

## TRULL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Trull Parish Council held at The Trull Community Church Centre on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021, at 7.15pm.

Present: Mr N Hancock, Mrs A Hudson, Mr B Pretty, Mrs J Wooldridge. & Ms D Johnson.

In attendance: Mrs S Millard-Jones – Clerk and approximately 5 members of the public.

The meeting was opened at 7.16pm.

**10/01 Apologies for absence.** Mr J Snailham, Mrs T Dean, Mr S Keen & Mr D Lindfield.

**10/02 To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests.** None

**10/03 To Elect a Chairman**

It was **resolved** to elect Mr B Pretty as Chairman. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.

**10/04 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th September 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

**10/05 Matters Arising – Clerk Report.**

Councillors: Mr F Clark had been sent the welcome pack which includes the Register of Interests form, Code of Conduct, Standing Orders & Good Councillors Guide. Mr J Snailham and Mr F Clark have been booked onto the SALC training course for new councillors.

Website: September police report. Canonsgrove Liaison WG report. A358 Update. Policy updates: Model Publication Scheme, Annual Leave, Privacy Notice (GDPR), Training & Development.

Trull Community Support Group: A358 Update. Recycle More Update

PFMC: Updated KGV Working Group Terms of Reference onto website. KGV bin emptying cycle reinstated from October to once per week and one bin to be removed. Opening Up Safely & Reconnecting Communities Fund applied for £1,500 – awarded the full amount. Somerset Communities Fund applied for £1,750 - awarded £850.00. Damage has been made to the fort.

Fingerpost repairs are scheduled in to start in 8-10 weeks.

Community Speedwatch update – An additional volunteer has been in contact regarding joining the speed watch team and have been put in touch with PCSO Lyndsay Smith.

Highways: All road signage is due to be refreshed and vegetation obstructing any signage is being dealt with. The speed survey boxes that were approved at the September meeting will be going in place in the next couple of weeks.

General: grit bins checked and requested a top up Orchard Way.

Attended SWP Update, where the message is to remind residents to keep the calendar that they will be sent as black bin collection days are changing and are moving to 3 weekly cycle from the start of November.

CIL funds of £52,500 due from the following two planning applications: 42/20/0006 – Phase 1a Parcel 1b of the Comeytrowe development & 42/20/0056 – Phase H1c of the Comeytrowe development

**10/06 SWT Report.**

Cllr S Wakefield provided the following report;

1. We have obtained an apology from the Orchard Grove developers about the numbers of HGV lorries passing through the village from their site. Now that are alerted and we have highlighted the issue we hope things will be managed better. However, residents are our eyes and ears over this. Photos dates and times are invaluable should we have to chase this again.
2. We have and will continue to protest about the plan to use an existing access off Comeytrowe Lane as a drive to parking for some flats on the development. This contravenes the spirit of the agreement to have no accesses to the development except from the A38 and eventually the Trull Road.
3. At Full Council on 5 October the plans for ending homelessness and rough sleeping in the district by 2027 were adopted including the necessary budget. This includes the closure of Canonsgrove as a temporary shelter by the end of March 2023. Other places closer to or within Taunton town centre are being considered and appraised.
4. A358 upgrade Taunton to Ilminster. After many online meetings which I have attended there is now a general consultation period which has started lasting until 22 November. Members of the public are invited to send in their views to [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A358-taunton-to-southfields](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A358-taunton-to-southfields) and/or to attend one of three events the closest of which is tomorrow 19 October at the Racecourse from 2-8pm. The other one in Taunton is at the Holiday Inn on 3 November from 11am-6pm.

5. On 4 November at Trull Community Centre from 6-8pm the Climate Change Portfolio Holder Cllr Dixie Darch will be running a workshop with participation about Climate Literacy Somerset. This will include amongst other things ideas about what we can all do to reduce our carbon footprint. All are welcome.

6. We hope all householders will have received or will soon receive their Coming Soon leaflet about the start of the Recycle More waste collections which includes the timetable for collections from 1st November. Black bins will move to three weekly but recycling and food waste will continue to be weekly as now but will include the new blue bag for plastic as well as some other changes. Garden waste collection days may also change but will remain fortnightly. We apologise for the 6-week disruption to this service.

7. A road closure of part of Comeytrowe Lane will take place between 8 November and 31 December with diversions in place. This relates to the pumping station installation works.

## **10/07 Planning**

### **Applications for Decision**

**42/21/0035** Approval of reserved matters in respect of the appearance, landscape, layout and scale, pursuant to planning permission reference (42/14/0069) for the erection of 55 No. dwellings, hard and soft landscaping, car parking including garages, internal access roads, footpaths and circulation areas, public open space and drainage with associated infrastructure and engineering works at Phase H1C(ii) and for the demolition of industrial estate and the erection of 71 No. dwellings, hard and soft landscaping, car parking and garages, internal access roads, footpaths and circulation areas, public open space and drainage with associated infrastructure and engineering works at Phase H1F with additional details as required by Condition No's 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 23 on land at Comeytrowe/Trull (resubmission of 42/20/0056) – **To object** for the following reasons:

1. Both of these areas are shown on the phosphate mitigation map by Brookbanks as not being land for development. Parcel H1Cii is shown as fallowed land and parcel H1F as 'land taken out of urban use'. There is no updated phosphate mitigation plan to explain this anomaly.
2. There is no contaminated land assessment for the former industrial estate nor a plan for decontamination.
3. An additional access onto Comeytrowe Road would require a new full planning application and cannot be permitted as part of this reserved matters application.
4. The houses are bland in style and do not satisfy the high design standards required by a development in a town that has taken Garden Town funding.
5. The density in H1Cii does not fulfil the criteria laid out in the agreed density parameter plan which requires 'predominantly detached units', in fact all the houses along the northern boundary are semi-detached. The density overall has been lowered by including a long stretch of road which has previously appeared in 4 other planning applications (42/19/0053; 42/20/0006; 42/20/0056 and 42/21/0004).

\*\*\*The meeting was closed for public participation\*\*\*

Residents put forward the following concerns regarding 42/21/0047: The appearance will have an adverse visual affect. The footprint is five times larger than the outline application, the lack of detail of the materials to be used, no consideration of environmental factors, the pool room is the size of a bungalow. The three-storey house has a viewing gallery which will mean that other people's properties can be seen from there.

\*\*\*The meeting was re-opened\*\*\*

**42/21/0047** Application for approval of reserved matters, following outline application 42/19/0045, for the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 1 No. dwelling and separate pool building on land to the north\_west of Applecombe Cottage, Wild Oak Lane, Trull – **To object** on the basis of:

1. Scale - it's much bigger than any of the neighbouring properties. Inappropriately high.
2. Overlooking the neighbours.
3. No design details despite this being a reserved matters application.

**42/21/0062/T** Notification to carry out management works to one Robinia tree within Trull Conservation Area at Kings Gatchell, Honiton Road, Trull – **To support**

### **Report on applications considered under delegated powers**

**42/20/0027** Installation of doorway in south elevation and erection of flue through roof of east elevation at Apple Tree Barn, Sweethay Lane, Trull (retention of works already undertaken) – **No comment**

## **Report on decisions by SWT**

**42/21/0040** Demolition of boarding house and erection of 4 No. dwelling houses with associated amenity space and garaging and reconfiguration of vehicular access at Channon House, Wild Oak Lane, Trull – **Refusal**

**42/21/0054** Prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building into 1 No. dwelling (Use Class C3) and associated building operations at Haygrove Barn, Mill Lane, Trull - **Decision of Prior Approval Refusal**

### **10/08 SCC Report.**

Ms D Johnson provided the following report;

SCC and First Bus have decided that a bus station is required but have not yet decided who will pay for it. The Taunton Independent Quarter welcomes new shop called the Bold and the Brave this month, where products are sourced, made and sold by youngsters. The shop is aimed at helping young people boost their employability and life skills. The new social enterprise, is the result of collaboration between Young Somerset and sen.se. Sen.se stands for ‘Special Educational Needs. Somerset Expertise’, a partnership between all special schools and specialist provision in Somerset. The shadow Unitary Authority will be starting in May.

### **10/09 Canonsgrove Working Group Report – Working Group membership**

It was **resolved** that the CGWG could liaise with the Police regarding their report directly, rather than having to wait for it to come from the Parish Council.

The WG requested that the membership of the WG to be amended to include Head of Housing-Adult Services Joe Heslop, who will be assuming direct responsibility for Canonsgrove over the next few months. It was **resolved** to approve this amendment.

The following report was circulated:

#### **Numbers of Canonsgrove Residents:**

As of 6<sup>th</sup> October, there are 57 residents, an increase of 1 from last month. See October report for more details.

1. JW accepted that the residents tend to be transient and that since lockdown restrictions have been lifted more people with a local connection have been accommodated at Canonsgrove.
2. SL commented that the month-on-month change is approximately 10%.
3. SL will check how many people in total have been resident at Canonsgrove since it started. The numbers returning (4 in total) are very low which may indicate that rehousing has been largely successful. SL is hopeful of providing more data for the next meeting to assess whether move on accommodation has proved to be sustainable.
4. All agreed that this will be useful as a measure of the success of Canonsgrove and to help plan for the future.
5. In addition, we hope that if local residents can see that people who are homeless are being helped to turn their lives around, this will be seen as a positive gain despite the adverse impact the project has had, at times, on the local community.
6. **Recent operational changes:** We noted the decision by Bridgwater and Taunton College (BTC) to ban all dogs from the site.
7. JW anticipated that this may make Canonsgrove less attractive to some rough sleepers in the future, but apart from the one resident whose dog was involved in the biting incident described in the report no other current residents have chosen to leave.
8. The removal of the £20 Covid-19 uplift to Universal Credit is not anticipated to have a material effect on numbers. No existing residents have chosen to leave because of the introduction of the personal charge.
9. JW said the lease negotiations between YMCA DG and BTC are still ongoing. At present YMVC DG occupy the site on a “Tenancy at Will”.
10. As the precise terms of the lease are not yet agreed, BTC as the owners of the site are (subject to the terms of the revised section 106 requirements) able to dictate certain issues and hence their decision to ban all dogs.
11. **Hatch Green Coaches:** We noted the decision of Hatch Green Coaches not to take up the offer of a supply of masks (see agreed matters in September report)
12. **Educational courses:** JW confirmed that both English and Maths course will shortly be starting, not just English. There has been a funding difficulty because of the basic nature of these courses. If BTC cannot source funding, then she is hopeful that this can be done through Somerset Skills and Learning.

#### **Incidents and antisocial behaviour**

13. JW confirmed that she had liaised with Steve Keen and there were no new incidents to add to the Contact Report for the period 25<sup>th</sup> August to 5<sup>th</sup> October.
14. DJ confirmed the 2 reports on 22<sup>nd</sup> September were from her.

15. JW explained that the timing of the incidents in the police report to the Parish Council means that it is difficult to cross reference them. DT will speak to the Police to see if there can be better co-ordination of data.
16. DJ confirmed that Canonsgrove residents cycling on the footpath and on the wrong side of the road remain a problem.
17. JW confirmed that "On Your Bike" will be offering help and training about road safety and will include this.
18. JW will arrange for the Manager to have available reflectors that can be attached to cycles (spokes and rear) and encourage these to be used as the evenings get darker.
19. Litter is still a problem along Honiton Road leading up to Canonsgrove. JW said that although litter picking can be arranged it is too easily seen by Canonsgrove residents as "community service". DJ and DT were aware of several member of the community who do go litter picking as have the scouts. DT agreed to liaise with JW and Pat (Manager) about the best way that this can be done with a mix of Canonsgrove and local residents being involved together. This could also include sweeping up leave by the Trull bus stop.

#### **Accommodation Strategy and new accommodation solutions.**

1. SL confirmed that the new Single Homeless and Rough Sleeper Accommodation Strategy was approved by SWT on 5<sup>th</sup> October. This includes confirmation that Canonsgrove will close in March 2023 as required by the terms of the amended section 106 agreement.
2. 46 of the identified 87 units of move on accommodation have or are being secured -an increase of 2 since last month.
3. More research is being done to identify the numbers of people with more complex needs and how best to provide "high needs" support.
4. SL explained that delivery of the new strategy will involve a number of public and private organisations. SWT run a support group to provide assistance to voluntary groups who wish to become involved.
5. DJ asked about the Green Pastures project. DT explained that this involves local churches being involved in sourcing accommodation and training volunteers to provide ongoing support. This is being explored by members of Canon Street Church and some members of Trull Church, but no definite decisions have yet been made.
6. The name of the Government department now dealing with homelessness has changed to the Department of Levelling Up, Communities and Housing (DLUCH). The appointment of a new Secretary of State (Michael Gove) has meant a delay in funding applications described in the report but decisions re now expected mid-October.
7. The meeting felt it would be more helpful if future reports just commented on the monthly changes and any progress made on funding rather than each report repeating all the plans. SL agreed to do this.

#### **Membership of Working Group**

1. JW confirmed that her new colleague, Head of Housing-Adult Services Joe Heslop, will be assuming direct responsibility for Canonsgrove. Over the next few months, JW would like him to shadow her at future Working Group meetings with a view to him taking her place as a member in due course.
2. The meeting supported this request and agreed to ask the Parish Council to amend the membership of the Working Group to allow him to attend.
3. SWT are also in the process of recruiting a Homeless Commissioning and Support Lead who will become involved in the plans for Canonsgrove until it closes. SL said he will be making a similar request when this appointment has been approved.

#### **Matters remaining unresolved.**

How best to ensure all incident reports are collated so they can be discussed by the Working Group.

#### **Action Points for next meeting**

1. **SL:** In next report a) under "Accommodation Solutions" only to provide details of any changes and not repeat what was contained in previous reports, b) include information about whether move on accommodation has been successful and sustained.
2. **JW:** Clarify position and timescale of the lease negotiations.
3. **JW:** Arrange for a supply of bike reflectors to be available and for the Manager to encourage residents to fit them to their own cycles.
4. **DT:** Ensure publicity article is distributed as September action point.
5. **DT:** Speak to police re timing of their reports
6. **JW/DT:** Liaise with Manager about starting litter/leaf pick.
7. **DT:** Contact Parish council clerk re changes in group members

#### **Recommendations to Parish Council Meeting**

1. To note this report

2. To approve the proposed changes to membership of this working Group
3. To continue to encourage reports of all incidents to be made directly to the dedicated Canonsgrove email address [Canonsgrove@ymca-dg.org](mailto:Canonsgrove@ymca-dg.org).

### 10/10 Social Media Policy – to review and adopt

Some Councillors felt that this needed to be looked at by all councillors and as there were some not present that this matter to be deferred to the November meeting.

### 10/11 Finance

#### a) Approval of Payments & Receipts

It was **resolved** to approve the following payments and receipts;

#### Payments

To whom	Account	Description	Net	VAT	Total
S Millard-Jones	TPC	Salary October	£844.20	£	£844.20
S Millard-Jones	TPC	Expenses October	£60.20	£4.71	£64.91
S Millard-Jones	TPC	PAYE & NI October	£40.55	£	£40.55
NEST	TPC	Pension October	£26.60	£	£26.60
D Lindfield	TPC	Sandbags for weir & leat	£141.67	£28.33	£170.00
SWT	TPC	Dog bins inv 63681767	£504.00	£100.80	£604.80
TCCC	TPC	Room hire 20/9/21	£30.00	£	£30.00
Parsons	TPC	September 2021 Inv 15757	£47.05	£9.41	£56.46
Vision ICT	TPC	Website annual hosting charge	£125.00	£25.00	£150.00
B Pretty	TPC	Mileage , fuel and sand	£39.51	£7.90	£47.41
PFMC	TPC	Opening Up Safely & Reconnecting Communities Fund	£1,500	£	£1,500
J Wooldridge	TPC	Refund of allotment payment	£12.00	£	£12.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£3,370.78</b>	<b>£176.15</b>	<b>£3,546.93</b>
TCCC	PFMC	Hire for meetings	£36.00		
Parsons	PFMC	Inv 15757	£177.36		
Coomers Security	PFMC	Inv 199797 Rear intruder alarm	£324.00		
EDF	PFMC	S17847123035	£181.61		
Sammie Millard-Jones	PFMC	Toilet roll & cleaning materials	£12.61		
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£731.58</b>		

#### Receipts

Bank Interest -September	TPC	£0.35
Precept	TPC	£15,500
Parish Grant	TPC	£1,285.00
		<b>£16,785.35</b>
Hires - September	PFMC	£496.00
EDF	PFMC	£1,162.70
	PFMC	<b>£1,658.70</b>

#### **b) Approval of the bank reconciliation**

As of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021;

Treasurers Account: £30,779.16

Main Account: £32,314.85

Covid Account: £188.52

TOTAL: £62,282.53

#### **c) CIL expenditure**

It was **resolved** to allocate the remaining CIL funds of £6500.19, Kickwall £1,276.50, bike racks £1,473.60, fingerposts £3,400 and sandbags for the weir £350.09.

#### **d) To approve the purchase of a Remembrance Wreath and donation**

It was **resolved** to approve the purchase of the £17 wreath and to include a donation of £10.

#### **e) AGAR Notice of Conclusion of Audit**

The auditor made the following comments; The AGAR was not accurately completed before submission for review: • The smaller authority has not restated the 2019/20 figure when revaluing assets in Section 2, Box 9. Please note that the Practitioners' Guide allows smaller authorities to use any reasonable valuation method, provided that the prior year figure is restated for consistency and comparability. Information received from the smaller authority indicates that Section 2, Box 9 for the prior year should be 415,378.

#### **10/12 Green Space Volunteers – to consider the formation of and approve a Green Spaces TOR**

The Working Group is looking to define more clearly what is required in terms of areas and equipment to be used. Mr J Snailham was unable to attend the meeting, and will provide a further update at the November meeting.

Ms T Dean had requested approval for the purchase of £120 of bulbs to be planted along the pavement side of Trull Green.

It was **resolved** to approve this expense.

#### **10/13 Trull Weir & Leat**

Mr D Lindfield provided the following report; The sandbags approved at the September meeting were put in place at the beginning of the month bringing the wall to above high water level. The final finishing off was undertaken by Brian and Charles Maddren last Saturday using brown hessian bags with some packing sand behind. A good solid job now that will hopefully last until spring at which time a permanent repair can be undertaken. The 'water flow' at the bottom of the gabions is reducing further and further with time which is positive.

#### **10/14 Reports –**

**Allotments** – The first allotment meeting had taken place for the first time in 2 years. Several more allotments have become available. The water has now been turned off.

**Trull Primary School/Memorial Hall/ Parish Lands/ Trull Incident Log/open spaces/Highways/Alms Houses** – no report

**Book exchange** – Mrs J Wooldridge obtaining a quote for the glass.

**Trull/Comeytrowe Development** - Ms D Johnson would look to re-ignite the Trull Comeytrowe Working Group and would look to residents for their involvement and to report back at the November meeting. Mr F Clark to join the WG.

#### **10/15 Village trees & TPO Survey**

Ms D Johnson to get a Working Group together for consideration of the village trees and how to proceed with the survey.

#### **10/16 Correspondence**

Following the apologies for absence from 4 councillors, the Clerk suggested that hybrid meetings may become a requirement in the coming winter months, but in order to do this additional equipment would need to be purchased. The Clerk was instructed to speak with SALC and other Parish Councils to ascertain what measures are being recommended.

#### **10/17 Items for the next meeting/agenda.**

Social Media Policy

Green Space Volunteers

Hybrid meetings

Trull/Comeytrowe Development report

**10/18 Date for the next Meeting** – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November. In the Trull Memorial Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

**Chair Signature.....Date.....**