

TRYSULL & SEISDON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE
VILLAGE HALL, TRYSULL ON WEDNESDAY 11th JANUARY 2017**

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PRESENT :	Mr. P. W. Compson	Chairman
	Mr. N.D. Compson	.
	Mr. A.L. Smith	
	Mrs. C.E. Lowe	
	Mr. R. Simonds	
	Mr. M.L. Kelly	
	Cllr. B. Edwards	County Councillor
	Cllr. R. McCardle	District Councillor
APOLOGIES:	Mr. S. Harrison	Vice Chairman
	Mr. J.A. Tonkinson	
	Mrs. T. Clarke	

Members of the public present: Mr. A. Hingley Smith, Mrs. J. Lui, Miss. H. Slater

The Chairman asked the meeting to remember Mr. Denis Dowde who died in December. Denis served as a Parish Council throughout the 1970's and he will be sadly missed in the Parish.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting dated 7th December 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

16/01126/FUL 21 Post Office Road, Front, side and rear extensions - no objection
16/01067/VAR Lower Lanes Farm, Fox Road, variation of condition 2 - no objection
16/01033/LUE Monkspath Farm, Bell Road, Trysull - no objection
Decisions made mid month.

ACCOUNTS

It was agreed the following accounts be paid :

Mrs. N. Walton (Salary Jan 17)	455.56
H.M.R.C. (tax liability Nov/Dec/Jan.)	11.80
Mr. M. Osbourne (insp.Pl.Fld, Trysull Dec)	48.00
Ditton Services (Gnd maint. 3rd payment)	1,998.75
S.S.D.C. (gnds maint. Fox Road)	63.86
Mrs. N.V. Walton (reimbursement Oct/Nov/Dec)	68.70

A precept of £22,200.00 has been requested.

CORRESPONDENCE

Forwarded to Councillors:

Planning course being held at Stafford on Wednesday 8th February 2017.

Community Lottery supporting good causes at S.S.C.

Transparency Fund to enable small parish councils to become web-enabled.

Parish Summit summary.

Post Office to be closed for bridge repairs. The order will come into operation on 30th January 2017 and works will be completed by 17th February 2017.

Planning Masterclass at SSC to be held on Wednesday 15th February at the Council Offices, 9.00 a.m. The Chairman and Cllr. Mrs. Lowe wished to attend. Clerk to notify Janet Foster.

Let's Work Together training session to be held Monday 16th January at Codsall.

E-mail from Helen Marshall, Community Safety Officer stating she has been undertaking a review of the Public Space CCTV that is operated across the district. District asks if any parishes are interested in purchasing their own cameras and includes approximate costs.

Letter from County Councillor Alan White asking whether parishes would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of the Debt benefit and Consumer Advice due to savings to Health and Care services.

E-mail from Andy Cousins, SSC, informing the Council that the mountain ash trees on Trysull Green have deteriorated due to disease. Environmental Services will be looking to remove these in the spring and replace them with a single oak tree which will be planted in the centre of the area. There were no objections to this action.

NEW HIGHWAY MATTERS

New highway gateway has been made at Monkspath Farm and there is no visibility splay. Clerk to inform Mark Keeling.

An accident occurred on Bridgnorth Road near to Gardenland which suffered a fatality. It was reported there have been previous deaths on this stretch of highway and the Clerk was asked to write to Highways and request a report on the cause of the accident and ask whether improvements can be made to the highway to avoid future accidents.

There are concerns about the large signs at Gardenland and the visibility splay when exiting to the left. Clerk to inform Highways.

ANY NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

MATTERS ARISING

Play Area

Cllr. Compson reported on quotations he has received. He has had meetings with Sutcliffe Play and they have re-quoted a figure of £26,039.00 and it was felt to be more beneficial to use just one company rather than two different companies as was originally considered. Cllr. Smith proposed and Cllr. Kelly seconded we accept this quotation. All in favour. Clerk to inform Sutcliffe Play.

Cllr. Compson was thanked for the work he has carried out obtaining quotations.

Cllr. Tonkinson will ask Mr. Mike Osbourne to check the play equipment while inspecting the playing field.

Playing Fields

Nothing to report.

1350 Footpaths

Bridlepath 15 - 'No turning' sign - Footpaths Officer has referred this to Highways.

Footpadders

Cllr. Kelly stated he will be sending out a letter to the Footpadders.

1477 Village Hall

Cllr. Kelly will discuss repairs to the car park with the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

1795 Neighbourhood Watch

An e-mail and crime summary received from PCSO Lee Irving. This was discussed and there were concerns that 'Burglary Other' had increased from 41 to 53, a rise of 30%. The Clerk was asked to e-mail Lee and ask for details.

- 2205 Seisdon quarry
E-mail received from Mr. Collinge stating Liaisons meetings will be held at 6 monthly intervals and the next meeting is due towards the end of January 2017. Mr. Collinge will confirm a proposed date in due course.
- 2242 Wolverhampton Business Airport
Nothing further to report.
- 2634 Landfill Site
It was reported this site is filling up.
- 2642 Fly tipping
Please ring 01902 696200 to report incidents of fly tipping.
Cllr. Kelly stated there has been no reduction in fly tipping, especially Union Lane, Blackpitt Lane and Showell Lane. It was reported that taking builders rubble to the tips in Staffordshire involves a cost. General household refuse is still free and it was suggested this information be made clear via the South Staffs Review.
- 2650 Lorry sign at Post Office Road
Cllr. Edwards has been asked to consider providing this sign from his DPP allocation.
- 2652 Extend footpath, The Smithy
E-mail from Mark Keeling states that due to physical constraints at the site and the problem of available funding there unfortunately no current plans to undertake works at this location.
- 2654 Dog Fouling
The Clerk reported that Mr. John Littleton, Environment Officer, has stated that signs could be erected stating 'No Dogs' as is the case at Codsall and Pattingham. Mr. Littleton has given the Parish Council some luminous signs to be placed at the entrances to the playing fields. It was resolved that the existing signs should be updated and made visible. The situation will be examined again at a later date to see if the problem has improved.
- 2660 SID sign on Ebstree Road
E-mail from Mark Keeling. Until the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership review is complete and until it is clear where future SID funding is coming from it is difficult to support further requests at this time. Cllr. Edwards stated you could purchase solar powered SID signs or join with another Parish and share one. It was pointed out we have in the past explored this alternative.
- 2661 Community Car Park
Cllr. Harrison has priced a grit bin at £80.00 plus £3.00 a bag of grit. It was agreed this should be purchased. Cllr. Harrison to be informed.
Awaiting reply from Trysull & Seisdon Charity regarding the Lease.
- 2667 Rural Crime Initiative - DNA marking
Cllr. Neil Compson will liaise with Judy Russon to obtain prices for these packs.
- 2671 Chairman's Board
Cllr. Compson will arrange for the Board to be updated next year.
- 2677 Weight Restriction Request - Seisdon Holloway and Fox Road
Cllr. Mrs. Lowe asked Cllr. Edwards whether there was any reason why we may not obtain weight restrictions for Ebstree Road. Cllr. Edwards stated he will be meeting with Mr. Keeling in February and will put this to him and let us know his response.

- 2678 Resignation of Councillor and Co-option
Code of Conduct complaint dismissed by David Pattison, Director of Legal and Public Health Protection. The Clerk read out an e-mail from Mr. Hingley Smith which has been forwarded to all Councillors. The Chairman attended a mediation meeting with Mr. Hingley Smith at the Codsall offices with David Pattison acting as mediator. Cllr. McCardle was also present. Mr. Hingley Smith has filed for Judicial Review but would reverse this action if certain conditions were met, namely that the five Councillors make unreserved apologies, admit they acted unlawfully and breached the Code of Conduct, and the resignation of Cllr. Mrs. Lowe. The three Councillors present stated they could not accept the conditions and the two absent Councillors forwarded their comments stating they also could not accept the conditions. Councillor Kelly supported Councillors' decisions. Cllr. Simonds abstained from comment. The Chairman offered further mediation but this was declined and a copy of the Judicial Review papers were handed to the Clerk. It was stated that costs incurred from a Judicial Review will have to be funded through the Precept.
- 2683 Noticeboards
Cllr. Neil Compson investigating prices.
- 2684 Good Life Champions
An item has been sent to Mrs. Bayliss for publication in the Parish Magazine.
- 2685 Broken fence, Trysull School
The Clerk has not received a reply from the School office and was asked to enquire about the fencing again.
- 2686 Telephone Kiosks
Parish Council is adopting the 3 kiosks in the Parish. Copy of a letter to BT Payphones from SSC has been received.
- 2688 Overgrown bush, Seisdon Road
This is to be cut back.
- 2689 Best Kept Village Competition
Item in Parish Magazine asking for volunteers.
- 2690 Grass cutting - build-out, Fox Road
Cllr. Tonkinson obtaining quotations for extra grass cutting in the build-out area.

Highways

Oak Drive payement

Pavement Engineer to assess footway and put it forward to a Structural Maintenance programme.

The Smithy, Seisdon - E-mail from Cllr. Edwards. Property changed hands but owners not been approached. May assist if Parish Council approach them to find their views but there are no more funds available and Cllr. Edwards' DHP is committed till April so no action can be taken until after then.

Wombourne Road (4014672) Replacing bollards remains low priority but the schedule team have been asked to consider the works as soon as a team is available and in the area.

Wombourne Road - Village entrance sign has been added to Cllr. Edwards' DHP for future consideration.

Fox Road - hedge on right hand side by traffic calming when approaching from Bridgnorth Road still needs to be cut back more severely in order to see oncoming traffic.

Woodford Road, Trysull (Enquiry 40446 25) Pot holes reported. Site has been assessed.

Union Lane, Trysull (Enquiry 4044624) Pot holes outside Awbridge Farm, Flash Lane and Blackpit Lane. Site has been assessed.

Ebtree Road - 'give way' sign missing by the Smithy. This has been reported.

Union Lane - blocked gully outside Awbridge Cottage reported to Highways Hotline.
Wombourne Road (Enquiry 4060863)Trees and hedges overhanging Wombourne Road from Bratch Farm to Union Lane need to be cut back to prevent damage to vehicles and assist visibility.
The Old Smithy (Enquiry 4064669) Pot hole around manhole cover. Site assessed and repairs to be carried out.
Ketley House (Enquiry 4064666) Pothole around drain cover. Site assessed and repairs to be carried out.
Post Office Road (Enquiry 4064667) Two large potholes outside Nurseries. Site assessed and repairs to be carried out.
Fox Road (Enquiry 4062441) Damage to highway verges.
Ebtree Road (Enquiry 4064671) Deep ruts in carriageway from Trysull Holloway to Seisdon Quarry.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 8th February 2017, 7.00 p.m. at the Village Hall, Trysull.

Meeting ended 8.15 p.m.

SIGNED.....DATED.....

