

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull,
on Monday 18th January 2016.

Present: Mr M Hughes, Mrs A Hudson, Mr N Hancock, Mr B Pretty, Mrs L Brierley, Ms T Dean, Mrs J Martin-Scott, Mr A Kent, Mrs D Johnson together with 10 members of the public.

In attendance: Mrs B Howat - Clerk
Mr A Wedderkopp (SCC)

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting the Chairman invited comments from members of the public relating to items on the agenda, or on issues to be discussed at a later date.

1/16 **Apologies for Absence**
Mrs J Wooldridge

2/16 **Declarations of Interest**
Mr B Pretty declared a personal interest in item 7a (42/15/0056).

3/16 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th December 2015**
Minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2015 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4/16 **Matters Arising**
None.

5/16 **Chairman's Report**
The Chairman thanked everyone for the extra effort and work involved in preparing for the next planning meeting to consider the Comeytrowe Consortium application.

6/16 **Police Report**
PCSO Parry gave his apologies. The Clerk read his report. Since 14th December there had been 4 calls: - burglary (non- dwelling) – 1, suspicious activity – 1, missing person – 1, road related – 1. There had been 4 crimes recorded: - burglary (non-dwelling) – 1 from building site on Amberd Lane, theft – 2 (one theft of a dog and one theft of house name sign), harassment – 1.
Beat Surgeries would take place on – 1st February and 19th February from 2.30-3.30pm at the Hive Café, Trull Church Community Centre.
Following information received from the Speed Indicator Devices at two locations on Honiton Road, PCSO Parry had made progress with getting speed enforcement vehicles to patrol the village. These units have speed cameras in them, and issue fines for speeding.

7/16 **Somerset County Councillor Report**
Cllr Wedderkopp had been granted a meeting with Somerset County Council to discuss highways and education issues in relation to the Comeytrowe Consortium application but had not been able to obtain answers to his questions at the time.

8/16 **42/15/0056**
Outline application with all matters reserved for residential development on land to the rear of the Bell House, Honiton Road.
Ms Dean said the application concerned land in the designated Vivary Green Wedge but outside of the Trull Settlement Boundary. It was unclear how many houses were

being proposed.

Members of the public and the applicant were invited to speak before councillors reached their decision.

Mr Pretty did not take part in the vote having declared a personal interest.

Resolved: Object on the grounds that the site sits outside the Trull Settlement Boundary and is within the designated Vivary Green Wedge. The proposal would also increase the danger to pedestrians and cyclists using Pokes Lane at the point where it crosses the private road to the Bell House.

9/16 **Delegated Planning**

The Clerk reported on the following decisions made under delegated powers:-

42/15/0062

Replacement of lean to with a single storey extension and conservatory at 3 Park Close. Support.

10/16 **Decisions by TDBC**

The Clerk reported on the following decisions made by TDBC:-

42/15/0050

Erection of single storey extensions to the front and rear of Edelweiss, Sweethay Lane, Trull. Conditional approval

42/15/0051

Erection of tennis practice wall and court with adaptation of flood lights at Trull Lawn Tennis Club, Sweethay Lane, Staplehay, Trull. Conditional approval

42/15/0053/T

Application to carry out management work to a twin-stemmed Oak tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Trull No.1) Tree Preservation Order 1997 to the east of 3 Gatchell Court, Gatchell Oaks, Trull (TD756). Conditional approval

42/15/0054

Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of Clandale, Honiton Road, Trull. Conditional approval

42/15/0057/T

Application to carry out management works to one Oak tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Trull No.1) Tree Preservation Order 2012 at Plot 24, Strongvox Development, Amberd Lane, Trull (TD1100). Conditional approval

42/15/0060/T

Notification to pollard one Rowan tree within Trull Conservation Area at 5 Gatchell Court, Gatchell Oaks, Trull. No objection - trees

11/16 **Update on the Comeytrowe Consortium application.**

The planning application for up to 2,000 houses on land at Comeytrowe/Trull was due to be discussed by TDBC planning committee on 27th January. The applicants had not engaged in meaningful consultation and further work on the masterplan as requested by the committee on 4th November but had instead provided a response to deferral. At a meeting to explain the document to the three parish councils the Comeytrowe Consortium said much of the transport and education infrastructure was outside their remit although they were keen to continue talking with the parishes as the application progressed.

The meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to speak. When the meeting resumed the Chairman said a TDBC planning officer present at the Consortium briefing had suggested there could be a transport plan produced alongside the review of the Core Strategy, and that there was potential for more discussion over the roundabout at the Honiton Road access.

Mr Kent had since met the Consortium's consultant to discuss flooding on Dipford road and along the Galmington Stream. He had suggested that the Flood Risk

Assessment needed to be updated to address these issues. Councillors discussed the next steps including whether there were sufficient grounds for reporting TDBC to the Local Government Ombudsman over procedural concerns including the lack of time and opportunity given to comment on the proposals as the notice was issued immediately prior to the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

Resolved:

1) The Clerk to circulate a letter to planning officers and planning committee members regarding the lack of meaningful consultation by the Consortium following the decision on 4th November and copy the letter to the Somerset Gazette and Rebecca Pow MP.

2). The Clerk and Ms Dean as Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Group – to look at the process for reporting concerns about procedure to the Local Government Ombudsman and if appropriate to write a letter encapsulating the concerns of both groups.

12/16 **To consider flooding problems in the parish**

Mr Hancock had reported flooding at Honiton Road and Amberd Lane to Somerset Highways Authority. A drainage inspection had revealed that the system was blocked due to a damaged connection in Amberd Lane which was also causing flooding further up the line towards Honiton Road and Sweethay Lane. A works order and road closure notice for Amberd Lane has been placed for the week commencing 15th February to repair and clean out this system.

Mr Kent said that following his meeting with the Comeytrove Consortium's consultant he had received an email suggesting that a revised flood risk might be necessary although there would not be time to do it before the planning committee meeting.

Mr Kent had also spoken to a SCC engineer who suggested that the parish council ask the Somerset Rivers Authority to conduct a study looking into flooding and alleviation measures on the Dipford Road.

Resolved: To write to the Somerset Rivers Authority highlighting the problems and requesting that they fund a study into alleviation measures on the Dipford Road and at the same time address concerns about flooding on Honiton Road, Church Road and Amberd Lane.

13/16 **To consider the latest SID report.**

The clerk reported the latest readings from the Speed Indicator Device at Bradbeers on the Honiton Road which were taken during the last week in November and the first week in December 2015.

14/16 **To approve first aid training for the open spaces working group**

It had been discovered through talks with other parish council groups that members would need first aid training if maintenance work was to be carried out with volunteers.

Resolved: To approve the cost of a one-day training course for two parish council members of the working group.

15/16 **Neighbourhood Plan**

TDBC officers had decided that a Strategic Environmental Assessment was needed before the plan could progress to inspection by an independent examiner. The TNPG had written to Rebecca Pow MP expressing their concerns over the delay this would cause and the effect on the plan's importance when considering the Comeytrove Consortium application.

16/16 **Footpaths**

Mr White had given his apologies. Mr Pretty reported that there had been a problem with the metal posts for the Amberd Lane side of the Pokes Lane junction with the Bell House Road. The correct ones would be installed. Mr White would be stepping down from his role as Parish Paths Liaison Officer from March when Mr Pretty would officially take over.

- 17/16 **Highways**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 18/16 **Allotments**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 19/16 **Open Spaces**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 20/16 **Staplehay Weir**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 21/16 **Website Working Group**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 22/16 **Book Exchange**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 23/16 **Party in the Park**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 24/16 **Trull Connect**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 25/16 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 26/16 **Trull School**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 27/26 **Alms-houses**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 28/16 **SALC**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 29/16 **Correspondence**
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-
- Somerset Waste Partnership - January 2016 briefing.
- Letter from the Chairman of the National Association of Local Councils – HM Queen’s 90th birthday celebrations.
- Gwilym Wren (Clerk to Milverton Parish Council) – Copy of response to TDBC Community Asset Transfer Policy consultation.
- Somerset Rivers Authority – newsletter.
- Community Council for Somerset - Annual Stakeholder Survey.
- Community Council for Somerset – Winter Newsletter
- 30/16 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**
The following payments were approved:-
- Trull Village Memorial Hall
(PC 14/12/15).....£16.65

All Saints Church Trull –
Printing of newsletter.....£20

Mrs R Howat
Newsletter delivery, laminator paper.....£19.99

Trull Parish Archives
Grant.....£100

Citizens Advice Taunton
Grant.....£100

Ron Vining
Maintenance (July-Dec 2015).....£150

All Saints Church Trull –
Floodlight contribution.....£29.43

Mrs L Brierley
Playing Field Consultation refreshments/labels.....£25.55

Ron Vining
Pavilion cleaning 15/12/15 – 11/1/16.....£49

All Saints Church Trull –
NP room hire.....£12

Salary

Mrs R Howat
4/1/16.....£620.82

Receipts:

FIT
payment.....£269.29

Trull Memorial Hall
Bring and Buy
donation.....£593.75

31/16 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**
None.

32/16 **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting will be held on 15th February 2016 in the Trull Memorial Hall, at 7.15pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.30 pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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