

Trudoxhill Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st February 2024 at 7.30pm (Village Hall)

Present: Diana Francis, Chris Kenyon, Charlie Bonham-Christie (Chair), Rohan Mason Taylor, Sheila Salmon
Clerk: Sam Winstanley
Members of Public: 4

24/493 Apologies

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24/494 Disclosure of Interest

None

24/495 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved

Meeting suspended to take questions or comments from the Public

Member of public – Previous residents of the parish with relatives buried in Congregational Chapel graveyard wanted to know what is happening with new owner or planning. It was also mentioned there is a “Trudoxhill’ monogrammed bone china set inside, interested in preserving it for the village. The clerk was asked to follow up and report back next meeting.

Member of public – Jonathan Green from Green Nation (operators of Monksham solar farm) contacted them, they manage solar farm and are looking for ways to invest in the parish and community. Should discuss with the community at large and set up a discussion to respond and manage any funding that may come.

Cllr Clark – Mostly financial updates, not very positive. There are however plans becoming clear, however unpalatable, to avoid bankruptcy – these are available on the website. Postal votes must now be handed to a council representative, no longer posted. Please report potholes using the online portal.

24/496 Planning

23/496.1 2023/2300/FUL - Re-development of equine buildings to class E (research and development), Barn At West Forest Farm, Gare Hill

The applicant, who was present, clarified they are converting into warm, dry space for new business expansion. Looking to reuse horse walker structure for office space. Arial view will be the same. Councillors discussed that elevations look in keeping and not drastically changed and will smarten up the building. Questions from parishioners arose surrounding impact on traffic from employees? Applicant responded that there are roughly 20 employees, only a few are UK based, and most are not regularly onsite. Expecting same or less traffic than dairy or equestrian or farm use. Noise queries for jet engines, which are the main business; applicant responded that the test track is actually at Goodwood, no flying or testing is expected on site, mostly R+D and engineering.

RESOLUTION – 5/5 for recommending approval

24/497 Finance

23/497.1 Financial Report

Clerk reported £352 down on budget, clawing back the unexpected 20mph payment, still projecting over budget. Grass cutting up to £960 for next year, all were in favour of continuing at the new price. Request for purchase of printer, which was approved by the council.

The clerk also reported that they had received acknowledgement of application for grant from police community trust, should hear back shortly.

23/497.2 Accounts for payment

Dean Press – £159, Clerk – £339, (printer – £200 TBC)

24/498 Reports

To receive reports and updates on:

23/498.1 Highways & 20mph Zone Application (SS)

The clerk reported that highways had contacted them and confirmed the application was successful and the next step is the legal order being drafted, which should be underway in February.

23/498.2 SpeedWatch (SS)

The clerk reported 2 new applicants had made contact and their details were passed to CSW for follow up.

23/498.3 The Village Hall

Village Hall Licensed bar now open, the committee is looking for grants for replacement doors & windows.

23/498.4 Unitary Update – LCN

Next LCN is Feb 8th @ 7pm in Wanstrow, focusing on financial emergency, what can parishes do? Clerk will organise attendance.

23/498.5 Parish Plan

Meeting scheduled to arrange way forward, will be shared with the parish at large next month.

24/499 Correspondence and Emails Received

24/500 Other Business referred to the Clerk

24/500 Memorial Stone

Village stone placed in the incorrect orientation, so it is shearing off, will continue to do so as the sedimentary nature of the stone has fault lines throughout. There was a replacement made available by a parishioner, clerk will receive a photo and ask community in email if replacement is the correct way forward. It will be possible to reattach plaque and reset stone if this is agreed as way forward.

24/501 Date of next TPC meeting

Thu 7th March

Close - 8.28pm

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