

Trudoxhill Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd October 2024 at 7.30pm (Village Hall)

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

24/556 Apologies

None

24/557 Disclosure of Interest

24/558 Minutes of the last meeting

Approved

Meeting suspended to take questions or comments from the Public

Member of Public (x 2) – Discussed the issue with groundworks at Charlton Yard. Have moved a lot of clay and built up a 7m ‘cliff edge’. With the rain the runoff is reaching dangerous levels, a waterfall is pouring onto their land. All surrounding fields and ditches are full of clay and is flooding into Marston Brook, must be an environmental problem. Have also reached over boundaries to do their works. They have already contacted EA, BC and Planning to no avail. Connect with clerk, will contact all the people known to the council who may be able to help.

Member of Public – Mobile home had to be removed from site per planning application, requested to find out when this had to be done by as the mobile home was still in situ. Clerk to follow up.

Clerk reported £4,580 in bank, £500 under budget with no unexpected invoices.

24/559 Planning

24/560 Finance

24/560.1 Financial Report

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24/560.2 Accounts for payment

K Gale – £120, Clerk – £339, ICO data protection – £35, ILCA course – £144. All approved for payment.

24/561 Reports

To receive reports and updates on:

24/561.1 Highways (SS)

TPO is slightly delayed due to new contractor (Kier) for Somerset taking over. 3 SID locations are finalised. Just awaiting highways to schedule the works, they have reported it will be this year.

24/561.2 SpeedWatch & Speed Abatement Project (SS)

Struggling to keep session high enough, need more volunteers. There are an increasing number of speeding tractors.

24/561.3 The Village Hall

Nothing to report.

24/561.4 Unitary Update – LCN

Will await Cllr Clark's report next month.

24/561.5 Parish Plan

The plan has been approved as final and has been sent to print. Every household will have one delivered.

24/562 Correspondence and Emails Received

24/562.1 Litter Bin Response

Bin ownership was reported as unclear, upon pushback, Somerset County accepted ownership of the bins and will continue to empty them for free. A question was raised about why there are bags of dirty nappies in the playground bin – it was suggested it may be due to the childminders group and the clerk was asked to follow up and remind them that is not the appropriate use.

24/562.2 Litter Pick

Sunday 20th – helpers have been recruited from Frome cheese show due to the state of Bunns Lane after the event.

24/563 Other Business referred to the Clerk

24/563.1 Grass Cutting Quote

Quote from K Gale would rise from £120/mth currently to £300/mth once Somerset devolve the cutting of all grass in the parish. The clerk reported that the current level of funds would not support this next year and come budget time it would need to be discussed how to handle this cost.

24/563.2 Delegation Terms of Reference Adoption

The clerk presented the document previously circulated for approval.

RESOLUTION – 5/5 for approval.

In addition, the clerk suggested refreshing the standing orders as the latest update was over 10 years ago. The clerk was to add the rotating chair item, include most up to date guidance from SALC and present for approval as soon as feasible.

24/563.3 A361 Underpass update

Responses saying 'it is not dangerous, so not going to be done' from highways and maintenance.

24/564 Date of next TPC meeting

7th Nov

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