



TRYSULL & SEISDON

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Minutes of Trysull and Seisdon Parish Council - Full Parish Council meeting held on Monday the 13th April 2026 at All Saints School, Trysull

Present: Cllr A Hingley-Smith (Chairman), Cllr J Johns (Vice Chairman), Cllr C Smith, Cllr L Hingley-Smith, Cllr M Smith, Cllr W Blackburn, M Kelly, and Cllr J Roobottom.

In attendance: Clerk – Jennifer Cree, Cllr R Reade (District), and 2 members of the public.

34/26. APOLOGIES

Apologies of absence were received from Cllr Mrs V Wilson (District / County) and Cllr S Day.

35/26. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

District Cllr R Reade declared an interest in any planning matters / BESS items.

36/26. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2026.

The Council reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 9th of March. Cllr L Hingley-Smith proposed to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting. This motion was seconded by Cllr C Smith and agreed unanimously by the Council. The minutes were signed.

37/26. PLANNING

To decide on/ratify comments re Planning Applications received since last meeting/planning meeting:-

New Applications

26/00247/FULHH - Proposal: Proposed 2no. single storey side extensions and double storey rear extension - Location: Woodford Cottage, Woodford Lane, Trysull – No Objection

26/00080/FUL - Proposal: Demolition of existing accommodation, garaging and stores and erection of a bungalow, new access, and garden area. Location: The Beeches, 70 Feiashill Road, Trysull – to be discussed at the next meeting

Decisions

There were no decisions received.

Appeals

None were received.

Enforcement

26/00018/UNDEV - The Old Workhouse. Trysull

Concerns continued with a static caravan now being installed on site and ongoing work suspected in spite of a 'stop notice' being issued. District have advised that a retrospective planning application had been received, which referred to the static caravan being necessary for security. The plan had yet to be validated.

26/00040/UNDEV - Land off Seisdon Road, Trysull – Caravans have all been removed from the site, members thanked Cllr R Reade for his assistance on this matter.

38/26. GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

a. Clerk to inform Councillors of accounts to be paid.

The Council reviewed the schedule of payments and agreed them as detailed below:-

HMRC	Month 12 PAYE	£292.31
J Cree	Salary (April)	£387.75
C. Osbourne	Field Inspections (March)	£60.00
Ditton Services	Grounds Maintenance (1/12)	£864.66
Community Garden Costs	Phase 1 plants	£862.36
Heathcote's Printers	Flyers	£102.00
R H Electrical	Seisdon Lights	£1404.00
Wix Payment	Event website	£403.20
SSDC	Verge Maintenance	£107.43
Laminating pouches	Office costs	£13.97

b. To note the accounts to 31st March 2026

The Chairman informed members that year-end figures and reports had been completed and agreement was obtained from Cllrs. for these to be forwarded to the Internal Auditor for appropriate inspection and comment.

39/26. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk informed Councillors of the following correspondence: -

- a) Staffordshire Food Waste Service Communications
- b) Invitation: FREE Community Conversations Training – Helping Residents Plan Well & Live Well
- c) SPCA Free Planning Advice Service – The Chairman advised that this may well be a service that may prove useful and recommended it should be assessed.

40/26. HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was noted that in relation to 'potholes' there had been some recently reported success of lower tiers acting against Highways Authority under s130 Highways Act 1980.

41/26. PARISH MATTERS

a. Community Garden -Progress updates.

All trees now been planted. Next phase to be shrubs and smaller plants. Benches and setting thereof to be organised.

The costs for Phase 2 are circa £2500 and is a budgeted item for 2026/27.

The requirement of an irrigation system was discussed, but Cllr C Smith advised that a standpipe would be more than sufficient.

It was agreed to use a 100m hose pipe would be useful if not essential. A second hand purchase would be investigated.

It was proposed by Cllr C Smith and seconded by Cllr L Hingley to purchase phase 2 plants. This was agreed unanimously.

Sponsors / donations will be sought for the benches in order to mitigate costs

Planting dates are the Sunday 10th May and Saturday 25th April, meeting at 10am. These dates will be advertised on Facebook to get more volunteers to help.

We still have a volunteer that is looking for volunteering opportunities for the D of E accreditation, Cllr W Blackburn will consult with the parents and see if the Council can help in any way.

b. Further verge maintenance work.

Quotes for various verge and asset maintenance work had been received. New gates at the school car park were now required, given that they were currently not functional and could not be closed or secured. This maintenance work was given priority by Councillors. Cllr M. Smith would organise.

c. Oak Tree Maintenance Woodford Lane.

Work had been commissioned and Cllr. C. Smith would check out commencement work dates.

d. Community Tidy Events

Cllr Mrs J Johns recruited two new volunteers and the dates have been set for May and June's litter picks. More volunteers would be welcome. Flyers had been hand delivered advertising events and activities and encouraging volunteering and participation.

e. Play Areas Ground repairs.

Wet pour work is in hand, as with the repair the playing equipment damage.

f. Events Committee report.

Cllr M Smith reported that there would be a meeting the following Wednesday. More stall holders have come forward, and the planning of the event is well in hand. The Parish Council would be advised as soon as possible if any immediate financial support for the event will be required. The Chair assured the Committee that there was a budgeted amount remaining available.

g. Community Speed Watch

Statistics were distributed to Cllrs. The next group event had been organised for that week. Training dates in May were available for anyone wishing to join the team.

h. Best Kept Village 2026 planning.

Cllr Mrs J Johns had been busy collating information and photographic evidence. The Chair and Cllr. L .Hingley-Smith would now prepare the entrance application, photographic bibliography, and other supporting documents ready for submission.

i. New Meeting Venue

The Chairman reported that the Village Hall has availability for the last Thursday in the month. He felt that the Village Hall was the appropriate venue for Council meetings and that we should cease the opportunity to return.

This was agreed with some practical issues noted: The December meeting would clash with Christmas events. It was agreed to have no further December meetings and to re-instate the August Meeting date instead. The second issue is that the May meeting in an election year must be held within fourteen days of the election. An alternative venue for the May 2027 meeting would have to be found nearer the time.

42/26. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present wished to speak.

43/26. DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

District Cllr R Reade updated the Parish Council on progress with Local Government Reform and some of the practical difficulties District could foresee in transition.

44/26. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next scheduled meeting to held on Thursday 28th May 2026 at Trysull Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.