

TRUSHAM PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 25th April 2013 in the Village Hall

Present:

Jim Putz (in the chair), David Davies, Sue Gauntlett, Ann Glendinning, Patsy Mudie, Peter Gauntlett, Pat & David Smethurst, James Hood, Andrew Thorpe, Judith Rowland, Jane Brooks, Sarah Maybin, Penelope Putz, Marjool & Graham Brooke, Annie & Gordon Porter, Norman Norsworthy, Tracey Nixon, Liz Stack. Cllr. Stephen Purser.

Apologies for Absence:

Tony & Lesley Wheaton, Mary & Brian Cook, Sandy & Angela Cameron, Barry Rowland, Keith & Sally Edgington, Helen & Peter Harding, Jo Hickson.

1. Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM.

2. Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th April 2012 had been posted on the village noticeboard, the website, email circulated prior to the meeting, and had been previously reviewed by the committee; they were then signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

4. Planning Matters:

There had been few planning matters during the year and some planning refusals due to listed building consent.

5. Accounts:

David Davies presented the accounts. Receipts for the year were £2,195.48 and there was currently £1,069.34 in the bank. The Parish Meeting insurance was £456.77 and costs of repairing Footpath 1 were £500 (see report on Footpaths below). Additional costs during the year were £60 Audit Commission fees (although this would be the last year this cost would arise owing to changes regarding auditing for small Parish Meetings) ££24.57 to Devon Assn .of Local Councils and £84.80 lawnmower repairs. The acceptance of the accounts were proposed by Peter Gauntlett, seconded Graham Brooke and accepted by the Meeting. Judith Rowland offered a vote of thanks to David Davies for his work on the accounts.

6. Footpaths

An additional grant of £500 had been received by the Village from P3 this year to repair the dangerous steps on Footpath 1 and this work had been carried out. There were other repairs to be made to this footpath but nothing further can be done at present as there is no more money available from P3. It was hoped to infill the steps with gravel, and Peter Gauntlett offered shale that he had for this purpose. Phil Brooks and Peter Harding had carried out some levelling work at Blackley Brook.

7. Correspondence:

There would be a police surgery meeting in the hall with Pc's Mark Easton and Alison Hooper on Friday 26th April from 7-8pm

8. Election of Officers and Committee:

Jim Putz was proposed as Chairman, David Davies as Treasurer, and Sue Gauntlett as Secretary. Chris Penfold was standing down from the Committee and Jo Hickson was prepared to stand for election. The remaining committee of Jane Brooks, Keith Edgington, Judith Rowland, Patsy Mudie, Tony Wheaton, Sarah Maybin, Ann Glendinning and Norman Norsworthy all agreed to stand again. All officers and committee were proposed, seconded and elected en-bloc.

Judith Rowland offered a vote of thanks to Jim Putz and Sue Gauntlett for all their work.

9. Any Other Business:

- i. Cllr.Stephen Purser, District Councillor for Teign Valley Ward introduced himself. He said that plans for building 12,500 new homes outlined in the Teignbridge Plan over the next 20 years had been delayed. A question was raised as to whether the infrastructure for this amount of building would be in place. Cllr.Purser reported that developers had to pay £75 p.s.m. towards infrastructure in urban areas and £200 p.s.m. in rural areas. There was a discussion about lack of parking at Newton Abbot Hospital and the closure of wards at Bovey Tracey and Ashburton, on which the Village had not passed judgement.
- ii. There was much discussion concerning the telephone lines and very slow internet speed service. BT cables had been hit by lightning in October 2012 and over 30 residents had been affected by lack of phone and broadband, some having no service for up to six weeks. BT confirmed the paperwork had been completed in January 2013 for this work to be carried out but nothing had happened until both Annie Porter and Peter Gauntlett had made contact with Mel Stride in early April 2013 over the awful lack of response from BT; Mr Stride had then contacted the BT chairman which had resulted in the power cables and wires being replaced at the power sub-station to the village on 22nd April 2013. Thanks were given to Annie and Peter.
- iii. A report had been compiled of the appalling internet speed problems in the village and this would be sent to the dedicated DCC officer in charge of rolling out the high-speed service across Devon. Graham Brooke agreed to map the village to see where the best and worst speeds occurred. The **Committee** will take this further.
- iv. It was noted that Western Power were working in the village to repair the underground cables.
- v. The stream between The Cridford Inn and The Old Rectory was underpinning the road. Contact to be made with Devon Highways to alert them of this problem before the road collapsed. **JP**
- vi. The War Memorial had been repaired and restored with a grant from Ugbrooke Environmental Trust which had been paid direct to the contractor and did not pass through the Village accounts. Brian Collins had paid the VAT bill which the Trust could not pay and also provided new chains for the Memorial. The total cost to the Village had been £100.

- vii. It was reported that the road surface in Church Lane was in a parlous state. Residents to contact DCC Highways to report this.
- viii. A question was raised concerning the trench which had been dug up and not infilled by Pidsley Ball on land thought to be owned by Mr Siddorn.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

