 114 bankruptcy notice in the public mind but not yet for Somerset. Covid 19 opens Sept 19th, Flu vaccine Oct. Gambling policy consultation currently underway – might affect licences for events etc. Soft plastic recycling pilot recycled 4 Tonnes in Frome, will go ahead to wider public next year. Mendip area looking for land to build 505 houses, mistake at planning, some houses built do not count towards the target, may relax planning attitudes to attempt to hit this goal.*

23/451 Planning

23/451.1 2023/0106/OUT – Outline planning for Erection of 1no Single Storey Dwelling, Holmlea

Single storey but 3 bedrooms. CK quoted commentary from objections – village amenity could be at risk. Parking has 3 cars that would reverse onto public access for playground and hall. Road safety for access is poor. Detrimental to core elements of amenity for the village. The council discussed whether this was in the public interest and decided the balance is not in the interest of the community.

RESOLUTION – Votes were 0/3/0, with a majority to recommend refusal

23/452.2 2023/1562/HSE & 2023/1563/LBC – Revisions to Consent for New Kitchen, Internal Fixtures & Underground LPG Tank, Marston House

Very thorough and well researched application – tank will have an archaeological investigation prior to installation and excavation. Ensuring grade 2 listing criteria are adhered to.

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

23/452 Finance

23/452.1 Financial Report

Clerk reported £5,088 in the bank, £69 ahead of budget. The existing budget was able to provide the additional funds for the 20mph zone application fee without impact due to savings so far. The clerk reported awaiting a final quote for renewing insurance and requested approval to move ahead with renewal if quotes were within the budgeted level of increase, which the council approved unanimously.

23/452.2 Accounts for payment

Highways – £500, Clerk – £316.40, K Gale – £168.75, Playsafety – £90

23/453 Reports

To receive reports and updates on:

23/453.1 Highways (SS)

With SS away the clerk read out a brief report. There has been a flurry of activity following the RTA and the ensuing response from the community of the pressing need for improved road safety and although no concrete action yet, highways are engaging and listening to our concerns but will need the full police report filed before any action can be taken. The 20mph application is a great way to push forward with safety improvements and both this and an application for a SIDs device are underway.

23/453.2 SpeedWatch (SS)

Update pushed to next month

23/453.3 The Village Hall

The village hall barn dance is on 23rd September and the clerk urged people interested to sign up.

23/453.4 Unitary Update – LCN

The clerk reported that the next LCN meeting was focusing on road safety and suggested it would be a good forum to discuss ideas and to gain helpful contacts for our own efforts. All agreed and asked the clerk to forward further information and to look for attendance from the council at the next LCN.

23/454 Correspondence and Emails Received

23/454.1 Tree Planting Funding

CK said grants available for tree planting, although the parish has no green space.

23/455 Other Business referred to the Clerk

23/455.1 Parish Plan Update

Potential public meeting on 28th Sept, awaiting report from Smart Communities. Will advertise meeting as soon as confirmed. Traffic was a big concern, fly tipping too.

23/455.2 Traffic Accident & 20mph Zone Application

The council discussed with the members of the public present the tragic RTA. It is clear that both from the volume of responses to this accident the clerk received and from the recent survey that road safety and speed abatement are number one priorities for the community. The council is pushing as hard as it can with contacts at highways to get some action and have started official applications for 20mph zoning and a Speed Indication Device. The clerk will post updates

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on the application progress on the website and monthly newsletter to keep the community up to date. This will also remain as a standing item on the agenda for the foreseeable future.

23/456 Date of next TPC meeting

5th October

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