

Trusham Parish Meeting Minutes

Monday 11th September 2023 - Trusham Village Hall @ 7.30pm

Present: Alex Bell, Sam Bull (part), Ali Chadwick, Niall Duffy (Chair), Sarah Maybin, Jacqui Mayo, Paul Moir, Patsy Mudie.

1. Welcome & Apologies

Apologies – Mary Cook, Colin Edwards, Fleur Lewis

The meeting started by noting the recent very sad deaths of 4 local residents – Annie Porter, John Whetman, Tricia Bird and Pat Shezall - and the committee asked that their condolences to the families be noted.

2. Minutes of last meeting & matters carried forward

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

- a. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment – James Smethurst has agreed to start work on the playpark shed by end of September
- b. Twenty's Plenty Road Safety signage – **Action:** AC to contact Lucy Otton to progress
- c. Photo collage for Coronation – agreed not to progress further
- d. Repainting of bus shelter (SB offer) – carried forward
- e. Website development – action to discuss further with Barry & Judith Rowland carried forward (ND)
- f. Road repairs – DCC have carried out some pothole repairs & railings along brook on Broadway/Teign Lane. Investigations underway regarding ownership of grill across brook. Training for residents in minor pothole repair offered by DCC Highways team. Work to be started on repairs to Ball Hill road surface. **Action** ND to circulate details on the pothole volunteer team/lengthsman to village .

3. Chair's Report

a. Donation / Grant policy

This was discussed and the following agreed:-

- Donations should only be given to charities or organisations where there is a measurable benefit residents of Trusham or the larger Teign Valley community
- No donations to villagers raising money on behalf of a charity (sponsored walks etc)
- No donations to international appeals
- No donation that amounts to more than 5% of reserves
- No donations to individuals
- No donations to religious, political or 'contentious' organisations (definitions to be debated)

b. Affordable Housing

TDC have initiated consultation with parishes on whether Affordable Housing should be built. This was discussed and the survey completed indicating interest in finding out more including the possibility of creating a Neighbourhood Plan. **Action:** ND to return survey to TDC

4. Planning

- a. Hill Crest, Trusham Hill – Change of use of barn to dwelling. Pending Consideration.
- b. Tinkley – awaiting full consultation documentation from TDC relating to planning application

5. Events

- a. Christmas Fair 2023 – Village Hall on Friday 1st December, early evening. Patsy Mudie and Jacqui Mayo offered to organise. **Action:** PMu & JM to invite stalls

6. Communications

WhatsApp group – a resident had requested committee consider creating some rules around membership of the Trushamites WhatsApp group, content and behaviour of participants. This was discussed at length. The WhatsApp group had been set up at the request of some residents in 2020 and had not been initiated by the Parish Meeting Committee. To that extent it is a private group which the committee believes it has no remit to manage. However, the group felt that it is perceived as a community benefit with membership voluntary and should be self-policing without the need for rules.

7. Playpark

Some repairs required to equipment. A working party to be set up initially to complete & professional input sought if beyond the skills of volunteers. **Action:** AC to set up working group

8. Finance

- a. Lloyds balance £1551.51 (@ 01/08/23)
- b. Community fund balance £3596.50 (@ 11/09/23)

9. Any other business

- a. Litter picking group, equipment already sourced – **Action:** SM to set up.

10. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm