

# **Trull Parish Council**

Minutes of a Meeting held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull,  
on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

Present: Mr M Hughes, Mrs A Hudson, Ms T Dean, Mrs D Johnson, Mr N Hancock, Mrs J Wooldridge, Mr A Kent together with 5 members of the public.

In attendance: Mrs B Howat - Clerk  
Mrs 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.

381/16 **Apologies for Absence**

Mr B Pretty, Mrs J Martin-Scott, Mrs L Brierley.

382/16 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

383/16 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016**

Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

384/16 **Matters Arising**

A letter asking for discussions over the attenuation pond and flooding in Amberd Lane had been sent to Taunton Deane Borough Council, Somerset County Council, the Somerset Rivers Authority and the Environment Agency. The only response so far had been an acknowledgement from the EA.

385/16 **Chairman's Report**

The new Parish Council website is now live and the parish defibrillator is up and working. The Chairman thanked those involved in both projects. The pantomime was a success and the Christmas meal had been enjoyed by all.

386/16 **Police Report**

The Clerk read a report from PCSO Parry.  
Between 21<sup>st</sup> November and 12<sup>th</sup> December eight calls were received -concern for welfare – 2, domestic – 2, deceased person – 2, suspicious incident – 1, criminal damage – 1. No crimes were recorded.  
Beat Surgeries would be held between 2.30 and 3.30pm on 27 January & 24 February 2017 in the Trull Church Community Centre.  
There had been no Speedwatch patrols since the last meeting.

387/16 **Somerset County Councillor Report**

The burst water pipe in the village field at Amberd Lane had been repaired by Wessex Water. It was set on timbers which had rotted and collapsed.

388/16 **42/16/0035**

Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof, enclosure of garden porch, installation of roof light in front porch and relocation of front door at Fairmas, Mill Lane, Trull.  
**Resolved:** No comment.

- 389/16 **42/16/0038**  
Erection of two storey extension to the side and replacement of outbuilding with detached garage (amended) at Woodpecker Cottage, Chilliswood Farm Lane.  
**Resolved:** Support.
- 390/16 **42/16/0039**  
Erection of conservatory to rear elevation (retention of works already undertaken) at 27 Killams Green.  
**Resolved:** No comment.
- 391/16 **Delegated Planning**  
None.
- 392/16 **Decisions by TDBC**  
The Clerk reported on the following decisions made by TDBC:-
- 42/16/0033  
Erection of a first floor extension over garage on the east elevation of Stoneleigh, Honiton Road, Trull.  
Conditional approval.
- 42/16/0034  
Erection of ground floor extension to the south and west elevations at Cutsey Longhouse, Cutsey House Lane, Trull.  
Conditional approval.
- 42/16/0036T  
The tree officer at TDBC had written to say that objections raised by the PC over a proposal to fell several trees at Canonsgrove Hall of Residence had been noted. In response to the observation that no reasons had been given for the felling the agent had submitted an explanation: - The reasons for felling of the 3 maples is that two of the group are heavily infested with mistletoe and have extensive crown dieback. Removal of the group was advised as the crowns have coalesced. The three pines have basal decay, woodpecker holes and stem decay, low vigour and there is historic failure of pines within the larger group. The poplar is crown biased towards the carpark and accommodation building with recent loss of an adjacent poplar due to root plate failure. All of the trees are within falling distance of buildings and pedestrian areas and failure would be a high hazard.
- 393/16 **Honiton Road Small Improvement Scheme options.**  
The Parish Council had been asked to consider three options for the Small Improvement Scheme secured by Cllr Wedderkopp to help reduce traffic speeds on Honiton Road at Staplehay. A feasibility study identifying the possible solutions had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. The options varied in cost and the impact they would have on the surrounding area. When an option was chosen the Somerset Highways Authority would commission the design and produce a programme for delivery with a timescale for design and consultation.  
**Resolved:** To request that Option 1 is commissioned - "to enhance the existing 30mph speed limit gateway through improved surfacing and lining, with larger gateway signs encompassing village name plates and yellow backing boards, central hatching through the gateway until the junction with Amberd Lane to provide visual narrowing of the carriageway and the existing hazard warning signage prior to the bend at Staplehay Cross improved to highlight the approaching bend to drivers for a cost of approximately £10,600". Also to request that an additional measure described in Option 3 is incorporated into the scheme - "to visually narrow the existing speed limit gateway using near side and offside hatching to encourage drivers to slow on approach to the gateway.

- 394/16 **Grant to Citizens Advice Taunton**  
 Citizens Advice Taunton requests funding from all local parish councils on an annual basis to help make a difference to the lives of local residents. It supported 6,070 clients in the last financial year and secured benefits to individual clients of £8.9 million.  
 The Parish Council made a donation of £100 last year.  
**Resolved:** To make a grant of £100 to the Citizens Advice Taunton.
- 395/16 **Budget setting 2017/18**  
 The budget for 2017/18 had been set taking into account a spend of £15,000 on play equipment and £15,000 in Community Infrastructure Levy payments that can only be spent on specified projects. Members agreed to continue the £100 grant funding toward the Trull Parish Archives, and to provisionally allocate more funding for repairs to the Weir if necessary.  
**Resolved:** To approve the budget for 2017/18 with an additional £2,000 towards the Weir bringing the precept request up to £29,000.
- 396/16 **Schedule of meeting 2017**  
 The annual schedule of meetings had been circulated for consideration.  
**Resolved:** To approve the schedule of meetings for 2017.
- 397/16 **SID installations 2017**  
 The proposed dates for Speed Indicator Devices at Bradbeers and Gatchells on the Honiton Road had been received.  
**Resolved:** To approve the dates as proposed.
- 398/16 **Mill Stream and Sluice gate update**  
 Following concerns over the condition of the sluice gate at Staplehay Weir and the possibility of costly repairs Mr Kent had made some initial investigations. It was apparent that responsibility for the sluice gate had rested with the owners of the Mill when it was in use, and that maintenance of the Mill Stream rests with the landowners who benefit from it. A 'Trull Weir and Mill Stream Restoration Group' had previously been formed by residents to oversee repairs and maintenance of the weir and stream with the support of the Parish Council but it was not known if the group still exists.  
**Resolved:** The Parish Council would write to households and landowners with a vested interest in the Mill Stream and sluice gate asking for their input in future discussion over maintenance and repairs.
- 399/16 **Neighbourhood Plan**  
 The Group had written to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government asking for him to intervene in the Draft Trull and Staplehay Neighbourhood Development Plan procedure. It hopes he will clarify the role of TDBC and the independent Examiner who they believe has exceeded his brief in the process.  
 TDBC policy officer Ann Rhodes had also been asked to clarify why the policies were considered non-compliant and how they could be reworded or re-assessed.
- 400/16 **PFMC**  
 The Swan Paul Partnership Ltd had submitted three possible plans for consideration by the Playing Field Management Committee. The schemes provided by the landscaping consultancy would be discussed by the working group and put out to public consultation for consideration along with those already proposed.
- 401/16 **Footpaths**  
 There was nothing to report on this item.
- 402/16 **Highways**  
 Mr Hancock and Kali Martin from Somerset Highways Authority had their regular tour of the parish. Among the issues raised were:

- the potential for yellow lines at Staplehay Cross;
- the bulging wall in Amberd Lane;
- the provision of road closure signs and an authority to close a flooded road particularly for use in the Dipford Road.
- possible solutions to the flooding at Comeytrove Road (near the junction with New Road);
- a replacement 'finger post' at Staplehay Cross;
- a request to be kept informed of progress on the highways issues arising from the new development off Amberd Lane which are due to be signed off soon;
- a sewer cover in Amberd Lane which is sitting 'proud' of the highway and needs dropping down;
- blocked gullies at Staplehay on Honiton Road, from Spearcey Lane back towards Staplehay Cross, in particular one very blocked-up gulley in the pavement which needs urgent attention.
- recent flooding problems associated with the Mill Stream and sluice gate.

The Clerk would need to follow up a request for double yellow lines at the junction of Orchard Close and Church Road with the SHA traffic engineer; to contact building control at TDBC regarding the bulging wall in Amberd Lane, and to request the flood warning signs for Dipford Road through a police contact to be provided.

403/16 **Allotments**

There was nothing to report on this item.

404/16 **Open Spaces**

Eight people met at Dipford Road on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in December and collected 40 bags of debris and rubbish.

405/16 **Staplehay Weir**

There was nothing to report on this item.

406/16 **Book Exchange**

There was nothing to report on this item.

407/16 **Website Working Group**

The new website is now live – [trullparishcouncil.org.uk](http://trullparishcouncil.org.uk).

408/16 **Party in the Park**

There was nothing to report on this item. This item will be removed from reports until planning begins for the 2018 event.

409/16 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**

There was nothing to report on this item.

410/16 **Trull School**

There was nothing to report on this item.

411/16 **Alms-houses**

The refurbished house has been occupied again.

412/16 **SALC**

There was nothing to report on this item.

413/16 **Correspondence**

The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-

Somerset Waste Partnership – Monthly briefing.

Rural Services Network – Opportunities bulletin.

Somerset County Council – Stay Well this Winter information.

414/16 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

The following payments were approved:-

**Payments:**

Trull Village Memorial Hall (PC 21/1/16).....	£18
Mrs R Howat Stamps, paper.....	£9.85
Mountstephens Electrical Installation of defibrillator.....	£120
Vision ICT Ltd Design and development of new website).....	£600
Vision ICT Ltd Website training.....	£90

**Salary**

Mrs R Howat 1/12/16.....	£620.82
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**Receipts:**

None

**Paid from Pavilion Account**

Xtreme Clean Cleaning November .....	£95.50
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**Paid into Pavilion Account**

None

415/16 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**

Mrs Wooldridge and Mr Hancock gave their apologies for the next meeting.

416/16 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Monday 16th January 2017, at 7.15pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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