

# **Trull Parish Council**

Minutes of a Meeting held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull,  
on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.

- Present: Mr M Hughes, Mrs A Hudson, Mr B Pretty, Mrs L Brierley, Ms T Dean, Mrs D Johnson, Mr N Hancock, Mrs J Wooldridge together with 8 members of the public.
- In attendance: Mrs B Howat - Clerk  
Mr A Wedderkopp (SCC)  
PCSO Simon Parry  
Mr Dave Davenport (Party in the Park).

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. Mr J Webb thanked Mr Pretty for repairing the walls in the Memorial Hall.

- 261/16 **Apologies for Absence**  
Mrs J Martin-Scott, Mr A Kent.

Mr Pretty gave notice that he would be unable to attend the next five meetings.

- 262/16 **Declarations of Interest**  
Mr Hughes – item 8, 42/16/0026.

- 263/16 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016**  
Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

- 264/16 **Matters Arising**  
Funds from the Trull Parish Lands Charity were cleared and the defibrillator had now been ordered.

- 265/16 **Chairman's Report**  
The fencing had been installed at the top of the playing field and alterations made to the kissing gate. The old play equipment had been moved from behind the Pavilion and the swings repositioned thanks to Mr Peter Parris.

- 266/16 **Police Report**  
PCSO Parry gave his report.  
Between 15<sup>th</sup> August and 19<sup>th</sup> September there were 14 calls received: - suspicious activity – 6, domestic incidents – 2, harassment – 1, burglary – 1, burglary non dwelling – 1 (building site, Amberd Lane), missing Person – 1, concern for welfare – 1, road related – 1. Four crimes were recorded: - assault – 1, harassment – 1, theft – 1 stack of timber from private property, burglary non dwelling – 1 generator from the Amberd Lane building site.  
The Community Speedwatch group patrolled Bradbeers between 11 am and 12 noon on 2<sup>nd</sup> September – 311 vehicles passed location and 6 speeders were caught.  
A Beat Surgery would be held in the Trull Church Community Centre on 28<sup>th</sup> October between 2.30 and 3.30pm.

267/16 **Somerset County Councillor Report**

Mr Wedderkopp had met a member of the parish on site at Amberd Lane to inspect the attenuation pond and had drawn up a list of questions which were presented to Taunton Deane Borough Council. The reply said the developer had been asked to submit revised plans and that technical advice was being sought from SCC as the lead local flood authority. Mr Wedderkopp referenced a report from the Environmental Audit Committee saying greater clarity and transparency is needed over local authority decisions to allow planning permission in high flood risk areas.

268/16 **Party in the Park Report**

The Chairman of the Party in the Park Committee Dave Davenport reported on this year's successful event. Bids for community projects had been welcomed for the first time after funding had been made available from the proceeds this year. The balance would be passed to the Parish Council for safe keeping with £100 in reserve in the PIP bank account. Mr Davenport thanked Barry Bloxham who would be stepping down from the Committee after many years' service. New Committee members would be needed. Mr Davenport presented the Chairman with a framed photo montage from the 2016 event.

269/16 **42/16/0025**

Erection of single storey extension at 2 The Green, Trull.

The Council felt unable to comment as there were no dimensions giving the scale of the extension on the submitted plans.

**Resolved:** No Comment.

270/16 **42/16/0026**

Mr Hughes left the room.

Change of use of barn to holiday accommodation at Middle Sweethay Farm Barn.

The application had been turned down by the Parish Council when it was submitted in outline form, and the relevant factors had not changed.

**Resolved:** Object on the grounds that it will generate an unacceptable increase in traffic and will exacerbate parking and access problems for existing residents along a narrow entrance track. The Council has concerns over the volume of traffic emerging from the track at its junction with Sweethay Lane which has poor visibility. The Council is also concerned that the proposal will significantly alter the character of this listed building.

Mr Hughes returned.

271/16 **Delegated Planning**

The Clerk reported on the following applications which had been considered under delegated powers:-

42/16/0022

1 The Paddock, Honiton Road, Trull.

First floor extension to garage and two single storey extensions.

No comment.

272/16 **Decisions by TDBC**

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

42/16/0022

1 The Paddock, Honiton Road, Trull.

First floor extension to garage and two single storey extensions.

Withdrawn.

273/16 **Update on Amingford Mead planning enforcement**

A letter had been sent to TDBC asking for a full report on the planning enforcement case regarding the breach of planning conditions for the Amberd lane attenuation pond. A reply was received and circulated saying the developer has been advised that an amendment to the planning permission is required. Once the new details are submitted they will be passed to the County Council Flood Risk Management Team for review.

274/16 **Highways issues at Amingford Mead**

Mr Hancock had been in correspondence with SHA following concerns raised by local residents over the road surface and visibility splays on Amberd Lane. Highways would carry out a “snagging inspection” once work at the site is complete, and an independent road safety auditor would carry out a safety inspection. Mr Hancock had asked if could attend during the snagging inspection.

275/16 **Future use of the village field**

Questions had been raised over the future use of the “village field” beside Amingford Mead which is due to be transferred to the Parish Council under the S106 agreement. The approved plans suggest it would be transferred fully landscaped with planting and benches. In order to clarify the position over this and several other clauses in the S106 members felt it would be helpful to discuss the obligations with TDBC and the developers.

**Resolved:** To request a meeting with TDBC and Strongvox Homes in relation to the S106 agreement for the Amberd Lane development.

276/16 **KGV playing field update**

Play equipment behind the Pavilion had been moved and the swings repositioned on sites previously approved by the Playing Field Management Committee. Mr Peter Parris had removed the equipment with a team of contractors over three days in return for keeping the slide, see-saw and toddler climbing frame. The Parish Council had been advised that these items could not be repositioned as they would no longer meet safety inspection requirements. Discussions with three scrap metal merchants had revealed that the Council would have to remove the equipment from the ground in order for any of the three to consider taking it away. One would charge to take it to be weighed and would then pay £9 per tonne as scrap metal. The other two would charge to take it away but would pay nothing in scrap value. Under the Council's Financial Regulations 1:2 the arrangement with Mr Parris presented best value in the circumstances. The Chairman reported that due to the actual time taken to carry out the work and the manpower involved Mr Parris would be submitting an invoice for one day's work.

The toddler swings would need replacement cradles, chains and fixings.

Safety matting was needed under both sets of swings, with the preference being rubber matting that the grass could grow through.

TDBC had reported a delay in securing funds for a Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play from the developers of Amingford Mead. It was difficult to tell when the funds would be made available with the result that orders for the older children's equipment could not be made yet.

Applications were being invited for funding from the TDBC Parish Play Area Grant Scheme, towards facilities for older children. Consultation with residents had identified a youth shelter as being very popular. This would fall under the criteria for funding if the Parish Council could put money towards it. The Clerk said £5,000 was still available in the budget for play equipment as £10,000 had already been approved for the toddler equipment. There was also £5,600 of CIL money available for spending that meets the criteria.

**Resolved:**

1) To buy two swing cradles, two sets of chains and four shackles.

2) To buy enough grass matting to cover the required area under the swings as specified in safety guidelines, with the cost being met from the respective amounts set aside in the budget.

3) To request an application form for a Parish Play Area grant and seek quotes from three local carpenters to build a youth shelter on the KGV field.

277/16 **To approve the appointment of solicitors.**

The draft transfer and associated legal documents to complete the gift of land at the entrance to the allotments in Wild Oak Lane had been received. They would need to be checked by solicitors who would also carry out the conveyancing on behalf of the Council.

**Resolved:** To appoint solicitors to act on behalf of the Council with conveyancing and legal advice.

278/16 **To consider options for a new website.**

Mrs Martin-Scott had circulated a report giving options for the proposed new website. The Clerk confirmed that that £600 had been set aside in the budget for the creation of a new website but the Council would not be eligible for any grant funding under the Transparency Scheme. A preliminary conversation had been held with Memorial Hall Committee members to keep them informed of the plans.

**Resolved:** To approve Option 2 to employ a website designer to create a new website to meet the agreed requirements, which the Parish Council would run and maintain with full control.

279/16 **Request for a dog waste bin at Staplehay.**

A request had been received for dog waste bins in Staplehay, at the Amberd Lane bridge and also near the entrance to Pokes Lane. It was reported that the litter bin at the bridge could also be used for dog waste. The Council did not own any land at the entrance to Pokes Lane but would ask for a bin to be provided by TDBC or SCC.

**Resolved:** To look into the possibility of permission and funding from TDBC and SCC for a dog waste bin in the area of Amberd Lane/Pokes Lane.

280/16 **The annual grant to Trull Parish Archives Group**

Provision had been made in the budget for grant funding towards the Trull Parish Archives Group as in previous years. The group had spent most of its accumulated funds on a laptop for the database of the archive and on small items, such as a pocket recorder for the oral history project to be launched next month.

**Resolved:** To approve a grant of £100 to the Trull Parish Archives Group.

281/16 **Footpath closure at Killams Avenue**

Concerns had been raised by a resident of Killams Green over the length of time the footpath had been closed causing inconvenience to walkers and cyclists. The closure notice had stated the work would commence on the 25<sup>th</sup> July and last for six months. The Council would not pursue the matter until this time frame had elapsed.

282/16 **Speed Indicator Device report for Bradbeers**

The latest SID readings taken at Bradbeers between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July were circulated. They showed that 42.2% of vehicles travelled at more than 40m.p.h and 5% of vehicles travelled at more than 50mph in the 30mph zone during the two-week period.

283/16 **Report from the Playing Field Management Committee**

Four quotes had been received for older children's play equipment. A meeting of the working group had been held with input from the Chairman and the Clerk to clarify arrangements for positioning of the play equipment and funding issues.

- 284/16 **Neighbourhood Plan**  
The plan was currently being considered by the independent examiner whose report is expected by 7<sup>th</sup> October.
- 285/16 **Footpaths**  
Mr Hancock would be responsible for footpath reporting during Mr Pretty's absence.
- 286/16 **Highways**  
A GIS mapping system had been created by SCC for reporting pot holes.
- 287/16 **Allotments**  
The Eucalyptus tree that was felled at the bottom corner of the allotment had started to sprout new shoots. Mrs Wooldridge suggested the Church flower arrangers should be encouraged to pick them for their displays.
- 288/16 **Open Spaces**  
The Open Spaces Working Group continues to meet regularly on the first Sunday and third Wednesday of the month. They will be clearing the path at bottom of KGV field for their next project.
- 289/16 **Staplehay Weir**  
The water that was coming through a hole in the centre of the weir structure appears to have stopped.
- 290/16 **Website Working Group**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 291/16 **Book Exchange**  
Mrs Luke had reported that the exchange was doing very well and more books were always welcome.
- 292/16 **Party in the Park**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 293/16 **Trull Connect**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 294/16 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**  
Caroline Canning had resigned as Chairman due to family commitments. Mick Clark had taken over as acting Chairman with Paul Leeder as Vice-Chair until the positions are filled permanently the next AGM. The Committee had decided to charge a £250 deposit for young peoples' parties which would be forfeited if the premises were not vacated by 11.30pm and if the party was advertised on social media.
- 295/16 **Trull School**  
The transfer of the lease of land from West of England Developments Ltd. to the School was now complete and the land would be fenced in the near future.
- 296/16 **Alms-houses**  
The Charity was still looking to appoint a new treasurer and secretary.
- 297/16 **SALC**  
The AGM had taken place on 17<sup>th</sup> September.
- 298/16 **Correspondence**  
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-  
  
Somerset County Council\_– New traffic and travel website.

TDBC – Let's Make Isolation and Loneliness History weblink.

Somerset Waste Partnership – Monthly briefing.

Healthwatch Somerset – Online questionnaire.

Community Council for Somerset - AGM and Workshop invitation.

Community Council for Somerset - Parish Newsletter.

299/16 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**  
The following payments were approved:-

**Payments: August**

Trull Village Memorial Hall  
(PC 18/7/16).....£18

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

Mrs R Howat  
Newsletter delivery.....£12

Parsons Landscapes Ltd  
KGV Grass July.....£451.45

Town and Country Landscaping  
KGV fencing .....£3,470

Brian Pretty  
Gate spring and latch.....£5.48

**Salary**

Mrs R Howat  
1/8/16.....£620.82

**Receipts:**

West of England Developments Ltd  
Part payment of path diversion order.....£770.23

**Paid from Pavilion Account**

None

**Payments: September**

Trull Village Memorial Hall  
(PC 15/8/16).....£18

Mrs R Howat  
Envelopes/stamps.....£9.67

Parsons Landscapes Ltd  
KGV Grass August.....£321.36

Trull Parish Archive Group  
Donation.....£100

**Salary**

Mrs R Howat  
1/9/16.....£620.82

**Receipts:**

Trull PCC  
Quiz funds for defibrillator.....£308

**Paid from Pavilion Account**

EDF  
Electricity 7/6-7/9 .....£204.11

300/16 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**  
Approval of the new website design contract. Discussion on the engagement of architects to produce a design for KGV play equipment and facilities.

301/16 **Date of Next Meeting**  
The next meeting will be on Monday 17th October 2016, at 7.15pm. This will be preceded by the annual meeting of allotment tenants at 6.30pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.37 pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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