

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull,
on Monday 21st November, 2016.

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

In attendance: Mrs B Howat - Clerk

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.

341/16 **Apologies for Absence**

Mr B Pretty, Mrs J Martin-Scott.

342/16 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

343/16 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th October 2016**

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

344/16 **Matters Arising**

Mountstephens Electrical had installed the defibrillator at the Trull Church Community Centre for a special discounted price of £100 plus VAT.

345/16 **Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 3rd November 2016**

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

346/16 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman thanked Andrew Mountstephens from Mountstephens Electrical for his generosity.

347/16 **Police Report**

The Clerk read a report from PCSO Parry.

Between 16th October and 17th November there were 14 calls received:- road related – 1, missing person – 1, theft – 3, burglary – 1 (linked of one of the thefts and offender arrested near scene), attempted burglary – 1, found property – 1, harassment/threats -1, domestic – 2, concern for welfare – 1, suspicious incidents – 2. Seven crimes were recorded: - theft – 3 (1 x items from a barn, 1 x theft of mobile phone, 1 x theft of bicycle), burglary – 1 (linked to theft of bicycle and offender arrested near to scene), attempted burglary – 1 (no entry gained and nothing stolen), criminal Damage – 1 (domestic related), domestic incident – 1.

The Community Speedwatch Group patrolled on 2nd November at Trull Green between 9 and 10am, when 271 cars passed with no speeders; and on 8th November at Trull Green between 9 and 10am, when 410 cars passed with three speeders caught.

Beat Surgeries will be held in the Trull Church Community Centre between 2.30 and 3.30pm on 25th November and 16th December.

348/16 **Somerset County Councillor Report**

Clr Wedderkopp was not in attendance.

349/16 **Trull Memorial Hall Access Update**

The Memorial Hall Trustees had met to discuss a proposal made by the executive to lock the gates to the KGV Field beside the hall at weekends until further notice. The suggestion had been put to the October meeting of the Parish Council as a way of combatting damage and anti-social behaviour being experienced at the Memorial Hall during parties.

The Trustees decided instead that if and when any large gatherings are taken the gates will be locked between 6pm that night and 9am the following morning. The PC will be informed of these dates with as much notice as possible, and access will still be available to Pavilion users with keys.

The Trustees also agreed that no 18th or 21st parties will be taken unless they are "family" parties. Hirers will be encouraged to appoint somebody to man the doors and a deposit of £250 will be taken in advance.

350/16 **Trull Neighbourhood Plan progress.**

The Chairman, Mr Hughes, and Neighbourhood Plan group member Stephen Martin-Scott had attended a meeting at Taunton Deane Borough Council with Trull ward councillor Mark Edwards, executive member for planning Cllr Roger Habgood and policy officer Ann Rhodes. The meeting was arranged to discuss possible options following the agreement between TPC and TDBC to disregard the 56-day period by which the referendum must have been held under The Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) (Amendment) Regulations 2016.

The Chairman said there appeared to be a disconnect about how to move forward co-operatively. He would be reporting to the Neighbourhood Plan Group who would discuss the options at its next meeting.

351/16 **42/16/0036/T**

Application to fell one Poplar, three Maple and three Scots Pine trees at Canonsgrove Halls of Residence.

Resolved: Object on the grounds of justification. The application form does not specify what is wrong with the trees to be felled or which TPOs they are subject to and there is no mention of trees that will be planted to replace them.

352/16 **42/16/0037**

Conversion of loft at Burr House, 3 New Road, Trull.

Resolved: Support.

353/16 **Delegated Planning**

42/16/0024

Great Herswell, West Buckland.

Change of use of land and building from agricultural to mixed agricultural/equestrian use, formation of hard standing, erection of a 2-stable block and tack room, temporary storage shipping container, installation of canopy and roller shutter to agricultural/equestrian building and construction of a manege (retention of part works already undertaken).

Support as long as the use is strictly as specified and that two apples trees are planted to replace those being felled.

42/16/0034

Cutsey Longhouse, Cutsey House Lane, Trull.

Erection of ground floor extension to the south and west elevations.

Support.

42/16/0033

Stoneleigh, Honiton Road, Trull.

Erection of a first floor extension over garage on the east elevation.

Support.

354/16 **Decisions by TDBC**

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

42/16/0030/T

Application to fell one Elm tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Trull No.1) Tree Preservation Order 1983 at Blackberry House, Trull (TD463).
Conditional approval.

42/16/0026

Change of use of barn to form holiday accommodation at Middle Sweethay Farm Barn, Sweethay, Trull.
Conditional approval.

42/16/0031

Erection of first floor extension over garage and 2 No. single storey extensions to the east and west elevations at 1 The Paddock, Honiton Road, Trull.
Conditional approval.

42/16/0032

Erection of a single storey extension to the south elevation at 10 Southwell Close, Trull.
Conditional approval.

42/16/0028

Erection of a steel framed building over an existing dungstead at Lower Kibbear Farm, Kibbear, Trull.
Conditional approval.

355/16 **Tree Preservation Order request**

The Parish Council had been made aware that several trees including an Oak had recently been felled in a field on the right hand side of the Pitminster Road, heading out of Trull.

The TDBC Tree Officer had visited the site and was satisfied that the trees were suffering from extensive rot.

Councillors were keen to have the remaining Oak covered by a Tree Preservation Order to ensure that a replacement is planted should it ever become necessary to remove it due to damage or decay.

Resolved: To request that TDBC place a TPO on the Oak tree.

356/16 **Donation of Horse Chestnut Tree**

Former Parish councillor Don Archer had offered the PC a Horse Chestnut sapling grown from a conker he picked up four years ago in the Great Coronation Avenue of horse chestnuts in Anglesey Abbey Gardens near Cambridge. The original trees were planted in 1937 to mark the coronation of George VI.

Mr Archer had potted the sapling on. It is now 70cm high and in need of being planted in a larger environment. The Chairman said the plan for the village field included planting a number of trees. He was sure Mr Andy Lehner would be happy to include the Horse Chestnut in the scheme.

Resolved: To plant the Horse Chestnut in the village field in Amberd Lane.

357/16 **Update on S106 progress**

The request for a meeting with TDBC and Strongvox Homes to discuss contributions expected from the S106 agreement for Amingford Mead has not been formally acknowledged. TDBC planning officer Bryn Kitching said that a letter was sent from TDBC's legal department to the developer setting out their expectations. However, the PC has not seen the letter and is not aware of any response. Among the issues the PC would like clarified are the contributions for a NEAP and allotments, and landscaping of the village field.

358/16 **Update on Amingford Mead planning enforcement**

Following confirmation earlier this year that there had been a breach of planning conditions in relation to the attenuation pond, TDBC has said it will now be considering a non-material minor amendments application to approve the attenuation pond as it is, subject to evaluation by Somerset County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority. There would be no consultation with the Parish Council and the new documents are not available for inspection on the TDBC website.

On the weekend of 19th and 20th November after very heavy rainfall, the attenuation pond exceeded its capacity again, the outflow pipe was submerged in the Sherford Stream, there was standing water in Amingford Mead and drains were compromised. There is concern that the attenuation pond as currently installed, or even as originally approved, is not fit for purpose and poses a recurring threat of flooding.

Resolved: To write to TDBC, SCC, the Environment Agency and the Somerset Rivers Authority, asking for a full review of the SUDS design and installation on the Amingford Mead site, and for a wider solution to the problem to be considered including the possibility of redesigning the attenuation pond.

359/16 **Approval of a plaque on the Trull Green bench.**

Don Archer had donated a new bench for Trull Green which had been installed at no cost by Jonathan White of Town and Country Landscaping. Mr Archer had requested a plaque commemorating former Trull Parish Council chairman Geoff Hewett and his wife May as they lived and worked beside the Green for many years and played a prominent part in Trull life. The family had given their approval.

Resolved:

1) The wording *In loving memory of Geoff & May Hewett of Trull Green Farm* was agreed.

2) A letter of thanks is sent to Jonathan White.

360/16 **Action on overgrown pavements**

A complaint had been received about the pavement on the main road from Staplehay to Trull, on the right hand side going towards Trull, where some house front verges are so overgrown that it is difficult to walk by.

Resolved: The Parish Council would produce a standard letter that can be delivered to households and landowners reminding them of their responsibility to keep hedges and vegetation trimmed.

361/16 **Commemorations to mark centenary of the end of WWI**

A chain of beacons will be lit across the country at 7pm on the 11th November 2018 in commemoration and remembrance of 100 years since the end of WWI. The PC had been invited to take part in the national tribute called Beacons of Light. Further details will be released.

Resolved: To register Trull's involvement with the event organiser, and to inform local groups of the proposals.

362/16 **Report from the Playing Field Management Committee**

Anthony Kent had been co-opted as the seventh member of the committee at its meeting on 14th November.

The Committee approved the purchase of curtains for the Pavilion to act as sound proofing.

Swan Paul had been engaged to draw up plans for the playing field.

The Jubilee Gate will have a new lock fitted.

363/16 **Neighbourhood Plan**

There was nothing to report on this item.

364/16 **Footpaths**

There was nothing to report on this item.

- 365/16 **Highways**
Mr Hancock and Kali Martin from Somerset Highways Authority would be having their regular tour of the parish. Councillors were asked to contact Mr Hancock with areas of concern. SHA would be dealing with Amingford Mead issues separately. Church Road experienced flooding during the heavy rain on 19th/20th November. SHA carried out an inspection on Monday 21st but everything was in order. Mr Kent reported that residents near the Millstream had attempted to shut the Staplehay Weir sluice gate to control the flow of water but it was stuck. The former Millstream Group had sourced a quote for the work and thought the PC still held some funds. According to the PC accounts the balance had been paid back in July 2012 to Mr S Pope. Mr Kent would find out who is responsible for maintenance of the sluice gate.
- 366/16 **Allotments**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 367/16 **Open Spaces**
The Open Spaces Working Group will meet on the 1st Sunday in November.
- 368/16 **Staplehay Weir**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 369/16 **Website Working Group**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 370/16 **Book Exchange**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 371/16 **Party in the Park**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 372/16 **Trull Connect**
There are no plans for any further meetings. This item will be removed from the monthly reports.
- 373/16 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**
The Committee is still in need of a Secretary.
- 374/16 **Trull School**
Funding from the Diocese of Bath and Wells had been approved for new fencing around the outdoor education area at the top of the playing field.
- 375/16 **Alms-houses**
The refurbishment of one house had been completed. The next would take place in the spring.
- 376/16 **SALC**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 377/16 **Correspondence**
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-
- Somerset Waste Partnership – Monthly briefing.
- In The Mix Youth Project – update and questionnaire.
- Connecting Devon and Somerset – Voucher scheme deadline details.
- Somerset Rivers Authority – Newsletter.

Somerset County Council - Somerset Sustainability Transformation Plan details.

Somerset County Council - poster encouraging people to stand in the forthcoming county council elections.

Highways England (Major Projects South West Team) – Newsletter.

Local Government Boundary Commission – Notice of suspension of electoral review of TDBC.

378/16 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

The following payments were approved:-

Payments:

Trull Village Memorial Hall (PC 17/10/16).....	£24
All Saints Church Trull – Printing of newsletter.....	£20
Mrs R Howat Newsletter delivery.....	£12
Parsons Landscapes Ltd KGV Grass October.....	£160.68
Royal British Legion Poppy Wreath and Donation 2016).....	£30
Grant Thornton Annual Return (audit) 2016.....	£240
AED Locator Defibrillator delivery.....	£36
Mrs R Howat Overtime (6 hours).....	£77.10

Salary

Mrs R Howat 1/11/16.....	£620.82
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Receipts:

TDBC CIL Payment.....	£9,384.45
Allotment rents.....	£696
Trull PIP Funds for bulbs.....	£104

Paid from Pavilion Account

Xtreme Clean
Cleaning£92.29

Mrs R Howat
Keys£15

Coomber Security Services Ltd
Alarm Maintenance£62.42

Paid into Pavilion Account

Rent.....£604.87

379/16 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**
None

380/16 **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting will be on Monday 12th December 2016, at 7.15pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.09pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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