

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull,
on Monday 18th April, 2016.

Present: Mr M Hughes, Mrs J Wooldridge, Mrs A Hudson, Mr N Hancock,
Mr B Pretty, Mrs L Brierley, Ms T Dean, Mrs J Martin-Scott, Mr A
Kent, Mrs D Johnson together with 15 members of the public.

In attendance: Mrs B Howat - Clerk
Mr A Wedderkopp (SCC)
PC Charles Gear

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.

103/16 **Apologies for Absence**
None

104/16 **Declarations of Interest**
Mrs Hudson – Agenda item 7 42/16/0009

105/16 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st March 2016**
Minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2016 were agreed and signed by the
Chairman.

106/16 **Matters Arising**
The beacon to celebrate HM The Queen's 90th birthday would be lit on the KGV Field
at 8.30pm on Thursday 21st April.

107/16 **Chairman's Report**
There was nothing to report.

108/16 **Police Report**
PC Gear reported that since 21st March there had been five calls received – fraud 1,
traffic related 1, firearms 1, suspicious incident 1, neighbour incident 1. No crimes had
been recorded.
PC Gear circulated a map of the beat area for the information of members. He stated
that there had been several incidences of vandalism at the old abattoir site off
Comeytrowe Lane. Advice had been given to the Trull Memorial Hall Committee to
help tackle problems with people playing ball games in the car park.
A new strategy for recording crime came into force on 1st April which could give the
appearance of an increase in crime.

109/16 **Somerset County Councillor Report**
The Secretary of State had turned down a request from Comeytrowe Parish Council
for application 42/14/0069 to be called in.

110/16 **42/16/0009**
Erection of an outbuilding in the garden of Amberd House West, Amberd Lane.
Members of the public were given the opportunity to speak before councillors
discussed the application.
It was noted that a previous application for an outbuilding on this site had been
approved following amendments that were made to the dimensions in response to

concerns raised by neighbours and the Parish Council. This latest application, although slightly less high and wide would use different materials including a metal corrugated roof that would have an impact on its appearance and neighbours.

Resolved: Object on the basis of overlooking and loss of privacy due to the windows at the rear of the building with only a hedge as the boundary. Also the design and appearance of the proposed outbuilding is out of keeping with the surrounding buildings and gardens.

Mrs Hudson did not take part in the discussion or vote having declared an interest.

111/16 **Delegated Planning**

There were no delegated decisions to report.

112/16 **Decisions by TDBC**

The Clerk reported on the following decisions made by TDBC:-
42/15/0056

Outline application with all matters reserved for residential development on land to the rear of Bell House, Honiton Road, Staplehay, Trull. Refusal.

42/16/0004

Erection of single storey garage to front at 15 Sweethay Close, Trull. Conditional approval.

113/16 The Chairman agreed to bring items 11a and 13 forward as they were being presented by Ms Dean who had sought permission to leave the meeting early.

114/16 **Request for funding from Open Spaces Working Group.**

The Open Spaces Working Group was hoping to improve the appearance of Trull Green with either a raised flower bed or some bulbs and trees. Members were not in favour of a formal raised bed but supported a natural look with native trees and bulbs.

Resolved: To approve spending to the sum of £100 for bulbs and trees on Trull Green.

115/16 **Report from the Playing Field Management Committee**

There would be a meeting of the Playing Field Management Committee at 8pm on Monday 25th April in the Geoff Hewett Pavilion. The Committee would be seeking approval of proposals for the intended layout of equipment and recreation facilities.

116/16 Ms Dean left the meeting at 9.03pm.

117/16 **Update on the Comeytrowe Consortium application and next steps.**

A draft of the letter requesting a call-in had been produced with the help of a knowledgeable parishioner and a member of the Neighbourhood Plan group. It would be circulated to members for their input and approval before being sent. Members asked if there was anything that could be learned following news that the Secretary of State had turned down a request for call in by Comeytrowe Parish Council. It was requested the Comeytrowe Consortium be asked when they would be likely to start discussion with the Parish Council.

118/16 **Dipford Road flooding and maintenance**

Somerset Highways Authority had agreed to a request for the provision of warning signs that could be put out by residents when the Dipford Road floods. It recommended them as the best solution although the cost would have to be met by the Parish Council.

Attempts to clear the ditches and make repairs to the path from Dipford Orchard to Honiton Road had been slow, although it was established that responsibility for issues caused by a boundary wall and associated growth or debris rests with the adjoining landowner.

Resolved:

1) To obtain the cost of two flood warning signs for consideration at the next meeting.

2) To establish who owns the land between Trull Cricket Club and Honiton Road in order to ask them to carry out essential maintenance.

119/16 **Update on issues at Amingford Mead.**

The planning enforcement officer at Taunton Deane Borough Council had been asked to add the issue of drainage from Patricks Way and Pokes Lane together with the location of the fencing to their investigation into compliance with planning conditions at Amingford Mead. No reply or acknowledgement had yet been received.

There had been no further response to the previously assigned case regarding the attenuation pond and whether it complied with planning conditions. It was suggested that photographs could be taken of the attenuation pond in its current form and the damage already suffered to the bank of Sherford Stream.

120/16 **Funding for a parish defibrillator**

Initial enquiries had revealed that a defibrillator would cost in the region of £800 although provision and installation must be approved by the local ambulance authority. Further advice and information would need to be obtained before the request could be given consideration.

121/16 **Update on meeting with the TDBC Environmental Health Officer**

A meeting with the Senior Environmental Health Officer from TDBC had taken place on the KGV playing field where several people were witnessed exercising their dogs off the lead. The SEHO had given advice on the by-laws which Trull Parish Council was able to act on in order to deal with dogs off the lead and dog fouling. There were no longer any dog wardens in place at TDBC although the Pest Control Officer would visit Trull in the next few weeks to speak to repeat offenders. Arrangements would be made to include Trull in dog awareness initiatives and material would be provided that could be displayed on noticeboards and at the Party in the park.

122/16 **Neighbourhood Plan**

The Group had a meeting with TDBC officer Ann Rhodes who said that changes to the draft plan as a result of the requirement for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) could be made by the end of the year although it would need to go out to consultation again. The timing meant that Section 106 agreements upon which planning consent for the development at Trull/Comeytrove depended could already be agreed by then.

123/16 **Footpaths**

Mr Pretty had officially taken over from Mr White as Parish Paths Liaison Officer. He had taken on attempts to resolve the issue of debris and drainage on a footpath beside the Trull Tennis Club in Sweethay Lane and would be meeting with the County Rights of Way Officer to gain advice.

124/16 **Highways**

Mr Hancock was liaising with SHA over outstanding issues in Amberd Lane. The Clerk had circulated the latest SID installation report from Bradbeers which showed 91.5% exceeded the 30mph limit with 4.5% of those exceeding 50mph. The Chairman suggested that the Community Speedwatch team be asked to make their presence felt on site again.

125/16 **Allotments**

The water had been turned on.

126/16 **Open Spaces**

There was nothing to report on this item.

127/16 **Staplehay Weir**

There was nothing to report on this item.

- 128/16 **Website Working Group**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 129/16 **Book Exchange**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 130/16 **Party in the Park**
Arrangements for this year's event were in place. Discussions were taking place with the PFMC on use of the KGV Field and Pavilion.
- 131/16 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 132/16 **Trull Connect**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 133/16 **Trull School**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 134/16 **Alms-houses**
The new Chairman had been proving successful. The Trustees were looking for a new treasurer and would be happy to hear from anyone who was interested.
- 135/16 **SALC**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 136/16 **Correspondence**
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-
Somerset Waste Partnership - April 2016 briefing.
Somerset Waste Partnership – Cashless payment trial briefing and flyer.
Somerset Rivers Authority – Newsletter Spring 2016.
- 137/16 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**
The following payments were approved:-
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| Trull Village Memorial Hall
(PC 21/3/16)..... | £16.65 |
| All Saints Church Trull –
Printing of newsletter..... | £20 |
| Mrs R Howat
Newsletter delivery, cards, paper, refreshments..... | £71.79 |
| Parsons Landscapes Ltd
KGV Grass March..... | £160.68 |
| Brian Pretty
Lawnmower fuel. Plants/Trellis for pavilion..... | £76.98 |
| Linda Brierley
Crocery for pavilion..... | £22.50 |
| Ron Vining
Pavilion cleaning 14/3/16 – 18/4/16..... | £35 |
| Party in the Park Committee
Return of held funds..... | £2,509.15 |

Salary

Mrs R Howat

1/4/16.....£620.82

Receipts:

TDBC

Precept and grant.....£27,302.00

TDBC

CIL payment.....£6,985.74

138/16 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**

None.

139/16 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 16th May 2016, at 7.15pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.50 pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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