

TRYSULL & SEISDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE PAVILION ON WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH 2014

The Chairman opened the Annual Meeting and welcomed Mr. Tony Unwin, a resident of Seisdon, to the meeting. The Chairman reported that the past year has been successful with much work in progress making it yet another busy year.

Mr. Paul Compson was welcomed to the Parish Council following the resignation of Mrs. Nicky Willis and soon realised the contribution Paul will make with his enthusiasm to get involved.

Trysull and Seisdon Charity has a new Trustee following the appointment of Cllr. Mrs. Tess Clarke as our nominated Trustee until 2017. Tess joins Cllr. Steve Harrison on that committee. Cllr. Mike Kelly continues to attend the Village Hall Committee meetings as our representative and Cllr. John Tonkinson and Mike are our representatives on the Playing Field Association Committee.

Our District Councillor, Bob McCardle continues to help and advise us and we were very pleased to see Bob re-appointed to serve as the District Council's representative on the Playing Field Association. Likewise Cllr. Brian Edwards, our County Councillor and Leader of South Staffordshire Council. I would like to thank both for their continued help and assistance.

Value for Money policy at District has resulted in the notification of planning applications and supporting information being sent by e-mail. Another job for our Clerk having to print off the necessary paperwork. However, the new system appears to be working.

Planning and highway issues continue to occupy the minds of Councillors and meetings have been held with the Director of Planning, Mr. Andy Johnson, and Mr. Mark Keeling from Highways, which have proved to be very beneficial and informative. Some issues have been resolved with others ongoing.

Gavin Williamson our M.P. is actively supporting the Parish Council. Indeed, Councillors have recently had several very positive meetings with Gavin where discussions have included issues regarding lower speed limits in the Parish, traffic calming, Seisdon landfill site and the problems caused by the H.G.V's accessing the site, and more recently Seisdon Quarry.

The Parish Council prepared and submitted a detailed letter of objection to the recent quarry planning application and a letter drop was arranged to inform all residents of this application, including details of how to comment on the application. Gavin has also sent a letter to all residents on the issue and continues to keep us all informed.

We have regular contact with the Police who endeavour to attend Parish Council meetings. Our designated PCSO is Adrian Price and we have noticed a positive difference in policing with the introduction of new systems by Inspector Knight. Cllr. Vince Merrick has developed a very good working relationship with the police which has many benefits for our Parish. Vince is also involved with Canal Watch which is in addition to Neighbourhood Watch, being a Police Volunteer and adding his support to the highway issues of speed limits, signs and traffic calming.

Councillors have been concerned with the slow broadband speed in the Parish and following much letter writing and lobbying we had Mr. Ian Binks from BT and Mr. Paul Chatwin from South Staffordshire Council attend a Parish Council Meeting. The presentation they gave was informative but to date we still experience very slow broadband speeds.

Our Vice Chairman, Councillor Alec Smith, continues to monitor the Play Area and play equipment, arranging monthly inspections and organising necessary repairs.

A newly formed Grounds Maintenance sub-committee, consisting of the Vice Chairman and Cllrs. Neil and Paul Compson, is actively seeking to appoint a Grounds Maintenance Contractor.

As in previous years Councillor John Tonkinson has studied the accounts and produced the Council's budget figures for the precept and we thank John for carrying out this work and for the clear and concise way in which the same is presented to the Council.

The Chairman thanked her Vice Chairman and all Councillors for attending the monthly and mid-monthly meetings, and for all the help and support Councillors have given throughout the year. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her assistance and guidance.

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