

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting held in The Geoff Hewett Pavilion, Trull,
on Thursday 3rd November, 2016.

Present: Mr M Hughes, Mrs A Hudson, Mrs L Brierley, Mrs D Johnson,
Mrs J Wooldridge, Mr A Kent together with 2 members of the
public.

In attendance: Mrs B Howat - Clerk
Ms Carolyn Warburton (Trull Neighbourhood Plan Group)
Mr Stephen Martin-Scott (Trull Neighbourhood Plan Group)

341/16 **Apologies for Absence**

Mr B Pretty, Ms T Dean Mr N Hancock, Mrs J Martin-Scott

342/16 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

343/16 **Trull Neighbourhood Plan**

The Independent Examiner, Mr Nigel McGurk, had submitted his report on the Draft Trull and Staplehay Neighbourhood Plan to Taunton Deane Borough Council and recommended that it should go to a local referendum "after modification".

He was satisfied that the Plan met the 'basic conditions' of compatibility with existing local, national and European policies, subject to changes. These included deleting the policies proposed specifically for the Urban Extension because, he said, the application had been decided.

TDBC had agreed to his recommendations without further consideration or discussion with the NP Group and is preparing to hold a local referendum before Christmas

However, the Urban Extension will only be granted outline permission once Section 106 agreements are finalised and there will be reserved matters decisions on the different phases for many years to come.

The NP Group feels the Examiner went beyond his remit in recommending that the policies were deleted, and that TDBC should have taken more time to consider his recommendations and discuss them with the Group.

The Group had initially written to TDBC, with the support of Trull Parish Council, asking for a two-week delay in the referendum so that its concerns about the examiner, his recommendations, and TDBC's acceptance of them could be addressed.

TDBC replied saying that because of the Christmas holiday, it would make no difference to the date by which it has to complete and publish notice of the Referendum and its associated documentation.

The referendum could only be deferred if the qualifying body (Trull Parish Council) and the Local Planning Authority (TDBC) mutually agree to disregard the timescale.

The NP Group, which is hoping to persuade TDBC to reinstate some of the important policies which were lost when the section on the Urban Extension was deleted, had since sought advice from Locality who referred the matter to the Department for Communities and Local Government. It is now waiting for a response which will help inform the next steps.

To give the discussions between the NP Group and TDBC a chance to take place Trull Parish Council, as the qualifying body, would need to write to TDBC asking for the timescale for a referendum, set out in Government legislation, to be disregarded, allowing the referendum to be delayed.

In the meantime parishioners would be made aware of the problems through the newsletter, and a flyer produced by the NP Group.

Resolved: To request that Taunton Deane Borough Council disregard the 56-day period by which the referendum must have been held under The Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) (Amendment) Regulations 2016.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.15pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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