

# **Trull Parish Council**

Minutes of a Meeting held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull,  
on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

Present: Mr M Hughes, Mrs J Wooldridge, 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 5 members of the public.

In attendance: Mrs B Howat - Clerk  
Mr A Wedderkopp (SCC)  
PCSO Simon Parry  
PC Charles Gear

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.

70/16 **Apologies for Absence**  
None

71/16 **Declarations of Interest**  
None

72/16 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016**  
Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were agreed and signed by the  
Chairman.

73/16 **Matters Arising**  
An application to Historic England for the garage on Honiton Road to be given listed building status has been turned down as it was not considered to be under immediate threat of demolition or major alteration. The Somerset Rivers Authority had acknowledged receipt of the latter calling for a study into flooding on Dipford Lane. Taunton Deane Borough Council's planning enforcement officer had acknowledged receipt of the letter regarding the attenuation pond at Amingford Mead and issued a case number.

74/16 **Chairman's Report**  
The Chairman thanked the clerk and councillors for their work over recent busy months. He paid tribute to Gavin, Heather and Sara who would be leaving the Winchester Arms for pastures new at the beginning of April, and suggested a letter of thanks for their contribution to parish events over the years. There had been preliminary discussions over the purchase of a defibrillator for the parish which would be put on the next agenda.

75/16 **Police Report**  
PCSO Parry gave his report. Since 15<sup>th</sup> February there had been six calls received – traffic related – 2, burglary – 1, suspicious activity – 1, concern for welfare – 1, firearms related – 1 (making weapon safe). Two crimes had been recorded - burglary – 1 (house burglary in the day time, bicycle stolen from garage value £1000), theft – 1 (bicycle stolen from garden value £1000). This follows theft of three high value bicycles from a property just off Church Road in the last report. There is a spate of high value bicycles being stolen in Taunton. Bicycles should be fully secured in a garage and if they are particularly valuable consider additional security for bolting them down inside the garage / house.

A Beat Surgery would take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April between 2.30 – 3.30pm at the Hive Café, Trull Church Community Centre.

The volunteer Speedwatch group patrolled between 8.50 - 9.50am on 17<sup>th</sup> March at Southwell - 306 cars passed, and there were no reports of any speeders. The mobile Police Speed camera attended in mid February at Amberd Lane, when one car was caught over 30mph.

Councillors raised concerns over the behaviour of some of dogs and their owners in recent weeks. The Clerk reported that a meeting had been arranged with the TDBC environmental health officer to discuss the issue in April.

Mrs Wooldridge reported that two wheelbarrows had been stolen from the Trull Allotments.

76/16 **Somerset County Councillor Report**

Cllr Wedderkopp had nothing to report.

77/16 **42/16/0008/T**

Outline application to re-pollard three Black Poplars at Waterside Lodge, Sweethay Lane.

**Resolved:** Support

78/16 **Delegated Planning**

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

**42/16/0004**

Erection of single storey garage to the front of 15 Sweethay Close. Support.

79/16 **Decisions by TDBC**

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

42/16/0001

Erection of a single storey extension with alterations at Amberd Cottages, 2 Amberd Lane, Trull.

Conditional approval.

42/16/0002

Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of Monks, Daws Green, Trull.

Conditional approval.

42/16/0003

Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of 2 Dipford Orchard, Dipford Road, Trull.

Conditional approval.

80/16 **Update on the Comeytrowe Consortium application and next steps.**

A letter had been sent to the Comeytrowe Consortium requesting further consultation over the proposed access at Honiton Road and its effect on the Trull Conservation Area. The Consortium had replied with a commitment to continue dialogue with the Parish Council and an assurance that no work would be progressed until a meeting had taken place. Comeytrowe Parish Council had since resolved to write to the Secretary of State seeking a call-in of the application on the basis of its far reaching effects. Mrs Martin-Scott said that Musgrove Park Hospital was already overwhelmed and the effect of extra housing would render it unsustainable. Mr Kent said that Somerset County Council had failed to urge proper consideration of the effect of the development on the surrounding highways network. Councillors unanimously agreed that it was worth seeking a call-in so that every attempt had been made to fight the decision.

**Resolved:** The Clerk and Ms Dean to liaise with the Neighbourhood Plan Group in order to compose a letter asking the Secretary of State for a call-in.

- 81/16 **To consider traffic issues on Dipford Road**  
 Following the March meeting Mr Hancock had written to Somerset Highways Authority requesting the provision of flood warning signs that could be put out by residents when the Dipford Road floods. Mr Kent asked that the request be reiterated along with a renewed call for the 30mph speed limit to be extended past the bridge. Mr Kent also asked for the ditches to be cleared and for repairs to the path from Dipford Orchard to Honiton Road which is so full of holes that pedestrians, particularly those with pushchairs, were being forced to walk on the road instead.  
**Resolved:** Mr Hancock would write to SHA with the requests as agreed.
- 82/16 **To consider drainage issues at Amingford Mead.**  
 TDBC had acknowledged the request from TPC for an assessment of the attenuation pond and whether it complied with planning conditions. A case number had been assigned. Mr Pretty said there were also questions over the drainage of water from Patricks Way and Pokes Lane into the development, and it was unclear if the boundary fences had been erected the specified distance from the ditch. Mrs Brierley said pipes had recently been laid to carry water from the rear of Patricks Way across the site underground.  
**Resolved:** To ask TDBC planning enforcement officers to add the issue of drainage from Patricks Way and Pokes Lane together with the location of the fencing to their investigation into compliance with planning conditions at Amingford Mead.
- 83/16 **To consider dog waste bins and signage on the KGV field**  
 The cost of a 50-litre dog waste bin from the Deane DLO had come in at £345 plus VAT. The cost of emptying one extra bin on a twice weekly basis had not yet been provided although a quotation was imminent. Members felt that cheaper options should be explored.  
 Ms Dean said more signs were needed to remind dog owners to keep their pets on a lead in the playing field along with signs reminding people to clean up after their dogs. It was also suggested that a sign could be painted on the path just inside the playing field if permissible. The Clerk said a meeting with the senior environmental health officer from TDBC had been arranged to discuss the ongoing problems with dogs and their owners in the parish.  
**Resolved:**  
 1) To approve a spend of up to £345 on a new dog waste bin  
 2) To approve the purchase of 20 keep dogs on a lead signs and 20 clean up after your dog signs.
- 84/16 **Report from the PFMC**  
 Ms Dean thanked Mrs Brierley and Mrs Wooldridge for buying crockery and kitchen supplies for the pavilion. Discussions were ongoing over the purchase of new tables although the possibility of buying second-hand tables from the Primary School could come about in the future. The need for improved deep cleaning of the Pavilion had been recognised. Regular cleaning also needed improving. A specification list would be drawn up for the cleaner and notes would be put up reminding users of their duty to leave the building clean and tidy. The initial consultation on changes to the playing field had been a success and a second meeting to discuss the next stages was taking place. Mrs Wooldridge was meeting representatives from the company Proludic to discuss the type of equipment available. The Clerk had drawn up an occupational licence for the Trull Scout group which would be issued in due course.
- 85/16 **Neighbourhood Plan**  
 The Group was seeking a meeting with TDBC officer Ann Rhodes on the progress of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the draft plan. Rebecca Pow MP had responded to a letter expressing concerns over the request for an SEA but was not taking any action.
- 86/16 **Footpaths**  
 Mr Pretty would officially take over from Mr White who would be stepping down from his role as Parish Paths Liaison Officer after 10 years.

A temporary repair had been made to the three plank bridge in Millers Walk with permanent repairs due to take place soon.

Mrs Brierley had not yet been able to meet with the owner of land to the rear of the properties in Sweethay Lane to discuss possible drainage/debris issues.

87/16 **Highways**

A range of options for a replacement salt bin at the junction of Amberd Lane/Honiton Road were available. The Clerk would liaise with Mr Pretty over a suitable size and colour. The replacement finger post, damaged in the same accident, had still not been replaced by SHA.

Trull Road, Galmington Road & Wheatleigh Close would be closed at their junction to enable SHA to carry out resilience patching works. The Order becomes effective on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and will remain in force for eighteen months. The works are expected to last for 3 days.

Part of Ruggin Road in West Buckland would be closed from the junction with Buckland Farm Road, to enable SHA to carry out drainage works. The Order becomes effective on 14 March 2016 and will remain in force for eighteen months. The works are expected to last for 5 days. Alternative routes would be signposted whilst the closures are in place.

88/16 **Allotments**

Two wheel barrows had been stolen from plots on the allotment in recent weeks.

Plot 16, which is currently vacant and in an overgrown state would need to be covered in black plastic.

89/16 **Open Spaces**

The grass on Trull Green would need mowing by the open spaces working group.

The Parish Council extended its thanks to local resident Richard Smith who had removed the fallen tree from Trull Green. Mr Kent and Mr Pretty had attended their first aid training.

90/16 **Staplehay Weir**

There was nothing to report on this item.

91/16 **Website Working Group**

The working group would need to hold meeting soon as there were continuing problems with content on the current site.

92/16 **Book Exchange**

There was nothing to report on this item.

93/16 **Party in the Park**

A meeting is scheduled for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

94/16 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**

Paul Leeder had stepped down as Chair of the Memorial Hall Committee after 15 years. He is succeeded by a new Hon. Secretary/Chair Caroline Vaan-Canning.

There had been some damage to the Memorial Hall grounds. Railings have been ordered to go either side of the gates to the KGV field. It is proposed to lock the gates occasionally to deter people from entering the Memorial Hall grounds.

Preparations for a party to mark HRH the Queens's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party had not advanced due to an apparent lack of interest. The Clerk had written to Mr Leeder saying the parish Council was willing to support and help organise the event.

95/16 **Trull Connect**

Stephen Custance- Baker was stepping down as Chairman. It was possible that the role of Trull Connect maybe reviewed.

- 96/16 **Trull School**  
Details had now been obtained to enable to transfer of land at the top of the KGV field to progress. A recent fund raising Ladies Night had been a great success.
- 97/26 **Alms-houses**  
There was a new Chairman – John Harrison. Consideration was being given to a new, shorter name for the charity. Rents would be going up slightly.
- 98/16 **SALC**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 99/16 **Correspondence**  
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-
- Somerset Waste Partnership - March 2016 briefing.
- Liz Fothergill, Chief Officer, Taunton Citizens Advice - Thanks to the Parish Council for the £100 donation.
- Chairman of Somerset County Council, Cllr Christine Lawrence – Invitation to celebrate 2016 Somerset Day on Wednesday 11th May.
- Engage - Nomination form for Volunteer of the Year Awards.
- TDBC - Tackling Isolation and Loneliness in Taunton Deane. Free mini-conference on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and questionnaire.
- Campaign to Protect Rural England – membership invitation from the Somerset branch.
- Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner – spring newsletter.
- 100/16 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**  
The following payments were approved:-
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| Trull Village Memorial Hall<br>(PC 15/2 /16).....        | £16.65    |
| All Saints Church Trull –<br>Printing of newsletter..... | £20       |
| Mrs R Howat<br>Newsletter delivery, stamps, keys.....    | £29.56    |
| Tessa Dean<br>First aid at work training x 2.....        | £278.40   |
| TDBC<br>KGV Footpath Diversion.....                      | £1,848.56 |
| Wessex Water<br>Allotments 7/9/15-24/2/16.....           | £13.78    |
| Mrs R Howat<br>4 hours Pavilion Cleaning 5+11 March..... | £38.20    |

Wessex Water Pavilion 9/9/15-29/2/16.....	£48.24
Linda Brierley Crockery/kitchenware for pavilion.....	£105.54
Ron Vining Pavilion cleaning 15/2/16 – 14/3/16.....	£40
EDF Energy Pavilion 4/12/15- 7/3/16.....	£509.76
Coomber Security Systems Ltd Fire Alarm maintenance 1/2/16-31/1/17.....	£132.19

**Salary**

Mrs R Howat 1/3/16.....	£620.82
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**Receipts:**

EDF Energy FIT payment 14/12/15-5/3/16.....	£169.33
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101/16 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**

Defibrulator  
Electric for party in the Park

102/16 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 18th April 2016 in the Trull Memorial Hall, immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting which starts at 7.15pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.10 pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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