

# **Trull Parish Council**

Minutes of a Meeting held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull,  
on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

Present: Mr M Hughes, Mrs J Wooldridge, Mrs A Hudson, Mr B Pretty, Mrs L Brierley, Ms T Dean, Mrs D Johnson, Mr N Hancock, Mr A Kent together with 7 members of the public.

In attendance: Mrs B Howat - Clerk  
Mr A Wedderkopp (SCC)  
PCSO Simon Parry  
PC Charles Gear  
Mrs Caroline Canning – 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. A question was raised about ownership of a piece of land where vegetation is obstructing the footpath at Pokes Lane.

182/16 **Apologies for Absence**

No apologies had been received. Mrs J Martin-Scott was not in attendance.

183/16 **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Hughes – item 7a (42/16/0014/LB).

184/16 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

185/16 **Matters Arising**

A reference number had been received from Taunton Deane Borough Council (TDBC) for the investigation into a complaint about possible non-compliance with planning control at the Amingford Mead development alongside Pokes Lane. Following a request to head office Strongvox had removed three pallets from Staplehay Weir, however, another three were still in the water upstream.

A third quote had been obtained for fencing at the top of the KGV field, and had been accepted in accordance with the resolution (minute 156/16).

In order to make an insurance claim for the broken springer unit in the play area the incident would need to be reported to the police and a crime number obtained within 30 days. This time period had already elapsed.

186/16 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman noted that item 13 on the agenda would be moved to follow the police report.

187/16 **Police Report**

Ten calls were received since 16<sup>th</sup> May: - road related incident – 3, concern for welfare – 1, burglary (non-dwelling) – 1, criminal damage – 1, suspicious activity – 1, alarms – 1, domestic – 1, anti-social behaviour – 1. Three crimes were recorded: - public order – 1, criminal damage – 1, assault -1. These were recorded on the same evening in relation to the same location.

A Beat Surgery would be held on 29<sup>th</sup> July, between 2.30 – 3.30 at the Trull Church Community Centre. The Community Speedwatch group had patrolled on 19<sup>th</sup> May

between 9-10am when 198 vehicles passed and four speeders were caught; and on 8<sup>th</sup> June between 8 - 9am when 672 vehicles passed with no speeders.

188/16 **Disturbance in Trull Memorial Hall**

Mrs Caroline Canning, the Chairman of the Memorial Hall Committee, gave a full account of events on 21<sup>st</sup> May when a party ended in a disturbance with people congregating in the car park and causing concern to nearby residents. The hall was damaged and there was violence during the incident which led to police involvement and crimes being recorded. Mrs Canning said it was a matter for the Memorial Hall, not the Parish Council. It was being fully investigated and any lessons to be learnt would be fully implemented as soon as possible. In the meantime the Committee would make sure that if the hall is hired to young people they must give the names of two responsible adults who would remain present. The Chairman thanked Mrs Canning and offered any help the Parish Council could give.

189/16 **Somerset County Councillor Report**

Cllr Wedderkopp was maintaining an interest in the two enforcement cases regarding possible breach of planning conditions at Amingford Mead. He was hoping to press TDBC's scrutiny committee to look at how planning enforcement is dealt with as they rarely progress to planning committee.

190/16 Mr Hughes left the room.

191/16 **42/16/0014 LB**

Internal and external alterations on barn to be used as a holiday let. Middle Sweethay Farm.

Mrs Hudson said the Parish Council had objected to a previous application for the barn to be converted to a workshop after nearby residents expressed concern over the access and parking arrangements. The change of use to a holiday let would probably generate even more traffic and exacerbate the problem.

**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 also has concerns over the volume of traffic emerging from the track at its junction with Sweethay Lane which has poor visibility.

192/16 Mr Hughes returned.

193/16 **Delegated Planning**

There were no delegated decisions to report.

194/16 **Decisions by TDBC**

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

42/16/0011

Application for Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for the erection of a detached dwelling with garage and associated landscaping in the garden to the south east of Cherry Orchard Lodge, Trull.  
Withdrawn by applicant.

38/16/0105

Erection of a single storey rear extension at 11 Killams Close, Taunton.  
Conditional approval.

195/16 **Response to the request for a call in**

A reply had been received from the department for Communities and Local Government in response to the Council's request for planning application 12/14/0069 to be called in for determination by the Secretary of State. The letter said the SOS does not interfere with the jurisdiction of the authorities on planning matters and is content for the application to be determined by TDBC.

196/16 **Response from the Somerset Rivers Authority**

Cllr John Osman, Chairman of the SRA, had responded to a request by The Council for a study into flooding problems in the parish. Cllr Osman said a study of the local catchment including the Galmington Stream would not provide value for money and it was unlikely that possible alleviation measures could be implemented because of the significant cost. He had asked the Local Lead Flood Authority to inspect ditches in the parish and contact responsible landowners if maintenance is required. The Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group SW had also been asked to assess whether land management could be improved and cost efficient measures implemented to reduce run-off from agricultural land.

Councillors noted that the recent SRA newsletter had reported on the progress of the Upper Tone Strategic Flood Management Scheme near Bradford-on-Tone which would allow planned new homes to be safely brought forward. They considered that it would provide the perfect opportunity for the Galmington Stream and Dipford Road to be studied in the context of the 2,000 house development at Comeytrowe/Trull, and for the Flood Risk Assessment to be updated.

**Resolved:** To write to the SRA asking for the Galmington Stream and associated flooding issues to form part of the consultations on the Upper Tone Strategic Flood Management Scheme, in conjunction with the Parish Council, TDBC and the Comeytrowe Consortium.

197/16 **Response to SADMP Modifications**

Carolyn Warburton presented suggested responses being considered by the Trull Neighbourhood Plan Group to proposed changes that would affect the Parish. Councillors considered the issues of most concern were in relation to conservation areas, the green wedge and ecological networks. They noted that land bordering Queens College and at Broadlands had not been included.

**Resolved:** To draft a response to TDBC welcoming the decision not to include land near Queens College and at Broadlands in the plan; and expressing concern over proposed modifications to policies on conservation areas, the green wedge and ecological networks.

198/16 **Request for Parish Defibrillator**

Plans to provide a defibrillator for use by the community were being explored in conjunction with the Trull Church Community Centre and Trull School. It was considered that the Parish Council would be the appropriate body to apply for funding for the equipment for the benefit of the community. As soon as funding is secured discussion could take place over the location and maintenance of the defibrillator.

**Resolved:** To write to the Trull Parish Lands Charity requesting a grant of up to £2,500 towards the cost of a defibrillator for community use.

199/16 **Gift of benches**

Mr Don Archer wished to donate a new bench to replace the aging one at Trull Green. He suggested a robust construction that would not need regular maintenance and could sit in the exact same location.

Mr and Mrs Grant wished to donate a bench for the King George V Playing Field and for a plaque to be mounted with the wording: "Given by Neil and Moira Grant – 2016".

**Resolved:**

- 1) To accept the gift of a bench from Mr Archer.
- 2) To accept the gift of a bench from Mr and Mrs Grant with the suggested inscription.

200/16 **To receive the Internal Audit report.**

The Internal audit had been carried out and signed by Mr Bryan Howe. As such the Accounting Statements for 2015/16 were presented for approval. The Auditors report

raised several points including the need for risk assessments where appropriate, updating of the Asset Register, a review of the Clerks pay scale, and a need to raise the precept in 2017/18.

**Resolved:** To approved the internal audit report and Accounting Statements for 2015/16.

201/16 **Clerks Salary review**

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services had reached agreement on the new pay scales for 2016/17 to be implemented immediately and backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. The recommendations included new pay scales for clerks under the terms of the model contract agreed by the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks. As a result it had been noticed by the Clerk and the Internal Auditor that the Clerk was on the wrong pay scale in relation to Trull Parish Council, its budget, the number of meetings held and the duties performed.

Mr Hancock reported that the Clerks holiday pay entitlement for 2015/16 had been calculated and should be awarded subject to confirmation.

**Resolved:**

1) To put the Clerk on the correct pay scale, backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 subject to ratification.

2) To approve the holiday pay entitlement subject to confirmation.

202/16 **Subscription to SPFA**

The subscription for membership of the Somerset Playing Fields Association for 2016/17 was due for renewal at a cost of £15

**Resolved:** To approve subscription to the SPFA for 2016/17.

203/16 **Arrangements for Sports Day**

Trull School had requested use of the King George V Playing Field for Sports Day on 28<sup>th</sup> June with some car parking in the bottom corner subject to weather conditions.

**Resolved:** To approve the request subject to the necessary public liability insurance and on condition that parking is controlled by stewards.

204/16 **Report from the PFMC**

The working group had met with TDBC officer Mrs Debbie Arscott to discuss possible choices and location of new play equipment to be provided under S106 conditions relating to the provision of a Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play from the Amingford Mead development. Mr Pretty had completed a training course in routine inspection and maintenance of play equipment.

205/16 **Neighbourhood Plan**

TDBC ward Councillor Mark Edwards had agreed to a meeting with the NP Group to discuss S106 issues regarding the urban extension at Comeytrowe/ Trull.

206/16 **Footpaths**

There was nothing to report on this item.

207/16 **Highways**

There was still no replacement for the cast-iron signpost, and the water-main notice pillar damaged in an accident at the crossroads of Sweethay Lane, Amberd Lane and Honiton Road last April. Somerset Highways Authority would be asked for an update. The salt bin would be replaced by The Council as soon as further details of the incident and a claim through the drivers' insurance could be arranged. The Clerk would liaise with PCSO Parry.

208/16 **Allotments**

A large rabbit and a lot of pigeons were decimating crops. The Clerk was asked to seek advice on pest control. Attempts to clear plot 16 had proved ineffective. Mr Pretty would now resort to weed killer and burning.

- 209/16 **Open Spaces**  
The Open Spaces Working Group continues to meet regularly on the first Sunday and third Wednesday of the month. So far 90 bags of debris had been cleared from Dipford Road, work had started on Carters Way, and the footpath adjacent to Trull Tennis Club had been tackled.
- 210/16 **Staplehay Weir**  
Three pallets had been removed from Staplehay Weir after a request to the head office of Strongvox. Unfortunately three more remained downstream.
- 211/16 **Website Working Group**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 212/16 **Book Exchange**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 213/16 **Party in the Park**  
The Programme would be available to buy shortly. Help was needed to set up and pack away. Entrants were still needed for the crowns and tiaras parade.
- 214/16 **Trull Connect**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 215/16 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 216/16 **Trull School**  
The white lines for Sports Day races would be positioned in a suitable location so they could be used again for the Party in the Park. Some tickets were still available for the forthcoming production of Joseph.
- 217/16 **Alms-houses**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 218/16 **SALC**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 219/16 **Correspondence**  
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-  
Somerset Waste Partnership - June 2016 briefing.  
Somerset Towns Forum - Summer conference in Bridgwater on Tuesday 28th June.  
Bridging the Gaps - the impact of service cuts and devolution  
Somerset Rivers Authority – Spring newsletter.  
Somerset County Council – ‘Listening, Learning, Changing’ survey.
- 220/16 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**  
The following payments were approved:-
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| Trull Village Memorial Hall<br>(PC 16/5/16).....         | £18    |
| All Saints Church Trull –<br>Printing of newsletter..... | £20    |
| Mrs R Howat<br>Newsletter delivery, stamps, ink.....     | £75.83 |

Parsons Landscapes Ltd  
KGV Grass Mayl.....£393.36

Brian Pretty  
Lawnmower service and petrol.....£81.30

Tessa Dean  
Trees and bulbs.....£92.97

SPFA  
Affiliation Fees .....£15

SPFA  
Annual safety inspection .....£75

Brian Pretty  
Mileage allowance.....£15.30

Mark Hughes  
Dog  
signs.....£64

Ron Vining  
Pavilion cleaning 15/5/16 – 18/6/16.....£42

Tessa Dean  
Pavilion  
bins/mirrors/glasses.....£30.98

**Salary**

Mrs R Howat  
1/6/16.....£620.82

**Receipts:**

HMRC  
VAT refund.....£2,198.75

EDF Energy  
FIT payment.....£578.05

**Paid from Pavilion Account**

EDF Energy  
Pavilion electricity (8/3-6/6 2016).....£317.36

The payment of £444.59 to Proludic for repairs to the Twinfly equipment would not be paid until the cost of postage had been questioned and altered if necessary.

221/16 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**  
None.

222/16 **Date of Next Meeting**  
The next meeting will be on Monday 18th July 2016, at 7.15pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.56 pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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