



TRYSULL & SEISDON PARISH COUNCIL

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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

District Cllr emailed the following information:-

"I can confirm I have spoken to the owner of the site, and he has advised that he has sited the static caravan for security reasons due to recent fly tipping on the site. The owner's agent has confirmed that they have submitted the retrospective planning application for the site which includes the siting of the static caravan so as soon as the application is validated, I will update you further so you can view the application on our website and make any comments you wish."

It was noted that the Old Workhouse – the application is coming through after being validated. The site has had a temporary stop notice on the site until the 1st May. The site has been cleared of all trees and therefore they have been asked to submit a retrospective application for works to date. A mobile home has been delivered to the site now, for security reasons and this forms part of the retrospective planning application. It is not a listed building but it is a building of historical interest, by the Conservation Officer.

Cllr R Reade will double check the dates of actions and report this information back to members.

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		£862.36
Heathcote's Printers		£102.00
R H Electrical	Taking down of the lights	£1404.00
Wix Payment		£403.20
SSDC		£107.43
Laminating pouches		£13.97

- b. To note the accounts to 31st March 2026

The Chairman informed members the year-end figures are completed, and they will go to the Internal Auditor Sue Cotterill, this was agreed and the figures will be presented to the next meeting for agreement.

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 will send some comments for the Work House site and ask their advice.

40/26. Highway Matters

It was noted a resident from another area has taken their District Council to court under the S85 of the road traffic act, and has won and they have to fix all the potholes in that area within a month.

41/26. Parish Matters

- a. Community Garden -Progress updates.

All the trees have been planted, and the next phase is to plant the area and get the bases down for the benches.

The costs for Phase 2 are circa £3500. This has been set a side in the budget for 2026/27. An irrigation system was discussed, but Cllr C Smith said having a stand pipe would be more useful in the garden or a hose from the village hall.

The water connection outside the village hall, is where the water comes in, and if it is reconnected it may mean that the kitchen would have to be partly removed, so the connection would need to be from this area. An additional 10m or so.

It was agreed to use a 100m hose pipe to water the garden to save the costs.

It was proposed by Cllr C Smith and seconded by Cllr L Hingley to purchase the plants at a max cost of circa £3000. On a vote this was agreed.

It was agreed to defer the road sweeper purchase until the next financial year.

With regard to the costs received for some of the outstanding work such as the telephone boxes, have come in double the allocated budget, so this also will be a phased development of the work over the next couple of years.

Sponsors will be sought for the benches, they cost circa £650 inc. VAT, the plaque would be an additional cost.

A replacement program next year will be looked at to swap out the older wooden benches with new ones.

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 work for D of E, Cllr W Blackburn will liaise with the parents and see if the Council can help in any way.

The tap also needs to be repaired outside the village hall, Cllr W Blackburn will have see if he can repair it.

b. Further verge maintenance work.

The contractor has looked at the work, Cllr M Smith will ask for them to look at the phone boxes also. He will also have a look at cleaning the village signs, with a petrol jet wash.

c. Oak Tree Maintenance Woodford Lane.

This work is in hand, Cllr C Smith has applied for the tree works and has costs of circa £350 for the tree works.

d. Community Tidy Events

Cllr Mrs J Johns, has got a couple of new volunteers and the dates are set for May and June's litter pick, but more volunteers are needed. Flyers had been posted all around the villages to ask for help.

e. Play Areas Ground repairs.

This work is in hand when the weather improves for the wet pour edges.

f. Events Committee report.

Cllr M Smith reported that there is a meeting on Wednesday, more stall holders have come forward, and the planning is well in hand. If financial help is needed from the Council the committee will let the Council know as soon possible for budgeting purposes.

Cllr W Blackburn is looking at updating the Parish logo, and he is preparing a website for the events Committee and is going to put a link from the Parish website to the new one.

g. Community Speed Watch statistics. Organisation.

These figures will be distributed to members, the next event is taking place on Thursday. There is further training in May if anyone would like to undertake it and join the group.

h. Best Kept Village 2026 planning.

Cllr Mrs J Johns has been preparing the information with Cllr L Hingley-Smith, she has many photographs ready and Cllr L Hingley-Smith will finalise the application in the same format as last year.

Cllr W Blackburn is updating the Parish logo, and hopefully this will be used on the application.

i. To Discuss meeting venue

The Chairman reported that the Village Hall has availability for the last Thursday in the month for Council meetings.

It was agreed to move to this date the last Thursday. However, there were 2 dates that would be difficult in future to hold a meeting on the last Thursday. The first would be December as this would fall at Christmas time, so it was agreed to have no meeting in December, but have an August meeting instead. The second is in an election year, we must have a meeting within 2 weeks of the election, so a different venue would have to be used once every 4 years.

42/26. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present wished to speak.

43/26. DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

District Cllr R Reade reported that:-

- the outcome of the proposal for the submitted preferred option of the Local Government Review from Central Government.
- Also, the processes need to be decided when the planning applications that overlap the new / old authority.
- The Greenbelt – is an area of land to prevent urban sprawl, its only part of the area known as the Greenbelt i.e only part of a field would be classed as true Greenbelt, which is the allowing the "Greybelt" new rules to come in.

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.

Atkinson Smith 28/5/26