

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull,
on Monday 16th May, 2016.

Present: Mr M Hughes, Mrs J Wooldridge, Mrs A Hudson, Mr B Pretty, Mrs L Brierley, Ms T Dean, Mrs D Johnson together with 9 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.

140/16 **Election of Chairman**

Mr Pretty proposed that Mr Hughes be re-elected as Chairman and was seconded by Ms Dean.

Resolved: Mr Hughes is elected as Chairman for the year.

141/16 **Apologies for Absence**

Mr N Hancock, Mr A Kent, Mrs J Martin-Scott.

142/16 **Declarations of Interest**

None

143/16 **Election of Vice Chairman**

Mrs Hudson proposed that Mrs Wooldridge be re-elected as Vice Chairman and was seconded by Mrs Johnson.

Resolved: Mrs Wooldridge is elected as Vice Chairman for the year.

144/16 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th April 2016**

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

145/16 **Matters Arising**

None.

146/16 **Police Report**

PCSO Parry and PC Gear gave their apologies. The Clerk read their report. Since 18th April there had been eight called received: - concern for welfare – 2, alarms – 1, traffic -1, suspicious circumstances – 1, harassment/threats -1, burglary (non-dwelling) – 1, theft -1. Three crimes were recorded: – harassment / threats – 1, burglary (non-dwelling) – 1, theft -1.

The Trull Community Speedwatch group had patrolled on 21st April between 8 and 9am at Trull Green, Honiton Road. During that time 378 cars passed but there were no speeders. Beat Surgeries would be held on 1st and 29th July, between 2.30 and 3.30pm, at Trull Church Community Centre.

147/16 **Somerset County Councillor Report**

Cllr Wedderkopp had concerns about the Vivary Green Wedge where work appeared to be taking place on what he believed was a bridge to join the private concrete road at Kibbear Farm, although he would not object to a cycle track.

- 148/16 **42/16/0011**
Erection of a detached dwelling with garage. Cherry Orchard Lodge, Trull.
- Members of the public including the applicant were given the opportunity to speak before councillors discussed the application.
- Resolved:** Object on the on the grounds that the proposed dwelling is overbearing and would overshadow the neighbouring property. Also on concerns over the access from Church Road and to the property in Cherry Orchard; and over parking arrangements for the new and existing properties.
- 149/16 **42/16/0012**
Extension and refurbishment of existing dwelling. Woodpecker Cottage, Chilliswood Farm Lane, Trull.
- Members of the public including the applicant were given the opportunity to speak before councillors discussed the application.
- It was noted that the Parish Council had objected to a previous application in August 2015 on the grounds that the size, design and appearance were out of keeping with the surrounding area.
Councillors considered that the new proposal drawn up in consultation with the local planning authority had sufficiently addressed these issues.
Resolved: Support.
- 150/16 **42/16/0013**
Erection of two story extension. 2 Sweethay Close, Staplehay.
Resolved: Support.
- 151/16 **42/16/0016**
Enlargement of front porch. Fairmas, Mill Lane, Trull.
Resolved: Object on the grounds of design and appearance. The proposal is not in keeping with the existing house or the neighbouring property.
- 152/16 **Delegated Planning**
There were no delegated decisions to report.
- 153/16 **Decisions by TDBC**
The Clerk reported on the following decisions made by TDBC:-
- 42/16/0008/T
Application to re-pollard three Black-Poplar trees included in Taunton Deane Borough (Trull No.2) Tree Preservation Order 2010 at Waterside Lodge, Sweethay Lane, Trull (TD1076).
Conditional approval
- A Tree Preservation Order had been made by TDBC on individual trees and groups of trees on land at the Bell House, Trull.
- 154/16 **Approval of Accounts for 2015/16**
A report of the summary of accounts for the year ended 31st March 2016 was presented for consideration.
It was noted that the council now has just one lawn mower. It was suggested that an insurance claim could be made for the broken "springer" in the KGV field. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries.
Resolved: The accounts for 2015/16 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

155/16 **Approval of contracts and affiliation fees**

The annual renewal of a contract to empty dog waste bins on the KGV field and Trull Green had been received from the DLO at TDBC.

There was a small increase per bin per visit from £2.64 plus Vat to £2.77 plus VAT.

The current arrangement is for the two bins on the KGV field to be emptied twice weekly and the single bin at Trull Green to be emptied once a week. The DLO would be notified of the need to empty a third dog bin at the KGV field once it is installed.

The affiliation fee for the year to 31st March 2016 had been requested from the Somerset Association of Local Councils based on 30.80 pence per elector for the first 2,500 electors with a National Association of Local Councils contribution of 6.6 pence per elector bringing the total charge to £488.28.

Resolved:

- 1) The DLO contract for emptying dog waste bins for 2016/17 was approved.
- 2) The SALC affiliation fee for 2015/16 was approved.

156/16 **Purchase of fencing on the KGV field from CIL funds**

The Playing Field Management Committee had agreed at its meeting in April to request that funds from CIL payments to the Parish Council be spent on fencing at the top end of the KGV field.

The Clerk advised that under CIL regulation 59C: "A Parish Council must use CIL receipts passed to it to support the development of the Parish Council's area, or any part of that area, by funding – (a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or (b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area."

It was considered that fencing would satisfy the criteria as the KGV field had been enlarged with the addition of land from the Section 106 agreement from the Amingford Mead development and was currently open at the top end, making it difficult to keep dogs off the playing field and causing a potential safety issue for children.

Mr Pretty had already received two quotes for the proposed work, one for £3,470 from a non-VAT registered company, and another for £5,400 plus VAT.

Mr Hughes proposed that a third comparable quote was sought and that the Clerk be authorised to approve spending of up to £3,500 on the best quote.

Resolved:

- 1) The cost of fencing around the top of the KGV field is paid for from CIL funds.
- 2) The Clerk is authorised to approve a spend of up to £3,500 of the fencing subject to a third comparable quote.

157/16 **Request for funds towards a toddler play area**

The Council had set aside a sum of £15,000 in its budget for 2016/17 towards new play equipment on the KGV field. At its meeting in April the PFMC agreed to request the approval of £10,000 from that figure to be spent on equipment for toddlers.

Ms Dean reported that a design for the layout of field had been approved in principal and potential costings for toddler equipment obtained.

The Clerk reminded councillors that for VAT purposes any invoices should be addressed to Trull Parish Council.

Resolved: To approve spending of £10,000 on equipment for the toddler play area.

158/16 **Gift of land at Wild Oak Lane.**

Representatives of the estates of Leslie Keyte and Clifford James Jennings have agreed to gift land at the entrance to the allotments in Wild Oak Lane to Trull Parish Council. They are willing to make the gift by way of sale for £1 provided that should the Council sell the entrance or any part of the allotment and/or grant rights of way to any third party over the entrance way during a period of 25 years following the gift that 25% of any monies received would be payable to the two estates. Wording would

need to be agreed on precise terms if the Council is willing to enter into the arrangement.

Resolved: To agree to the gift of land on the conditions specified subject to satisfactory precise terms.

159/16 **Flood Warnings Signs**

This item was held over until June.

160/16 **Funding for a parish defibrillator**

This item was held over until June.

161/16 **Update on Amingford Mead**

TDBC planning enforcement has now been on site. The attenuation pond is the correct shape and size, however, the site manager has confirmed that the discharge point is in a different place to that shown on the approved plans. This constitutes a breach of the planning conditions so the developers will need to revert back to the approved plans or seek an amendment. The planning enforcement officer said the developers have accepted that the attenuation pond with the discharge point as located is not working due to the way water flows through the site. They will redesign it and send in plans for approval which will be studied by Somerset County Council's storm water engineer.

Damage to the banks of the Sherford Stream caused by flooding should be repaired by the developer as they have admitted their liability through breach of the planning condition.

The possible breach of planning conditions along the Pokes Lane section of the site is being registered as a separate complaint and will be investigated accordingly.

Mr Pretty said pallets from the site had been thrown into Staplehay Weir several weeks ago. Initial requests for the developers to remove them had been

unsuccessful. The planning enforcement officer had confirmed that site security is an issue for the developer. Mr Pretty proposed that a formal letter requesting immediate removal of the pallets and tightening of site security is made as a matter of urgency.

Resolved: To write to the site manager with a copy to the Managing Director of Strongvox requesting removal of the pallets and tightening of security around the site.

162/16 **Arrangements for Party in the Park**

At its meeting in April the Playing Field Management Committee agreed to:

1) Use of the KGV Playing Field for the Trull Party in the Park on Saturday 9th July (to include limited parking and vehicular access via the bottom gate).

2) Use of the Geoff Hewett Pavilion on Saturday 9th July and into Sunday 10th July for the sum of £50.

3) The installation of an outdoor socket on the Geoff Hewett Pavilion with the PFMC paying half of the cost (up to £200) if the other half is met by the Party in the Park Committee.

Mrs Wooldridge requested that a letter is sent to residents of houses on Church Road along the bottom of the field asking them to keep the entrance clear on the day, and that any ground works associated with new play equipment is scheduled for after the event. The Parish Council had also been allocated a stand at the event which would need to be manned by councillors on a rota basis.

163/16 **Appointments of roles and responsibilities.**

Members were asked to consider their roles and responsibilities for the year 2016/17.

Resolved: Councillors will assume the same roles and responsibilities as the previous year.

164/16 **Neighbourhood Plan**

Ms Dean said the group was concerned at the adequacy of the proposed S106 agreement being negotiated for the Urban Extension at Comeytrove/Trull (Application

No. 42/14/0069). It believes there are several omissions from those expected and that TDBC's own delegated powers document (2007) makes it clear they should be decided by the Planning Committee and not under delegated powers. A letter had been drafted which the Group was hoping the PC would agree to send. The Clerk pointed out that in order to do so the Council would have to make a resolution and that could only be done if the proposal was a listed agenda item not an item contained in reports. In view of the timescales it was noted that the NP Group would send the letter itself.

In the meantime the Clerk would follow up the offer of the Comeytrowe Consortium to meet with the Parish Council.

165/16 **Footpaths**

Mr Pretty had met with the County Rights of Way Officer to discuss the issue of debris and drainage on a footpath beside Trull Tennis Club in Sweethay Lane. Her advice was that it does not warrant major attention and that any water flow in heavy rain is what would be expected in the country. If the drains are blocked it is a Highways matter to should be reported SHA.

166/16 **Highways**

The Clerk displayed the latest SID readings from the Honiton Road at Gatchell Oaks taken between 11th and 25th of April. They showed 40.0% of vehicles travelling at less than 30mph; 57.6% between 30-40mph; 2.3% between 40-50mph, and 22 vehicles over 50mph.

Mrs Wooldridge requested that SHA be alerted to the appalling state of the road surface in Sweethay Lane which is full of pot holes and needs resurfacing. The Clerk would ask Mr Hancock to report to his contact at SHA.

167/16 **Allotments**

There was nothing to report on this item.

168/16 **Open Spaces**

Two crab apple trees and lots of primroses had been planted at Trull Green, and thirty bags of debris had been cleared from Dipford Road by the open spaces working group.

169/16 **Staplehay Weir**

There was nothing to report on this item.

170/16 **Website Working Group**

The groups had met and made progress on a strategy. It had been agreed to use a specialist provider for the website and quotes would be sought for consideration. The site would include a village page and there would be changes for the Memorial Hall which they would need to discuss.

171/16 **Book Exchange**

Mrs Luke reported that the exchange is still doing very well with excess books being sent to local charities. Unfortunately some people leave magazines which there is no way of keeping them. A polite notice will be written advising that magazines shouldn't be left.

172/16 **Party in the Park**

There was nothing to report on this item.

173/16 **Trull Connect**

There was nothing to report on this item.

174/16 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**

Caroline Canning had attended her first meeting as Chairman. The railings either side of the gates to the KGV field had been installed.

175/16 **Trull School**
The School was still being frustrated by delays in the legal agreement for lease of land behind the Geoff Hewett Pavilion but it was hoped that progress could soon be made.
The annual May Ball had been another successful fund raising event.

176/16 **Alms-houses**
A request had gone out for a new treasurer and another Trustee to join the board.
Attempts were being made to refurbish some of the properties.

177/16 **SALC**
There was nothing to report on this item.

178/16 **Correspondence**
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-
Somerset Waste Partnership - May 2016 briefing.
Somerset Road Safety_- Letter from the Road Safety Team about a free event for the senior drivers.
Somerset County Council Highways_- Environmental Maintenance Leaflet.
Somerset County Council - Somerset Choices website invitation to advertise for free.
Somerset County Council – Details of New Minerals and Waste Development Scheme available to download.
Taunton Deane Borough Council Community Officer – Invitation to an Isolation and Loneliness Conference.
Taunton Deane Borough Council – SADMP post hearings letter from The Inspector.

179/16 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**
The following payments were approved:-

Trull Village Memorial Hall
(PC 21/3/16).....£18

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

Mrs R Howat
Newsletter delivery, stamps, stationery.....£15.08

Parsons Landscapes Ltd
KGV Grass April.....£482.04

Came and Company
Insurance premium June2016/2017.....£1,123.44

SALC
Affiliation Fees£488.28

All Saints Church Trull
NP hire.....£6

Ron Vining
Pavilion cleaning 19/4/16 – 13/5/16.....£59.50

Abrada
Pavilion toilet rolls/bleach.....£22.27

Salary

Mrs R Howat
2/5/16.....£620.82

Receipts:

None

180/16 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**
None.

181/16 **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting will be on Monday 20th June 2016, at 7.15pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.50 pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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