



# TRYSULL & SEISDON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Trysull and Seisdon Parish Council - Full Parish Council meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 in Trysull Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr A Hingley-Smith (Chairman), Cllr J Johns (Vice-Chair), Cllr J Roobottom, Cllr W Blackburn, Cllr M Smith, Cllr S Day, and Cllr L Hingley-Smith

**In Attendance:** Clerk – Mrs C Martin, Cllr V Wilson (County/District), and Cllr R Reade (District). Members of the public also present.

### **11/24 Apologies and declaration of interests and dispensations.**

The clerk informed the council that apologies have been received from Cllr M Kelly and Cllr C Smith. No declarations of interests were raised.

### **12/24 Minutes – to review the minutes and accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting dated Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of February.**

The council reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2024. Cllr L Hingley smith proposed to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting, this motion was seconded by Cllr W Blackburn and agreed unanimously by the council.

### **13/24 Planning**

- a. To decide on/ratify comments re Planning Applications received since last meeting/planning meeting:

**24/00178/BUHOEX** - Cllr A. Hingley-Smith summarised the application, there were no concerns raised about the plan in principle, but issues were raised about the front verge encroaching onto the highway. Cllr V Wilson said she will raise these concerns with Highways.

**24/00122/FULHH** - Cllr A. Hingley-Smith summarised the application details, no concerns were raised in relation to this planning application.

**24/00130/FUL** - Cllr A. Hingley-Smith summarised the application details, no concerns were raised in relation to this application.

- b. To review and comment on any other planning matters.

**Appeal Ref: APP/C3430/W/23/3328097**

Cllr A. Hingley-Smith summarised the application and updated the council on the appeal decision including a summary of the conditions detailed regarding the application.

### **14/24 Finance**

- a. To review and approve the schedule of payments for March.

The council reviewed the schedule of payments which is as follows.

Schedule of Payments		
Recipient	Reason for Payment	Amount
C. Martin	Clerks Salary	£466.40
C. Martin	Expenses	£21.13
Ditton Services	Grounds Maintenance	£699.56
P.C.C.	Parish Magazine Printing	£165.00
HMRC	PAYE (Month 10)	£116.60
M Osbourne	Field Inspection	£48.00
Women's Institute	Village Hall Lease	£1.00

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A Caddick	Christmas Lights	£75.00
District Council	Grounds Maintenance (Qtr 3)	£61.17
Sutcliffe Play (South West) Ltd	Play Equipment Repair	£1,108.00
Trysull Tigers	Seisdon Field Inspections (Annual)	£120.00

Cllr L Hingley-Smith proposed to accept the schedule of payments for March, this motion was seconded by Cllr W Blackburn and agreed unanimously by the council.

- b. To review February Accounts / Agree in year virements.  
The council reviewed the financials. All in order.
- c. VAT refund submission.  
Cllr. A. Hingley-Smith advised he had submitted a s.33 Vat refund claim and a remittance from HMRC in the sum of £4,251.48 should be expected shortly.
- d. Implications of Section 82 of The Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 which amends the Local Government Act 1894 via insert of Section 19A.  
Cllr A. Hingley Smith advised the Parish Council on this legal update and the effective removal of the previous prohibitions on funding of ecclesiastical property and maintenance thereof.

### 15/24 Correspondence

Clerk to inform Councillors of correspondence received. Enquiry from Listening Books Charity - Free Membership Available in Wolverhampton – The clerk has received an email correspondence asking for Trysull and Seisdon Parish Council to support the scheme by promoting the service. The service will be promoted on the parish council website and in the parish magazine. The clerk summarised the crime report that was sent by the local police.

### 16/24 Highway Matters

- a. Community Speed Watch signs. Update re installations.  
Cllr. A. Hingley-Smith advised that the installation of the signs is scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> of March.
- b. Highway maintenance – to report any new issues.  
No additional matters to report.
- c. Additional road sweeping.  
No updates at present.
- d. Flooding School Road and Feiashill Road.  
Cllr A. Hingley-Smith summarised the issues with flooding in the usual areas. It was noted that Environment enquiries were still on-going.

### 17/24 Parish Matters

- a. Play Area Report / Update on repair work/ Equipment replacement quotes.  
Repair work had been completed and quotes for complete replacement of one unit had been requested. The clerk summarised that one quote has been received and two more are being sourced. This information will be brought to the next meeting.
- b. Best Kept Village / Entry form and work progress/School Competition.  
Cllr Johns updated the council on the best kept village competition progress. She is in contact with multiple local groups in the parish offering assistance with the competition. Cllr Johns advised that organising the application for the BKV 2024 is well advanced.
- c. Summer Fete / Confirm and fix date.

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The council discussed the options for the date of the event. Cllr C Smith proposed that the council holds the event on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2024. A further meeting dealing specifically with this event to be organised for the following week.

- d. Coronation Granite Stone. Placement of and costs. Existing Stone Cleaning.  
Cllr A. Hingley-Smith advised that the quotes for cleaning/ restoration of existing stones were a little too extravagant for our budget and cleaning would be taken in-house. Purchase of a new Coronation Stone was agreed. Proposed by Cllr. J Johns and seconded by Cllr. L Hingley-Smith.
- e. Bench for Seisdon playing fields.  
Cllr A Hingley-Smith advised that a bench has been requested by multiple members of the public to be placed on Seisdon playing fields. The Council agreed to purchase a new bench. Proposed by Cllr. A Hingley-Smith and seconded by Cllr. W. Blackburn. The Chairman advised that this would be in addition to the picnic bench already kindly donated by the family of the late Mrs. S. Page.
- f. Blue Plaque.  
Cllr A. Hingley-Smith requested the Council sanction commission of a Blue Plaque in recognition of the prestigious planning award recently received by a parishioner.
- g. Oak Post replacement work / Update.  
Cllr Hingley-Smith advised that the Oak Post replacement work had commenced, and Mr. D. Southall was providing much appreciated assistance.
- h. Community Garden / Update / Orchard Trees.  
Cllr Johns updated that there are five apple trees that are to be placed in the community garden when it is ready. Mr. J. Harper had taken temporary custody of the trees, planting them in his garden. The Parish Council again expressed their gratitude for this accommodation.
- i. Verge maintenance /Tidy up planning / Planters.  
Cllr Johns advised that there was a 'tidy up' planned in Seisdon that weekend.
- j. Trysull Christmas Lights planning / Offer of funding Lights purchase.  
Cllr Hingley-Smith advised that he was organising quotes.
- k. Raffle Licence.  
Cllr A Hingley-Smith suspended standing orders to allow a member of the public to directly liaise with Cllr. R Reade on exact requirements. Cllr A Hingley-Smith proposed that the Council should meet any associated administration costs. This was seconded by Cllr J. Johns and agreed by all.
- l. Telephone Boxes. To receive an update on repairs.  
No updates at present. The Chairman to meet with the designated contractor to discuss.
- m. Library – Alternative Bespoke Library Unit/ Continuity of project/Supervision.  
Cllr A. Hingley-Smith had previously distributed examples of suitable bespoke library units. The previous custodian of the library scheme would be contacted re her willingness to continue with the supervision. If failing to obtain this continuity the Council would, only then, look for alternative volunteers to take over responsibility.
- n. Seisdon Defibrillator / Rotary Club offer for funding/Update on new site and permission.  
Cllr J. Johns updated the council that a residence on Crockington Lane was willing to accommodate the defibrillator. The site will now be inspected for suitability by an electrician.

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- o. Calendar 2025 Competition.  
Cllr J. Johns advised that the 2025 competition has been advertised and the theme was 'Best in Parish'.

#### **18/24 District/County Councillor Report**

Cllr V Wilson distributed the Districts 'Review' magazine and provided additional copies for wider distribution. Cllr V Wilson also updated that the District Council is providing free anti-litter and anti-dog mess signs that the council can request for use around the Parish. She also provided summaries of a number of grants currently available. The Rural Prosperity Fund and the Community is the Best Medicine Fund are amongst those available. Cllr Wilson advised on recent Council Tax rises the areas in which the money is planned to be spent.

Other matters: Enforcement action in Church Lane was on-going. A new Chief Inspector had been instated and is now reviewing police reports and the value of officers attending Parish Council meetings. Wombourne Refuse Site has been closed until further notice, and it was requested that Codsall Refuse Site should be used as a temporary alternative.

Cllr R Reade spoke regarding the Disabilities Fund Grant, which is available to assist people become more mobile. He asked that this be promoted where possible.

Cllr R Reade also raised awareness of a Social Housing scheme that is currently being revisited. He advised on dialogue with Home Plus with the intention of improving social housing matters.

#### **19/24 Open Forum**

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

A member of the public raised concerns relating to the lorries that are being parked Trysull end of Crockington Lane. Planning would investigate this increase in activity.

#### **20/24 To confirm the date of the next Parish Meeting**

The council noted that the date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

Meeting was closed at 20.42.

*Cllr. A. Magley Smith 10/4/24*