

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull,
on Monday 17th October, 2016.

Present: Mr M Hughes, Mrs A Hudson, Mrs L Brierley, Ms T Dean, Mrs D Johnson, Mr N Hancock, Mrs J Wooldridge, Mrs J Martin-Scott, Mr A Kent together with 11 members of the public.

In attendance: Mrs B Howat - Clerk
Mr A Wedderkopp (SCC)
PC Charles Gear
Mr Mick Clark (Trull Memorial Hall).
Mr Paul Leeder (Trull Memorial Hall).

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.

302/16 **Apologies for Absence**

Mr B Pretty

303/16 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

304/16 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th September 2016**

Minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

305/16 **Matters Arising**

A letter had been sent to Taunton Deane Borough Council and Strongvox Homes asking for a meeting regarding the Section 106 agreement for Amingford Mead. The photographs from this year's Party in the Park had been put up in the Geoff Hewett Pavilion.

306/16 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman thanked everyone involved in putting down the grass matting under the swings particularly Ms Dean.

307/16 **Police Report**

PC Gear gave the report.

Between 19th September and 16th October there were 14 calls received: - Criminal damage – 4 (damage to wing mirrors of cars parked along Wild Oak Lane), concern for welfare – 2, suspicious activity – 1, alarms – 2, public order – 1, anti-social behaviour – 1, traffic related – 2, domestic – 1. Six Crimes were recorded: - assault - 1, criminal damage to vehicles – 4, public order/Anti-social behaviour – 1.

A Beat Surgery will be held in the Hive Café at Trull Church Community Centre on 25th November between 2.30 and 3.30pm.

The Community Speedwatch Group carried out the following patrols:- Bradbeers between 9 and 10am on 27th September – 417 cars with 5 speeders caught; Bradbeers between 9 and -10am on 6th October -303 cars with 6 speeders caught; Bradbeers between 9 and 10am on 13th October – 222 cars with 5 speeders caught.

308/16 **Somerset County Councillor Report**

Cllr Wedderkopp is hoping for a flashing 30mph sign and a pedestrian crossing to be installed on the road into Staplehay at Bradbeers. Somerset Highways Authority is carrying out a feasibility study.

The Somerset Rivers Authority has been working with local councils and the Environment Agency but has not been engaging with parish councils. Delays with highways and flooding issues are due to staff cut backs with a lot of work to catch up on.

309/16 **Trull Primary School Plans**

Head teacher Mrs Karen Wedlake and school governor Mr Simon Holden presented plans for an outdoor education area on the piece of land behind the Pavilion which has been leased to the school. The area will be fenced off and a variety of trees, including an orchard will be planted. There will also be vegetable beds, a sensory pathway and terraced seating. The School asked for permission to build a small log cabin style building in an 8 by 6 metre area behind the pavilion for use as a forest school. They would need to ensure there was enough space between the two buildings for maintenance of the pavilion.

Resolved: To approve the erection of a log-cabin style building behind the Pavilion.

310/16 **Trull Memorial Hall Access Measures**

Trull Memorial Hall has suffered vandalism following disturbances by young people trying to attend parties. The incidents had led to costly repairs and complaints. Mr Leeder felt the culprits may have been helped by the open access to the KGV field beside the hall and said the gates would be locked at weekends until further notice. Users of the Pavilion would still have access through the key arrangement. The Memorial Hall was also going to suspend bookings for 18th and 21st birthday parties. Councillors questioned how the access arrangements could be the cause of the problem - the gate has been there for two years and there have only been two incidents. They were also unsure how the cause of the problem could be identified if the bookings were suspended and the gates closed at the same time.

It was felt that closing the gates all weekend would cause inconvenience to a lot of people and was not the right thing to do for the parish. Councillors were concerned that the decision to lock the gates had been taken by executive members behind closed doors and asked for alternative solutions to be considered by the whole Committee.

Mr Leeder agreed to ask the Memorial Hall Trustees to discuss it at their next meeting.

311/16 **42/16/0028**

Erection of steel framed building at Lower Kibbear Farm, Trull.

Resolved: Support.

312/16 **42/16/0031**

First floor extension and two ground floor extensions at 1 The Paddock, Honiton Road.

Resolved: Support.

313/16 **42/16/0032**

Ground floor extension at 10 Southwell Close, Trull.

Resolved: Support.

314/16 **Delegated Planning**

None.

315/16 **Decisions by TDBC**

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

42/16/0025

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

42/16/0014/LB

Various internal and external alterations to barn to be used as holiday let at Middle Sweethay Farm Barn, Sweethay, Trull as amended.
Conditional approval.

316/16 **Trull Neighbourhood Plan action.**

The Independent Examiner, Mr Nigel McGurk, had submitted his recommendation to TDBC. He said the Plan met the 'basic conditions' of compatibility with local, national and European policies, subject to changes, which included deleting the policies proposed specifically for the Urban Extension. He recommended that the Neighbourhood Plan should go to a local referendum with the modifications which deplete the plan by a half to two thirds. TDBC agreed without further discussion with the NP group and is now preparing to hold a local referendum before Christmas in line with Government legislation. The NP Group, feel the examiner went beyond his remit and is hoping that TDBC will reinstate some of the policies - the Urban Extension has been granted outline permission but this is subject to satisfactory Section 106 agreements which are still being finalised and there will be reserved matters decisions on the different phases. The Group is planning to write to TDBC outlining their concerns and asking for a two week delay of the referendum in order for discussions to take place.

Resolved: To support the NP Groups decision to write to TDBC.

317/16 **Engaging design Consultants for the KGV Field**

The Playing Field Working Group had been considering having a professional design drawn up for the KGV Field. The master plan for landscaping, location of play equipment and other facilities would be more creative and provide a better choice of equipment. It would also be instrumental in attracting match funding. The Council will be spending a lot of money on play equipment and had to be confident that it had taken independent advice. It would be an investment in the long term.

Resolved: To spend £1,500 on the initial engagement of Swan Paul Partnership Ltd to produce designs for the KGV Field.

318/16 **New Website Progress**

Notice has been given to the current host Media kitchen Ltd that the contract with Trull Parish Council will end on November 31st 2016.

The new website will be up and running by 1st December with the preferred name of trullparishcouncil.org.uk.

Trull Memorial Hall will be taking on the trullvillage.org.uk site. All Parish Council documents will be removed but there will be a link to the new site.

319/16 **Request for double yellow lines**

A resident concerned about cars parking on the corner of Orchard Close and Church Road had requested double yellow lines. The issue would be taken up by Mr Hancock during his next tour of the parish with a representative from SHA.

320/16 **Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.**

The Mayor of Taunton, Cllr Vivienne Stock-Williams had invited a representative from Trull Parish Council to join her for refreshments after the service in Vivary Park.

Resolved: The Chairman will attend the service at Trull Church. The Vice-Chairman would attend the service and reception in Vivary Park.

- 321/16 **Speed Indicator Device report for Gatchell Oaks**
The latest SID readings taken at Gatchell Oaks on Honiton Road between 30th August and 15th September had been circulated. They showed that 35.2% of drivers did less than 30 mph 62.2% did 30 to 40 mph, 2.5% did 40 to 50 mph and 0.1% (did over 50 mph. Overall 64.8% broke the speed-limit.
- 322/16 **Report from the Playing Field Management Committee**
The decision to appoint Swan Paul means the purchase of toddler equipment will be put on hold.
The old cradle swings minus chains would be made available to anyone who wants them. Someone has put a new football goal net in the Pavilion.
Permission had been given for the Trull Scout Group to hold its annual fireworks display.
Somerset County Council rights of way team had requested access through the bottom of the field for a contractor working on an adjoining field should it be necessary.
A meeting of the Playing Field Management Committee would be held before the next Parish Council meeting.
- 323/16 **Neighbourhood Plan**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 324/16 **Footpaths**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 325/16 **Highways**
Someone from SHA had put markings in the road at Amberd Lane near Amingford Mead. Mr Hancock would invite SHA to have their regular tour of areas of concern in the parish.
- 326/16 **Allotments**
Mrs Wooldridge gave a brief report from the annual meeting of allotment tenants which had taken place prior to the Parish Council meeting.
- 327/16 **Open Spaces**
The Open Spaces Working Group had painted benches in the KGV Field. A request for funding from the Party in the Park reserves had been successful with £104 awarded for the purchase of bulbs.
Work on a gas pipe running to a private property across Trull Green was complete and the bench donated by Don Archer could now be installed. Mr Jonathan White from Town and Country Landscaping Ltd had offered to carry out the installation at no cost.
- 328/16 **Staplehay Weir**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 329/16 **Website Working Group**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 330/16 **Book Exchange**
Mrs Luke had reported that there is a lot of footfall and people regularly leave a good supply on a wide range of topics. Surplus books are given to other charities to make sure that nothing is wasted. However, some people are not aware of its existence, and a mention in the Church Magazine was suggested.

331/16 **Party in the Park**
The Committee had made grants to Trull Memorial Hall (£200 towards new doors); Trull Parish Archive Group £100 (printer/scanner/copier); Trull & Staplehay WI £125 (crockery); Comeytrove & District WI £100 (receiver/transmitter); Trull Scout Group £355 (tables & trolley); Trull Brownies & Cubs £75 (microwave oven); Trull Players £400 (curtain tracks in MH); Trull Parish Council Outdoor Working Group £104 (spring bulbs for KGV field); Trull Primary School £345 (outdoor drinking fountain); Trull Pre-school £196 (replacement tables).

332/16 **Trull Connect**
There was nothing to report on this item.

333/16 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**
There was nothing to report on this item.

334/16 **Trull School**
There was nothing to report on this item.

335/16 **Alms-houses**
A grant of £10,000 was being used to upgrade two houses with new bathrooms and kitchens.

336/16 **SALC**
There was nothing to report on this item.

337/16 **Correspondence**
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-

Engage West Somerset – invitation to a training session to include updates on funding opportunities offered by the Hinkley C Community Impact Mitigation Fund.

Somerset Association of Local Councils – letter from NALC Chairman on guidance for response to capping proposals.

Somerset Waste Partnership – Monthly briefing

338/16 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**
The following payments were approved:-

Payments:

Trull Village Memorial Hall
(PC 19/9/16).....£18

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

Mrs R Howat
Newsletter delivery/stamps, stationery.....£24.07

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

Royal British Legion
Poppy Wreath and Donation.....£30

All Saints Trull PCC
Burial Grant£335

Online Playgrounds	
Swing cradles, chains and shackles.....	£270.64
MatsGrids	
Rubber grass mats, ties and pegs.....	£595
AED Locator	
Defibrillator.....	£2,512.80
Wessex Water	
Allotment (24/02-26/08).....	£157.52

Salary

Mrs R Howat	
1/10/16.....	£620.82

Receipts:

TDBC	
Maintenance Grant.....	£1,285

Paid from Pavilion Account

Wessex Water	
Pavilion (24/02-26/08)	£59.43

EDF	
Electricity (7/06-7/09)	£204.11

Taunton Fire Protections Services	
Outdoor power point	£465

Paid into Pavilion Account

PIP	
Contribution to outdoor power	£265

EDF	
Fit payment	£554.77

339/16 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**
Update on flood prevention action in Amberd Lane.

340/16 **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting will be on Monday 21st November 2016, at 7.15pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.55pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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