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Minutes of Trysull and Seisdon Parish Council - Full Parish Council meeting held on the Wednesday 13th of November 2024 in Trysull Village Hall

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

Cllr V Wilson (County and District) and Cllr R Reade (District)

In Attendance: Clerk – Mrs C Martin, Cllr V Wilson (County and District), Cllr R Reade (District), two representatives for a planning application and five members of the public.

# 92/24 APOLOGIES, DECLARATION OF INTERESTS, AND DISPENSATIONS.

The Clerk noted that apologies have been received from Cllr L Hingley-Smith.

Cllr R Reade declared an interest in planning matters given his position on the Planning Committee.

# 93/24 PRESENTATION FROM APPLICANTS OF THE PLANNING APPLICATION AT HOLLYBUSH INN, EBSTREE ROAD, TRYSULL, WOLVERHAMPTON WV5 7JE.

Cllr R Reade left the room due to his declared interest.

The Council has previously made comments on the application, raising concerns relating to the fire safety, adequate screening, and the dilapidation of the Holly Bush. Representatives of the plan then addressed the issues raised. The developers would continue to seek co-operation with the owners of the Holly Bush in an attempt to improve visual aspects. If successful in their application, they would also look to fund local projects as a measure of goodwill. With regards volume of traffic, assurances were given that this would be limited to one movement in and out per day and would not flow through Seisdon.

## **94/24 MINUTES**

a. To review the minutes and accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting dated **Wednesday 9th of October 2024.** 

The Council reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2024. Cllr W Blackburn proposed to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2024. This motion was seconded by Cllr M Smith and agreed unanimously by the Council.

## 95/24 PLANNING

- a. To decide on/ratify comments re Planning Applications received since last meeting/planning meeting:
  - No new planning applications were discussed.
- To review and comment on any other planning matters.
   Cllr A Hingley-Smith summarised the planning applications that have been approved since the previous meeting.

Cllr A Hingley Smith summarised the application on School Close, including the meeting that he had with the planning officer. Cllr A Hingley-Smith suspended standing orders to allow members of the public to speak on this issue and agreed to take further matters in hand on their behalf.



# 96/24 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

a. To review and approve the schedule of payments for November below:

Salary (Nov)	608.80
Field Inspections (Oct)	48.00
Grounds Maintenance (8/12)	699.56
Parish Magazine Printing	165.00
Play Area Inspection Contract	545.64
Spring Bulbs	309.00
Invites & Flyers	47.50
SPCA/NALC Subscriptions	325.00
Trysull Lights	1,720.00
Play Area Repair	59.00
Parish Event	443.15

The Clerk informed the Council of the schedule of payments for November. Cllr W Blackburn proposed to accept the schedule of payments. This motion was seconded by Cllr J Johns and agreed unanimously by the council.

- b. To review October Accounts
  - The council reviewed the accounts, no objections were raised.
- c. To review the draft Budget for the Financial Year 2025/26. In order to allow the Council sufficient time to scrutinise the draft Budgets and Precept proposal, draft financials were circulated and would be debated on and, if found acceptable, then voted on at the next meeting.

### 97/24 CORESSPONDENCE

Clerk to inform Councillors of correspondence received.

No correspondence of note has been received, that has not been included as an individual agenda item.

# 98/24 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- a. New Grit Bins / Five replacements with Parish Logo.
   Cllr A Hingley-Smith summarised that the old grit bins have been removed and replaced with new grit bins. The Chairman thanked Cllr. W. Blackburn for creating and attaching the new logo.
- b. Church Lane updates.
  - Cllr A Hingley-Smith summarised the current position in relation to the issues raised regarding Church Lane, including the liaison that he has had between a County ROW Officer and the Police. He commended members of the public for the civil action being pursued.



## 99/24 PARISH MATTERS

- a. Play Area Maintenance. Climbing frame replacement 'handles' / Soft surface repair / Cost sanction.
  - Cllr A Hingley-Smith advised the Council that new climbing frame handles have been purchased. The Council also reviewed the quote received for the soft surface repair. As advised by the contractor, the soft surface repair required no expert input and could be undertaken in house. Cllr A Hingley-Smith proposed a budget of £200 to purchase the necessary materials. This was seconded by Cllr W Blackburn and agreed unanimously by the Council.
- b. Best Kept Village / Awards Ceremony Cllr A Hingley-Smith summarised that the Parish Council won five awards in the Best Kept Village Awards Ceremony. Cllr A Hingley-Smith thanked the Councillors, in particular Cllr J Johns for all her hard work in this year's competition. The prizes also included a £250 monetary award.
- c. Village Tidy Up Cllr J Johns stated that a tidy event was conducted over the weekend, and another one is planned in the next few weeks.
- d. Village Hall Internet.
  - Cllr W Blackburn summarised his findings and costs re installation of the internet at the Village Hall. Value for money appeared difficult to justify and the project was shelved for the time being.
- e. Community Garden / Grant application / Timetable/ Planning requirement.

  Cllr A Hingley-Smith advised that the planning department have said that 'it is unlikely that the Parish Council would need planning permission.' Cllr A Hingley-Smith also updated the council that the grant application matters.
- f. New planters at Seisdon Stores.
  - Cllr A Hingley-Smith noted that the planters had now been installed.
- g. Trysull Lights. Purchase / Funding / Tree Survey / Electrical Connections Work. Cllr A Hingley-Smith advised that the lights have been ordered.
- h. Christmas Lights switch on Seisdon 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Cllr A Hingley-Smith reminded all that the light switch on was planned for the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
- i. Defibrillator signage.
  - This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- j. Solar powering of SID Signs. To consider ANP development of signs / Further infrastructure requirements.
  - This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- k. New website / Update re: '.gov' domain and '.gov' e-mail designations. Cllr W Blackburn summarised that the new website was progressing well and that our new emails were up and running. The Chairman thanked Cllr. W. Blackburn for his considerable time spent on this project.



- Parish Thank You Event to be held Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.
   Cllr A Hingley-Smith reminded all that the event was planned for the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2024, 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.
- m. Necessary Oak tree maintenance Woodford Lane / School Road. Cllr A Hingley-smith summarised correspondence received from the District Council that informed that the Oak Tree on Woodford Lane/school Road needed expert attention because of a fungal infection that could damage the integrity of the tree which may then raise serious safety concerns. The Council were informed of quotes obtained by the Clerk. The Chairman proposed the necessary spending, and this was seconded by Cllr C Smith. All agreed and that the Clerk would now engage the chosen contractor as a matter of urgency.
- n. Calendar 2025 Competition / Donations/ Judging. Cllr A Hingley-Smith commented that many submissions have been received and the judging team would now be organised. Cllr. L Hingley-Smith agreed to organise digital files of the entries to assist with the printing process.

# 100/24 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

County: Cllr V Wilson commented that the work on school road has been completed. The waste recycling centre is partially reopening on Friday. She thanked the Chairman for his email to County for their assistance in removing the old bins. Cllr V Wilson had created some advisory notices for private citizens that can be used for people who have issues with others parking on their driveways. Copies would be provided on requests. Cllr V Wilson also thanked Cllr C Smith for his collaborative work with Kinver Parish Council and how positive this was for relations between local Parish Councils. Cllr V Wilson informed the Council that Highways had delivered training to County officers, which she found very informative and that she was trying to arrange a member of Highways to attend on Parish Councils too.

District: Cllr R Reade advised that the local plan would be submitted late December or January. Cllr R Reade also commented that a new Waste Collections contract was in its final draft.

### 101/24 OPEN FORUM

To allow members of the public to raise any concerns and ask questions. No comments were raised

## 102/24 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The council noted that the date of the next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 21.00.