

Trudoxhill Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd November 2023 at 7.30pm (Village Hall)

Present: Diana Francis (Chair), Jack Symes, Sheila Salmon, Chris Kenyon
Clerk: Sam Winstanley
Members of Public: 2

23/466 Apologies

RMT, CBC

23/467 Disclosure of Interest

None

23/468 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the October meeting were unanimously approved

Meeting suspended to take questions or comments from the Public

Of which there were none.

23/469 Planning

23/469.1 Monopitch Extension to Existing South Elevation, Lawns Farm Foghamshire Lane

The council discussed that although the plans were very simplistic, the design and concept are in keeping with the scale and massing of the building and the surroundings. Furthermore, as it would not be seen by neighbours it was agreed that it did not affect local amenity in any way.

RESOLUTION: The votes were 4/0/0, unanimous to recommend approval

23/469.2 Two-Storey Side Extension, Park Cottage Cheese Hill

Members agreed that these plans have been received previously and that this is an extension to the previously extended right wing to increase the kitchen size. The proportion is sensible with the scale of rest of the property and although the design of the new extension is modern, it sits well within the existing building.

RESOLUTION: The votes were 4/0/0, unanimous to recommend approval

23/470 Finance

23/470.1 Financial Report

The clerk reported £3,890.94 in bank, £200 ahead of budget but with insurance payment to come this month, so expecting £300 behind, mostly due to 20mph zone application. Clerk will send draft budget next month, please get any requests or known expenditures sent asap for inclusion.

23/470.2 Accounts for payment

Clerk – £316.4, K Gale - £112.5, Netwise – £24 (domain), Clear Insurance - £520.02 (£75 less than expected) all were approved for payment.

23/471 Reports

To receive reports and updates on:

23/471.1 Highways & 20mph Zone Application (SS)

RE: SID grant, online forms need police contact to have happened – which has now been achieved. SS requested to schedule a time with clerk to complete the application form. Grit bins should be filled, will check.

23/471.2 SpeedWatch (SS)

Continues to hit targets.

23/471.3 The Village Hall

New bookings clerk needed

23/471.4 Unitary Update – LCN

Overspend is £27M for the year, £14M in adult care, £12M in children's care. Budget gap for next year is £100M, reserves at £49M. 339 redundancies expected, under 10% have been realised. New & Expecting parents policy will be released. New highways contract starts next year. Recycling survey shows 48% of rubbish could be recycled, which is an improvement on last year. Grants available for upgraded household heating, thermal cameras available at libraries. An area of A361 (Cranmore) will be closed for resurfacing. No HS2 savings will come to Somerset. Discussions have been had about industrial zoning along A361.

23/472 Correspondence and Emails Received

23/473 Other Business referred to the Clerk

23/473.1 Parish Plan Update

Report is published on the website. Councillors had a lively discussion on community engagement to best take action from the findings ... explore possibility of the creation of a parish green as a concrete idea to get people engaged? Meeting will be called to take next steps.

23/473.2 Litterpick

Vegetation may still be in the way, but even if roads and gutters are cleared it will be a large improvement, to take place this weekend.

23/465 Date of next TPC meeting

7th December

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