

Trudoxhill Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th March 2024 at 7.30pm (Village Hall)

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

24/502 Apologies

RMT, CK

24/503 Disclosure of Interest

None

24/504 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 – Applicant of planning app @ Smithwick’s Lane, have spoken to neighbours RE concerns around flooding and extra runoff. Water harvesting is planned to contain most runoff. Searches have shown to be outside flood concern areas. Discussion over exact location was heard; screening of the barn is a part of discussions with the forestry commission, lots of trees planned. Extra hardstanding is well under half of permitted allowance per planning regulations.

Member of Public – Congregational chapel planning has been very slow – involved MP and lawyers and finally there is some movement and agreement from planning and conservation, however Historic England have raised 5 objections – carparking, interruption of planned form, removal of pews, too many fireplaces... Has been a rebuttal – has been no car parking for 2 years, planned form is being retained, pews are staying and being reused, fireplaces already exist and stack will be reinstated. Only one statutory consultee is recommending refusal, will wait and see outcomes.

24/505 Planning

23/505.1 2024/0084/FUL – Erection of New Agricultural Barn, Smithwicks Lane

After information provided earlier from the applicant, the councillors discussed and agreed that concerns had been accounted for.

RESOLUTION – 4/4 for recommending approval

24/506 Finance

23/506.1 Financial Report

£1387.30 balance, £570 over budget, will catch up a small amount but expecting to end year with £900 left in checking, £1900 in reserve and £5400 in fundraising.

23/506.2 Accounts for payment

Clerk – £339

24/507 Reports

To receive reports and updates on:

23/507.1 Highways & 20mph Zone Application (SS)

20mph zone legal documents being drafted. £5000 Grant check arrived for SID from the ASPCT – time to form subcommittee, have a warden identified in the village to assist.

23/507.2 SpeedWatch (SS)

New volunteer has started! Outreach working.

23/507.3 The Village Hall

The clerk questioned the arrangements for member of PC to sit and asked if necessary any more? PC agreed it was historic and asked clerk to check legal documents, but had no problem in concept of dissolving the need for the subcommittee to allow the village hall committee to function autonomously as a charitable organisation. Perhaps a quarterly report back to PC? Upcoming grant will back community led events with funds available for any event or effort that benefits the community.

23/507.4 Unitary Update – LCN

Cllr Clerk not present, Clerk will post updates on website. There was notice of a portrait of king being freely available to all parishes, clerk asked to apply. Clerk raised scheme providing funding to move to a .GOV website, which the council agreed to pursue.

23/507.5 Parish Plan

The council proposed the formation of subcommittee to include – Chris Kenyon, John Salmon, Patrick Devlin, Clare Midgley-Jewit. They would further the presentation for a meeting and continue strategy to deliver on findings of the survey.

24/508 Correspondence and Emails Received

24/508.1 Telephone Box

A member of the public reported rain ingress. CBC & SW will maintain and fix.

24/508.2 Playground Maintenance

Inspection revealed some panels needed repair, quote was excessive. Clerk and JS will work with local professionals to secure a more reasonable approach.

24/509 Other Business referred to the Clerk

24/509.1 Memorial Stone

After outreach, the majority of responses from the parish responded to replace the stone. CBC to select a suitable stone and arrange replacement.

24/509.2 Congregational Chapel

Please see more detail in the public meeting report above.

24/501 Date of next TPC meeting

Thu 4th April

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