

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull,
on Monday 15th February 2016.

Present: Mrs J Wooldridge, Mrs A Hudson, Mrs L Brierley, Ms T Dean,
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 Vice Chairman (Mrs J Wooldridge) invited comments from members of the public relating to items on the agenda, or on issues to be discussed at a later date.

Congratulations were offered to the Parish Council for its efforts in trying to oppose the planning application for 2,000 homes at Comeytrowe/Trull.

33/16 **Apologies for Absence**

Mr M Hughes, Mr N Hancock, Mr B Pretty, Mrs J Martin-Scott, Mr A Kent, Mrs D Johnson.

34/16 **Declarations of Interest**

None

35/16 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th January 2016**

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2016 were agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman.

36/16 **Matters Arising**

Following reports of flooding in Amberd Lane in January a Freedom of Information request had been made by a member of the public concerning the installation and function of the attenuation pond associated with the Amingford Mead development. It was revealed that Taunton Deane Borough Council had not inspected the attenuation pond for compliance with planning conditions or its operational integrity.

Resolved: Members agreed to write to TDBC requesting confirmation of compliance with planning conditions and an assurance that any issues arising would be addressed.

37/16 **Chairman's Report**

The yellow lines on the highway in Church Road and Wild Oak Lane had been sprayed in readiness for patching work by Somerset Highways Authority. The patching would take place over the Easter holidays with top dressing scheduled for August.

38/16 **Police Report**

PCSO Parry gave his apologies. The Clerk read his report. Since 18th January six calls were received – road/traffic related – 4, anti social behaviour – 1, concern for welfare – 1. Four crimes were recorded – harassment – 3, theft – 1. There had been a problem with break-ins to sheds, garages and out buildings throughout Taunton. Beat Surgeries would be held in the Trull Church Community Hall Café on 19th February and 22nd April between 2.30-3.30pm. Speedwatch activity – the Police Speed Camera van patrolled on 9th February between 3pm-3.45pm, and caught five speeders with fines in the post. They will patrol again but next time during the school

run. Private commitments had reduced activity with the Community Speedwatch group however they had been out on 26th and 28th January, and 3rd February.

39/16 **Somerset County Councillor Report**

Cllr Wedderkopp said Somerset County Council would be liaising with TDBC on reserved matters for the Comeytrowe Consortium application. Officers from both authorities are now meeting on a regular basis and working on a 20-year transport strategy for Taunton.

40/16 **42/16/0002**

Single storey extension at Monks, Daws Green.

Resolved: Support.

41/16 **42/16/0003**

Single storey extension at 2 Dipford Orchard, Dipford Road.

Resolved: Support.

42/16 **Delegated Planning**

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

42/16/0001

Ground floor extension and alterations at 2 Amberd Cottages, Amberd Lane.
Support.

43/16 **Decisions by TDBC**

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

42/15/0058

Erection of single storey extension to the rear of 30 Killams Green, Taunton.
Conditional approval.

42/15/0059/T

Application to carry out management works to two Robinia trees included in Taunton Deane Borough (Trull No.4) tree preservation order 1998 at Gable Lodge, Staplehay, Taunton.
Conditional approval.

42/15/0062

Replacement of rear lean-to with the erection of a single storey extension and conservatory and the enlargement of the rear dormer at 3 Park Close, Trull.
Conditional approval.

44/16 **To consider flood alerts in Dipford Road**

Following further heavy rain there had been flooding in Dipford Road with incidents of cars becoming stuck. Mr Kent had suggested that he would be willing to put warning signs onto the highway whenever the danger of flooding became apparent. He also wondered about the possibility of a "hot line" to the police so they could respond quickly to traffic problems caused by the flooding. Mrs Brierley had written to SHA with the requests but had received no reply yet.

Resolved: To support both options in principal and chase up a response from SHA.

45/16 **To consider drainage in Sweethay Lane**

Mrs Johnson had requested that the owner of fields to the rear of Sweethay Lane be asked to clear any debris from the entrance alongside Trull Tennis Club to help prevent drains becoming blocked in heavy rain. Mrs Brierley had spoken to the landowner and arranged to walk the area with him so the situation could be assessed and resolved.

46/16 **To consider dog waste bins on the KGV field**

The dog waste bin at the top of the KGV field was often full to overflowing. A request was been made by Mrs Brierley for a further dog waste bin at the top of the new path around the enlarged field.

Resolved: To establish the cost of buying and installing one new dog waste bin, and to request a quotation for the extra cost of emptying one more bin as part of the annual contract.

47/16 **To consider listed building status for the Trull Garage**

Concerned residents had raised the question of whether the Trull Garage on Honiton Road could be given listed building status. The garage had recently shut and there were concerns that it may be sold for development. The Vice-Chairman asked members of the public for their opinion. They were overwhelmingly supportive of trying to protect the Art Deco building which was described as “iconic”.

Resolved: To write to TDBC requesting that an application be made for listed building status for the garage.

48/16 **Ms Deane arrived at 8.15pm.**

49/16 **Update on the Comeytrove Consortium application.**

The planning application for up to 2,000 houses on land at Comeytrove/Trull was approved by TDBC planning committee on 27th January subject to satisfactory 106 agreements. Information was provided that Comeytrove Parish Council was calling a special meeting to discuss asking the Secretary of State to call the decision in. Ms Dean presented a report with several options for members to consider including negotiating with the Consortium, raising a complaint with the Local Government Ombudsman, instigating a judicial review and asking the Secretary of State for a call-in. Members felt that progress could be made by writing to the Consortium asking for a firm commitment to begin consultation with the Parish Council as soon as possible, particularly with regard to the access point on Honiton Road and the treatment of the Trull Conservation Area. The letter would contain a comment that there is still time for the Council to consider a judicial review if necessary. Members did not want to ask for a call-in but resolved that it would support the Neighbourhood Plan group if they felt strongly about calling it in themselves.

Resolved:

- 1) The Clerk would write to the Comeytrove Consortium asking for a firm commitment to begin consultations as soon as possible.
- 2).The Parish Council would support the NP group if they decide to ask for a call-in.

50/16 **To consider arrangements for HM Queens’s birthday celebrations.**

The National Association of Local Councils had written to encourage all parish councils to light a beacon in celebration of the Queen’s 90th birthday on 21st April. Members felt it would be a fitting commemoration and that the Trull Scout Group should be asked to light the beacon. The Chairman of the Trull Memorial Hall Committee had also suggested hosting an event on Sunday 12th June, possibly with barbecue/disco and TV streaming of the evening celebrations. He asked if Trull Parish Council would be willing to help with the organisation and running of such an event.

Resolved:

- 1) To ask the Trull Scout Group to light the beacon for Trull Parish Council on 21st April.
- 2) To offer help with the organisation/running of a celebration in the Memorial Hall on 12th June.

51/16 **To consider nominations for the TDBC Citizenship Awards**

Nominations were being sought for the annual Taunton Deane Citizenship Awards which recognise outstanding voluntary service.

Resolved: To nominate Mr Jonathan White for his work as Parish Paths Liaison Officer for over 10 years.

52/16 **Neighbourhood Plan**

There was nothing to report on this item.

- 53/16 **Footpaths**
Public Path Diversion Orders relating to T21/75 on the KGV field and T21/33 on land at Middle Sweethay Farm had been confirmed.
- 54/16 **Highways**
Mr Pretty had responded to concerns about the salt bin on the corner of Church Road/Orchard Close not closing properly and carried out repairs.
Georges Farm Lane would be closed for two days from 1st March to allow for a decayed pole to be replaced. A diversion would be signposted during the closure.
- 55/16 **Allotments**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 56/16 **Open Spaces**
Mr Kent and Mr Pretty would attend a first aid training course in March.
- 57/16 **Staplehay Weir**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 58/16 **Website Working Group**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 59/16 **Book Exchange**
Mrs Luke had reported that the book exchange was doing well and looking very tidy.
- 60/16 **Party in the Park**
A reminder had been received to display Party in the Park photographs in the hallway at the Geoff Hewett Pavilion as previously agreed. The work was carried out by Ms Dean and Mrs Wooldridge with the help of Mr Wooldridge.
- 61/16 **Trull Connect**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 62/16 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 63/16 **Trull School**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 64/26 **Alms-houses**
The Trustees were monitoring the condition of the properties and trying to update them. The rents may need to be raised in the near future.
- 65/16 **SALC**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 66/16 **Correspondence**
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-
- Somerset Waste Partnership - February 2016 briefing.
- South West Foundation – invitation to attend a free Café Conversations networking event for members of the Voluntary and Community Sector based Somerset.
- TDBC - Hearing sessions for the Taunton Deane Site Allocations and Development Management Plan (SADMP): - Wednesday 30 March, Thursday 31 March, Friday 1 April and Wednesday 5 April 2016.
- TDBC – Planning Training Session: - Tuesday 15 March, 6pm.

TDBC – Boundary Commission briefing: - Monday 29 February, 4.30pm.

Tony Smith + Carolyn Warburton – Thanks for hard work of PC in relation to CC application.

67/16 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

The following payments were approved:-

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| Trull Village Memorial Hall (PC 18/1/16)..... | £16.65 |
| All Saints Church Trull – Printing of newsletter..... | £20 |
| Mrs R Howat Newsletter delivery, stationery..... | £15 |
| K Signs SW Limited Plaque for Church Road bench..... | £36 |
| Mrs R Howat TPC McAfee virus protection..... | £74.99 |
| Mrs J Wooldridge Crockery, stationery for pavilion..... | £36.99 |
| Information Commissioners Office Data Protection renewal..... | £35 |
| Ron Vining Pavilion cleaning 11/1/16 – 15/2/16..... | £56 |
| <u>Salary</u> Mrs R Howat 1/2/16..... | £620.82 |

Receipts:

None

68/16 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**

None.

69/16 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 21st March 2016 in the Trull Memorial Hall, at 7.15pm.

The Vice Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.37 pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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