

Trudoxhill Parish Council Meeting

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

Present: Diana Francis (Chair), Charlie Bonham-Christie, Jack Symes, Sheila Salmon
Clerk: Sam Winstanley
Members of Public: 2

23/457 Apologies

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23/458 Disclosure of Interest

None

23/459 Minutes of the last meeting

Approved

Meeting suspended to take questions or comments from the Public

None

23/460 Planning

23/460.1 Erection of Barn & Change of use, 4 Acres Agricultural to Equestrian, Oak Tree Barn Millards Hill

The property in question was formally called Iron Mill Farm, now called Oak Tree Barn. After discussion the council understands that for permitted development, residents normally have to live for 10 years before an agricultural building can be built, which is why planning has been submitted for this structure. Change of use is only 4 acres of whole site (26 acres) and a large barn is necessary to manage the multiple uses of this property – woodland, agriculture and horses. This would add more horses on the highway in the parish, currently a point that the council is attempting to raise awareness of to aid in tackling the speeding and road safety issues.

RESOLUTION – Votes were 4/0/0, unanimously to recommend approval

23/461 Finance

23/461.1 Financial Report

The clerk reported £4,495.11 in bank, £391 ahead of budget, although the insurance invoice is late, which makes up the bulk of the savings to date.

23/461.2 Accounts for payment

Approved for payment: SALC – £122.28, Clerk – £316.40, K Gale – £112.50, ICO – £40

23/462 Reports

To receive reports and updates on:

23/462.1 Highways & 20mph Zone Application (SS)

The 20mph application has been received and verified by highways. The head of traffic engineering for Somerset came to visit – a very positive visit – Trudoxhill fits the criteria for a 20mph zone. Speeding data shows there is an issue that can be acted upon with both approaches to the village being above the desired national average. The cost of the legal work and the road and signage works needed for the 20mph zone should be approximately £2,500. The recommended locations would start on all 3 main roads entering the village. The council are also applying for a grant for SIDS, this will continue in parallel.

23/462.2 SpeedWatch (SS)

Speedwatch continues, volunteers still sought.

23/462.3 The Village Hall

No updates

23/462.4 Unitary Update – LCN

LCN meeting at Buckland Dinham was attended by multiple councillors. The LCN will now be called 'Vale of Frome LCN'. The general consensus of concerns were topped by speeding and flytipping, in alignment with Trudoxhill. Very keen to ensure attendance and councillors suggested a rota to ensure our voice was present.

23/463 Correspondence and Emails Received

23/464 Other Business referred to the Clerk

23/464.1 Parish Plan Update

The results of the survey have been published on website. A parish meeting is in the works to push forward towards a plan.

23/464.2 Litterpick

Autumn litter pick scheduled for *Sunday Nov 5th 10am, Pub Car Park.*

23/464.3 Footpaths

Autumn Parish Walk scheduled for *Sunday 22nd Oct, 10am pub cark park*

It was reported by multiple parishioners that the style on the footpath leading to west end lane, starting above Gareleat, has been reduced and no longer meets standard specification for ease of use. Footpaths officers have been notified.

23/464.4 Playground Maintenance

Border fence is in poor repair, CBC and SW will repair. Drop box is also in bad repair, JS will manage storage of forms and checks. After consultation with playground inspectors, the council agreed to set check frequency to once monthly.

23/465 Date of next TPC meeting

November 2nd

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