

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull,
on Monday 18th July, 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 Martin-Scott together with 4 members of the public.

In attendance: Mrs B Howat - Clerk
Mr A Wedderkopp (SCC)
Mrs Jennie Rusinek

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.

223/16 **Apologies for Absence**

Mrs J Wooldridge, Mr A Kent.

224/16 **Declarations of Interest**

Mrs Martin-Scott– item 7a (42/16/0019).

225/16 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th June 2016**

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th June 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman subject to the following changes:

185/16 – upstream should read downstream.

197/16 – polices should read policies.

226/16 **Matters Arising**

None.

227/16 **Chairman's Report**

The Party in the Park had been a huge success. Trull School sports day had taken place on the KGV field with good weather. The fencing was now going up.

228/16 **Police Report**

PCSO Parry gave his apologies. The Clerk read his report.

Since 20th June there had been 10 calls received: – concern for welfare – 2, anti-social behaviour – 1, suspicious activity – 1, theft -1, traffic related – 3, burglary non dwelling – 1 (farm outbuilding), criminal damage – 1. Three crimes were recorded: – theft – 1, burglary non dwelling – (farm outbuilding) – 1, criminal damage – 1.

Beat Surgeries would be held on 29th July and 19th August between 2.30 and 3.30pm at Trull Church Community Centre.

Speed Watch report: On 6th July between 10 and 11am at Trull Green – 449 vehicles passed with no speeders. On 5th July between 8.30 and 9.30am at Wild Oak Lane - 40 cars passed with the average speed recorded between 22 and 29mph – this patrol was in response to the school reporting that a drink bottle had been knocked out of a child's hand whilst walking to school. On 1st July between 9 and 10am at Southwell, Honiton Road - 445 vehicles passed and two speeders were caught. On 24th June between 9 and 10am at Bradbeers - 351 vehicles passed and nine speeders were caught.

229/16 **Somerset County Councillor Report**

Somerset County Council was meeting to discuss devolution with a recommendation to agree in principal. Taunton Deane Borough Council and West Somerset Council were discussing proposals for a merger.

230/16 **42/16/0019**

Variation of condition of permission 42/15/0020 for alterations to the approved design and provision of an integral garage at The Old Rectory, Wild Oak Lane.

Mrs Martin-Scott was invited to explain the alterations before leaving the room. The garage had been integrated into the property to minimise any risk to the tree and improve appearances, the roof design had been simplified and more land had been left to the garden of the Old Rectory.

Mrs Martin-Scott left the room.

Resolved: Support.

231/16 Mrs Martin-Scott returned.

232/16 **Delegated Planning**

There were no delegated decisions to report.

233/16 **Decisions by TDBC**

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

42/16/0016

Erection of a single storey extension to the front porch at Fairmas, Mill Lane, Trull.
Conditional approval.

42/16/0012

Erection of a two storey extension to the side and replacement of outbuilding with detached garage at Woodpecker Cottage, Chilliswood Farm Lane, Trull.
Conditional approval.

42/16/0013

Erection of a two storey extension to the side of 2 Sweethay Close, Trull.
Conditional approval.

234/16 **Update on Amingford Mead**

The Clerk reported that no further correspondence regarding the two planning enforcement cases had been received. It was apparent that the developers were preparing to vacate the field which is due to be transferred to the Parish Council.

Resolved: The Clerk would write to TDBC, copied to Strongvox, asking for a full explanation of the progress of the planning enforcement case regarding the attenuation pond, with reference to the need for compliance before any land is transferred.

235/16 **Report from a meeting with The Castle School head teacher.**

The Chairman had attended a meeting with the head teacher of The Castle School, Mrs Sarah Watson, along with the Rev. Adrian Youings and the Chairman of Comeytrove Parish Council Brian Larcombe. Mrs Watson had called the meeting to explain that the Comeytrove Consortium had asked The Castle School to sponsor the new primary school planned for the 2,000 home development. Mrs Watson indicated that she was keen on the proposal because it would mean greater control over the building and the finances, but she did not want this to be interpreted as giving support to the developers and the planning application. The Chairman said there would be further meetings and he would feedback any comments.

236/16 **Decisions on the Parish Defibrillator**

The Trull Parish Lands Charity had awarded the Parish Council a grant of £2,500 towards the cost of a defibrillator for community use. A fund-raising event had also raised £300 towards the equipment and ongoing costs.

Mrs Jennie Rusinek, the Trull Church Community Centre Manager, gave a presentation on the benefits of a defibrillator to the community and how it is used. Mrs Rusinek had researched several options for different defibrillator providers and the packages available with full specifications and costings, including ongoing maintenance and installation costs. The Trull Church Community Centre had kindly offered to have the equipment mounted in a prominent position on the wall of the Community Centre facing the patio, and to meet the minimal electricity costs.

Resolved:

1. To approve option one from the presentation for a Heartsine defibrillator from AED Locator at a total cost of £2511.60, including beacon light and awareness evening.
2. To locate the defibrillator on the wall of the Community Centre as offered.
3. To take responsibility for ongoing maintenance costs.
4. To pay for the installation from the donated defibrillator funds.

237/16 **The Electoral Review of Taunton Deane**

The Clerk had circulated a document explaining the procedure for an Electoral Review of Taunton Deane Borough Council being carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. The review aims to correct imbalances in the borough where at present, some councillors represent many more, or many fewer, electors than others elsewhere in the borough. The Parish Council had been asked for its views on the review which will propose changes including the total number of councillors elected to the council in the future, the number of wards, the number of councillors representing each ward, ward boundaries and names of wards.

Resolved: To make no comments at this stage.

238/16 **To consider nominations for the Somerset County Council Chairman's Award.**

Nominations had been invited for the SCC Chairman's Award presented annually to individuals who make a remarkable contribution to their communities. Mrs Johnson suggested Steve Walker for his many years as Leader of Trull Scout Group and the associated contributions he has made to parish events and enterprises over the years

Resolved: To nominate Steve Walker for the 2016 Chairman's Award.

239/16 **To Consider Party in the Park contributions.**

The Chairman gave a report on the initial feedback form this year's Party in the Park and proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee Chairman Dave Davenport and the accountant Peter Vanstone for their continued hard work.

Resolved:

- 1) To write with a vote of thanks to Dave Davenport and Peter Vanstone.

240/16 **The creation of a responsibility for flooding.**

Mr Kent had proposed that he would be willing to take on a new responsibility for flood reporting and resolution work in the parish. He had asked for the principle to be discussed and supported at this meeting despite his absence.

Resolved: To create a new responsibility for flooding which would be given to Mr Kent.

241/16 **The annual play equipment safety inspection**

The annual inspection report for play equipment on the King George V Playing Field had been received and circulated to members. A number of risks had been identified with maintenance advised on several items although the majority of the equipment would not be re-used once it was removed from its location behind the new pavilion. Of the equipment that is planned for re-siting under the proposed changes the toddler swings were in need of new rubber on the seats and replacement chains. The gate at

the corner of the play area with Pokes Lane was in need of buffers to prevent the possibility of fingers being crushed. Immediate action had been deemed necessary on the Proludic twinfly "carousel rocker" where the chain had become notched. The equipment was taken out of action for a short time while the parts were ordered and repairs carried out.

Resolved:

- 1 To obtain costs for new chains and rubber for the seats of the toddler swings.
- 2 To approve the fitting of rubber bungs on the Pokes Lane gate.

242/16 **Report from the PFMC**

The working group was in the process of getting several quotes for play equipment for older children and the cost of installation. It was also looking into the possibility of grant funding for the project.

Progress was being made on the transfer of the lease of land behind the Pavilion to Trull Primary School. The documents were expected to be signed in the next few weeks.

243/16 **Neighbourhood Plan**

TDBC ward Councillor Mark Edwards and TDBC Assistant Director of Planning Tim Burton had met with the NP Group to discuss S106 issues regarding the urban extension at Comeytrowe/ Trull. They have requested a list of items to be considered before the 106 is signed off.

Barton Willmore had provided the only response so far on the SEA consultation. The plan and any comments received would go back to the appointed examiner for his report.

244/16 **Footpaths**

Mr Hancock reported overgrown footpaths T29/12 and T29/14 from Dipford Road and Comeytrowe Road towards the old abattoir site.

The Clerk reported on a temporary closure of the footway between Killams Avenue & Mountfields Avenue to enable Summerfield Developments (SW) Ltd to carry out construction of an access and bridge to serve the new housing development. The order became effective on 25 January 2016 and will remain in force for six months. The works are expected to commence on 25 July 2016 and are expected to last for 6 months.

245/16 **Highways**

Mr Hancock reported that Somerset Highways Authority had ordered a new finger post to replace the cast-iron signpost damaged in an accident at the crossroads of Sweethay Lane, Amberd Lane and Honiton Road last April. They also had a spare salt bin which they would put in. SHA are trying to pursue the driver for costs.

246/16 **Allotments**

There was nothing to report on this item.

247/16 **Open Spaces**

The Open Spaces Working Group continues to meet regularly on the first Sunday and third Wednesday of the month. More work had been done at Dipford Road. Plants from a stall at the Party in the Park had been used in Carters Way.

248/16 **Staplehay Weir**

Water had stopped running over the top of the weir but was coming through a hole in the centre of the weir structure instead. Mr Pretty would take a photograph. It was noted that the Parish Council had taken on certain obligations regarding the weir but its ownership was still unknown.

- 249/16 **Website Working Group**
Mrs Martin-Scott would liaise with the Clerk over requirements for the website and report back with design and development proposals at the next meeting.
- 250/16 **Book Exchange**
Mrs Luke had reported that the exchange was doing very well and more books were needed.
- 251/16 **Party in the Park**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 252/16 **Trull Connect**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 253/16 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 254/16 **Trull School**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 255/16 **Alms-houses**
An inspection would take place this month. The Charity was still looking to appoint a new treasurer and secretary.
- 256/16 **SALC**
Advice had been sought following recognition in the recent internal audit report that the Clerk was on the wrong salary scale. The County Executive Officer of SALC and the Chairman of the Society of Local Council Clerks (Somerset branch) had considered the level of work and the responsibilities undertaken by the Clerk and had agreed SCP28 as being a fair reflection of the duties of the post and the Clerk's experience. The Clerk's pay would be amended and backdated as agreed in minute 201/16.
- 257/16 **Correspondence**
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-

Somerset County Council – publication of 'Somerset: Our County' – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2016, focussing on vulnerable children and young people.

A Concerned Resident had written about litter in front of Trull Stores due to the lack of a bin.
- 258/16 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**
The following payments were approved:-
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| Trull Village Memorial Hall
(PC 16/5/16)..... | £18 |
| All Saints Church Trull –
Printing of newsletter..... | £20 |
| Mrs R Howat
Newsletter delivery, stamps, stationery..... | £20.46 |
| Parsons Landscapes Ltd
KGV Grass Mayl..... | £393.36 |

Brian Pretty
Lawnmower petrol.....£6

SALC
Affiliation Fees£488.28

Bryan Howe
Annual internal audit£275

Ron Vining
Maintenance Jan/June.....£150

Salary

Mrs R Howat
1/7/16.....£620.82

Receipts:

Trull Parish Lands Charity
Funds for defibrillator.....£2,500

Paid from Pavilion Account

Ron Vining
Pavilion cleaning 20/6/16 – 15/7/16.....£59.50

Mrs R Howat
Door keys.....£5

Brian Pretty
Concrete/screws.....£32.40

259/16 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**
None.

260/16 **Date of Next Meeting**
A provisional date of Monday 15th August had been scheduled for urgent planning applications only. The next meeting will be on Monday 19th September 2016, at 7.15pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.36 pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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