

Trudoxhill Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th July 2024 at 7.30pm (Village Hall)

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

24/529 Apologies

SS, CBC, Phillip Ham

24/530 Disclosure of Interest

None

24/531 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

Meeting suspended to take questions or comments from the Public

Cllr Clarke – Suez are in a spot of bother, they have given Somerset 3 options... terminate contract, increase payments or find a new sub contractor. £3M increase next year, £47M over next 6 years to continue. Flooding workshop dates TBD more attendees the better.

24/532 Planning

24/532.1 2024/1143/HSE - Loft Conversion and Renovations at New Close Farm, Trudoxhill

Councillors discussed that the site is not very visible, and there are dormer windows rather than skylights, raising no concerns.

RESOLUTION: 3/3 voted to recommend approval

24/533 Finance

24/533.1 Financial Report & Signing Authority Update

6967.87, 513 up on budget due to community fund donation.

The clerk reported £6,967.87 in bank, with no unexpected outgoings. A donation from the newly formed community fund has meant we are £513 ahead of budget. New signing authority has been executed successfully and all past signatories have been removed with new signatories added as suggested previously. A recommendation to look at Unity bank as a bank set up to serve parish councils specifically was given.

24/533.2 Accounts for payment

Clerk – £339, K Gale – £120

24/533.3 AGAR Update

Received and confirmed status as exempt. Notification period is up with no requests for data. 2023 AGAR complete.

24/534 Reports

To receive reports and updates on:

24/525.1 Highways (SS)

Reported potholes have been repaired and latest list of reports is being drawn up for submission.

24/525.2 SpeedWatch & Speed Abatement Project (SS)

Continues as normal, hoping the road closure does not affect the ability to hit target this month. The choice of SID has been narrowed down and will be ordered shortly.

24/525.3 The Village Hall

No Update.

24/525.4 Unitary Update – LCN

Please see councillor Clark in public session above.

24/525.5 Parish Plan

Plan is done, meeting has fallen by the wayside, mainly due to lack of a plausible green space for purchase. Plan will be produced as a presentation and printed up, funds should be available from community fund.

24/535 Correspondence and Emails Received

24/535.1 Community Playground

Councillor Symes reported that Sovereign refused warranty claim due to inspection schedule not matching their requirements. It was discussed that repairs could be carried out by others, and if warranty is voided by schedule, we should stop paying for it. All agreed that annual ROSPA inspection was good value, but recommended a vote to stop warranty

RESOLUTION: 3/3 voted to cancel warranty payments

24/535.2 Unregistered Dwelling at Land adjacent to Brick House Farm, Trudoxhill

A resident reported that in mid-May, a converted horsebox moved onto agricultural land at the noted address and has been used as a dwelling ever since. The council recommended concerned residents should report unregistered dwellings to the planning enforcement portal on website, and the council would be contacted by enforcement with any further information.

24/535.3 Sightings of Naked Man in Gare Hill

Several residents reported sightings of a naked rambler walking through the woods at Gare Hill and have reported the incident to PCSO, who requested residents to keep an eye out and report if necessary.

24/536 Other Business referred to the Clerk

24/536.1 Trudoxhill Community Fund

A group of residents have worked with the owners of Monksham solar farm and have completed a deal that will see an annual community fund of £5000 given to Trudoxhill Parish. The funds are to be used to support the wellbeing of the community and to help with events and services for the community. The fund will be overseen by a group of residents representing the parish council, the church, the village hall and the fund; who will receive and approve funding requests. Any resident may make funding requests to support community focused events, items or activities. A link to the fund where a request can be made can be found on the parish website.

24/537 Date of next TPC meeting

Aug 8th

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