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PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Trysull and Seisdon Parish Council - Full Parish Council meeting held on the 10th of April 2024 in Trysull Village Hall

Present: Cllr A Hingley-Smith (Chairman), Cllr J Johns (Vice-Chairman), Cllr L Hingley-Smith, Cllr M Smith, Cllr W Blackburn, Cllr C Smith, and Cllr R Roobottom.

In attendance: Mrs C Martin – Parish Clerk, Cllr V Wilson (County & District) and Cllr R Reade (District)

12 members of the public were in attendance.

21/24 Apologies and declaration of interests and dispensations.

Cllr A Hingley-Smith advised that Cllr M Kelly had sent his apologies. No declarations of interest were received.

22/24 Minutes – to review and accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting dated Wednesday the 13th of March 2024.

The council reviewed the minutes provided by the Parish Clerk; Cllr L Hingley-Smith proposed to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on the 13th of March 2024. This motion was seconded by Cllr J Johns and agreed unanimously by the council.

23/24 Planning

- a. To decide on/ratify comments re Planning Applications received since last meeting/planning meeting:
24/00223/FULHH - The council reviewed and discussed the planning application. The council had no comments at this time.
24/00169/FUL – The council reviewed and discussed the planning application. Cllr A Hingley-Smith proposed to have a separate meeting to discuss the planning application as there would be insufficient time to discuss this appropriately. This motion was seconded by Cllr S Day. The planning meeting date was set for 16th April.
- b. To review and comment on any other planning matters.
No matters raised.
- c. Appeal notification re: App Ref: 23/00420/FUL Pound Piece School Road. Appeal Ref: APP/C3430/W23/3335223 - The council reviewed the appeal notification. Cllr A Hingley-Smith summarised the Council's previous objections for the benefit of those present.

24/24 Finance and Governance

- a. To review and approve the schedule of payments for April.
The Clerk summarised the schedule of payments for April. Cllr L Hingley-Smith proposed to accept the schedule of payments and this was seconded Cllr J Johns. All in agreement.
- b. To review March Accounts / Agree in year virements.
The council reviewed the March (year-end) accounts. Cllr A Hingley-Smith proposed to agree the in year virements. This motion was seconded by Cllr J Johns and agreed unanimously by the council.
- c. To sanction Cllr. A. Hingley-Smith to deal with Annual Financial Governance requirements.

Cllr A. Hingley-Smith stated he would accept responsibility if no-one else would care to do so. Cllr L Hingley-Smith proposed that Cllr A Hingley-Smith should attend to the Annual

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Financial Governance requirements. This motion was seconded by Cllr Johns and agreed unanimously by the council.

- d. The Clerk to set Notice Period for Exercise of Public Rights and date of announcement thereof.
- e. To appoint an Internal Auditor.
Cllr A Hingley-Smith advised on the necessary appointment and that he would organise this with the blessing of the Council. Cllr L Hingley-Smith proposed the motion which was seconded by Cllr J Johns. All agreed.
- f. VAT refund submission - Update.
Cllr A Hingley-Smith advised that Value Added Tax refund had now been received.
- g. To note that elections of Chair and Vice Chairman will be the first order of business at the next meeting. This was duly noted.

25/24 Correspondence

Clerk to inform Councillors of correspondence received.

The Clerk informed the council that no correspondence of note has been received.

26/24 Highway Matters

- a. Community Speed Watch signs. Update re installations.
Cllr A Hingley-Smith announced the CSW permanent road signs had now been installed.
- b. Highway maintenance – to report any new issues.
Cllr S Day and Cllr W. Blackburn raised issues regarding a ditch on Tinkers Castle Road and road flooding. Cllr S Day will report the issue. Cllrs A Hingley-Smith and S Day also reported complaints about Crockington Lane being used as an ‘inappropriate’ alternative route.

27/24 Parish Matters

- a. Play Area Report / Update on repair work/ Equipment replacement quotes.
The Clerk updated the Council with quotations that have been received from three suppliers. Cllr A Hingley-Smith advised that the equipment had now been repaired but the Council would need to plan for future replacement costs over the next few years. These costs would not be insignificant.
- b. Best Kept Village / Entry form and work progress/School Competition.
Cllr A Hingley-Smith noted that the entry form had been completed and submitted. The Chairman thanked Cllr. J Johns and Cllr. L Hingley-Smith for their significant work on the preparation of this year’s entry.
- c. Summer Fete. Updates re planning.
Cllr S Day summarised that a date has been set for the summer fete and an informal meeting to be arranged. To be held before or after the planning meeting on 16th April.
- d. Bench for Seisdon playing fields.
Cllr A Hingley-Smith noted that an additional bench still required ordering. Cllr. A Hingley-Smith agreed to attend to matters.
- e. Blue Plaque / Update. Cllr J Johns agreed to organise the purchase.
- f. Oak post replacement work / Update.
Cllr Hingley-Smith advised that the work has commenced and thanked Mr. D. Southall for his expertise and much appreciated assistance.

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- g. Community Garden / Update
Cllr C Smith advised the Council that the weather has caused issues with progress. Cllr C Smith had circulated documents detailing Phase 1 Development and updated costings. He would continue to advise on progress as necessary.
- h. Verge maintenance /Tidy up planning.
Cllr J Johns commented that there were several 'parties' planned to tidy up the verges in the Parish and dates and location details would be posted around the villages.
- i. Trysull Christmas Lights planning / Offer of funding Lights purchase.
Cllr A Hingley-Smith advised that he is still waiting for quotes from the electrician.
- j. Raffle Licence.
Cllr R Reade stated that he would provide the forms to the Parochial Church Council.
- k. Telephone Boxes. To receive an update on repairs.
It was noted that Cllr A. Hingley-Smith was to meet with the contractor that following weekend.
- l. Library – Alternative Bespoke Library Unit/ Continuity of project/Supervision/Update.
Cllr A Hingley-Smith advised that he had received correspondence from the previous project controller, who due to personal circumstances, would be unable to continue in this role. This was perfectly understandable given very sad circumstances and that all on the Parish Council wished to express their heartfelt sympathies.
- m. Seisdon Defibrillator.
Cllr A Hingley-Smith updated the Council that a suitable location had now been found and that the installation had been commissioned.
- n. Calendar 2025 Competition. To commission A5 printing of leaflets.
Cllr J Johns proposed that the flyers would ensure the Calander competition received appropriate advertising and she had also contacted the school re their participation. The motion was seconded by Cllr. A Hingley-Smith.
- o. Church Clock
Cllr A Hingley-Smith summarised the recent change in legislation that would now allow for discretional 'Church property' maintenance. The Chairman advised annual costs would be in the order of £200-£300. Cllr L Hingley-Smith proposed an amount of this order be set aside in the budget. This motion was seconded by Cllr C Smith and agreed unanimously by the Council.
- p. Update of the Parish Council website
Cllr W Blackburn and Cllr C Smith commented that the update of the Parish website had commenced and was progressing well. Improving 'Accessibility' would be a key focus.
- q. Church Lane and Social Media.
Cllr Hingley-Smith gave a statement to the Council and the public present concerning the Church Lane issue and his involvement, and by implication that of the Parish Council, at the scene. It was established that The Cllr. was only there during police presence and that of a witness and that various comments on conduct and motive were clearly malicious falsehoods. Authors of such narratives where present but chose not to challenge these facts. Cllr. A. Hingley-Smith thanked Cllrs S Day and J Roobottom for their particular support.

28/24 District/County Councillor Report

Cllr V Wilson spoke regarding the continuing flooding on School Road. She informed the Council that she continued to liaise with Highways in an attempt resolve the problem.

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Cllr V Wilson then reported on lorry activity in Crockington Lane; Vehicles are allowed to access the roads in the village if their destination is also in the village. So, whilst this may not be a Road Traffic matter a lorry park may remain a planning concern and this was being investigated.

Cllr V Wilson also informed the Council that the Government had provided 'hot spot' funding to tackle issues with road maintenance and that she had been working diligently to secure application to our location.

Regarding the caravan parked off Church Lane, Cllr Wilson advised that an enforcement notice had now been served.

Cllr V Wilson also commented on recent Church Lane matters noted in 24/24 q. She also wished to 'put matters straight'. She informed the Council and the public present that she received phone calls, on more than one occasion reporting 'an ancient hedgerow' was being removed. Police were informed and they attended on site to investigate. Cllr V Wilson informed that she requested a Conservation Officer should also inspect the scene. The Conservation Officer advised that this hedgerow did not meet any criteria for being 'important' (Hedgerow Regulations 1997), that it was relatively new in planting and did not have the required species in its makeup. Cllr. V Wilson then answered fully all similar questions and comments raised on social media.

Cllr R Reade informed the Council that District is very busy preparing for the elections in May. Cllr R Reade also informed the Council that concerns about the costs of homelessness and housing have been raised, and that District remain very focused on ways to improve the situation.

29/24 Open Forum

To allow members of the public to raise any concerns and ask questions.

Referring to Church Lane one member of the public felt very passionate about keeping access as restricted as possible. It was noted that it was clear from photographic evidence that this location had been previously used as an access point to the field, but it was now asserted that this access point was no longer available to the current owners as it was a condition that the previous leaseholder was required to re-instate the hedge. Cllr. S. Day and Cllr V Wilson asked if the member of the public could provide a copy of this lease in order to assist, where possible, to examine and clarify any 'Rights of Way' issues.

Another member of the public raised concerns regarding there being vehicular movements in a field separated from the Bridlepath by the hedgerow. She stated that this could be very disconcerting for horse riders utilising the Bridleway.

Cllr. A. Hingley-Smith confirmed that all vehicular activity on a Bridleway was a concern shared. However, Rights of Way and Private Rights of Access were complex areas, the authority for which resided with County and the civil law respectively. It would indeed be helpful if County could provide any clarity on the current vehicular use of Bridlepath 15.

Another member of the public also raised issues of misinformation on social media re the use of her land. She claimed to have received threats and had been subject to stalking and intimidation. Police had been informed. The Chairman expressed sympathy for this position and was pleased to hear matters had been reported to the correct authority.

30/24 To confirm the date of the next Parish Meeting

Cllr. A. Hingley-Smith concluded that the meeting had been most constructive and that informed debate in a proper forum would always achieve more than 'noise' on social media. He thanked everyone for their attendance. The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be an extra planning meeting on Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7.00 p.m. and the next full meeting will be the Parish Council (Annual) meeting to be held on Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting closed 20:34

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