

## **TRULL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Trull Parish Council meeting held at 7.15pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 in the East Hall, Trull Church Community Centre, Church Rd, Trull, Taunton TA3 7JZ.

Present: Mr B Pretty, Mrs A Hudson, Mrs J Wooldridge, Mr D Lindfield, Ms D Johnson, Mrs T Dean,

In attendance: Mrs S Millard-Jones – Clerk & Cllr S Wakefield. There were approximately 7 members of the public.

The meeting was opened at 7.15pm.

**04/01 Apologies for absence.** Mr J Snailham, Mr N Hancock, Mr S Keen & Mr F Clark.

**04/02 To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests.** None

**04/03 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022.**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

**04/04 Clerk report**

- Allotment training course had been attended and policies would be prepared in due course for allotment tenants in line with The National Allotment Society's recommendations.
- Allotment review scheduled for May to appraise plots.
- No response has been received from Queens regarding the B-line request.
- Reviewing setting up designated Parish Council email accounts for GDPR purposes. Two quotes; £552 per year and the other for £180 per year
- Awaiting a quote for removal of the old Killams noticeboard

**04/05 SCC Report.**

No report. Elections taking place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May and the results will be published on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**04/06 SWT Report.**

No report.

**04/07 Canonsgrove Liaison Working Group**

The Working Group (WG) felt that Ms D Johnson's contribution had been invaluable and wishes for her to continue after she has left the Parish Council (PC). The current TOR requires that there are 2 members on the group. Mr D Lindfield wishes to continue on the WG. This will be discussed in more detail at the May meeting. There has been an increase in gentlemen drinking at the bus stop which has been fed back to the dedicated Canonsgrove contact email. Mr D Taylor to draft a letter for consideration at the next meeting.

**04/08 Speed Indicator Device (R)**

It was reported that Mr S Keen was in the process of putting a document together to send to SCC to request the feasibility study.

The WG had considered three speed radar devices and Ms D Johnson proposed to purchase the solagen SID with data capture box, two posts pre-loaded with solar panels. Additional costs will be incurred due to the location of the devices which confirmation is due from SCC. It is hoped that the two first suitable sites would be Amberd Lane and Honiton Road. It was **resolved** to agree in principle, expenditure of up to £7,000 to cover all SID related costs inclusive of the Chapter 8 training required. Once the SID is set up, the Clerk will look to gain a police grant which may be awarded up to £5,000.

**04/09 Planning**

**42/22/0020/T** Application to carry out management works to one Walnut tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Trull No.2) Tree Preservation Order 1996 at Lanacre, Trull Road, Taunton (TD346). *No comment*

**42/22/0023** Replacement of wooden fence and gate with garden wall and garden door at Oakfield, Sweethay Lane, Trull. *To support*

**42/22/0024** Erection of a single storey extension to the rear with extension to front porch and erection of detached garage at Ashridge, Honiton Road, Trull. *To support on the basis that the window to the northern neighbours is obscure glass.*

**42/22/0025** Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of Holmesdale, Wild Oak Lane, Trull. *To support*

**42/22/0027** Application for Approval of Reserved Matters in respect of the appearance, landscape, layout and scale, following Outline Approval 42/14/0069 for the erection of 70 No. dwellings, hard and soft landscaping, car parking including garages, internal access roads, footpaths and circulation areas, public open space and drainage with associated infrastructure and engineering works, together with additional details as required by Condition No's., 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 23 on land west of Comeytrowe Lane, *To object: 1. The affordable housing is not spread throughout this application in a way to make it indistinguishable from open market housing which is a requirement. 2. Unoriginal, bland housing that does not satisfy the high level of design required by Somerset West and Taunton's Garden Town status. 3. The phosphate issue is not resolved and the smaller part of area H1E appears on the map provided by Brookbanks as being fallow land. There is no updated phosphate mitigation plan available.*

**42/21/0035** Approval of reserved matters in respect of the appearance, landscape, layout and scale, pursuant to planning permission reference (42/14/0069) for the erection of 55 No. dwellings, hard and soft landscaping, car parking including garages, internal access roads, footpaths and circulation areas, public open space and drainage with associated infrastructure and engineering works at Phase H1C(ii) and for the demolition of industrial estate and the erection of 71 No. dwellings, hard and soft landscaping, car parking and garages, internal access roads, footpaths and circulation areas, public open space and drainage with associated infrastructure and engineering works at Phase H1F with additional details as required by Condition No's 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 23 on land at Comeytrowe/Trull (resubmission of 42/20/0056). *To object on the following grounds: 1 The original proposed secondary access of Comeytrowe Road is placed in a more northerly position than that agreed at outline permission of 42/14/0069. The figure approved as part of that permission was Figure 4.3 Rev A. 2 There still does not appear to be an updated phosphate mitigation plan. Therefore neither of these areas should be developed. Parcel H1Cii is shown on the map in the Brookbanks Report as 'fallowed land', and parcel H1F as 'land taken out of urban use'. 3 There is no contaminated land assessment for the former industrial estate nor a plan for decontamination. 4 An additional access onto Comeytrowe Road would require a new full planning application and cannot be permitted as part of this reserved matters application. 5 The houses are bland in style and do not satisfy the high design standards required by a development in a town that has taken Garden Town funding. 6 The density in H1Cii does not fulfil the criteria laid out in the agreed density parameter plan which requires 'predominantly detached units', in fact all the houses along the northern boundary are semi-detached. The density overall has been lowered by including a long stretch of road which has previously appeared in 4 other planning applications (42/19/0053; 42/20/0006; 42/20/0056 and 42/21/0004).*

**42/22/0029/LB & 30** Erection of a two storey extension to the side of Amberd Granary, Amberd Lane, Trull. *To support*  
**Report on applications considered under delegated powers**

**42/22/0006/7LB** Erection of external canopy with associated porch, installation of 1 No. window and 2 No. doors with internal alterations and removal of small store at The Lawn, Dipford Road, Trull – *To support*

**Report on decisions by SWT**

**42/21/0082** Removal of Condition No. 07 of application 42/89/0048 (agricultural tie) at Hunters Oak, Sweethay Lane, Trull - Refusal

#### **04/10 Trull Comeytrowe Development (R)**

Wheel washing should begin soon. Dead fish found means that ammonium levels had to be checked and appeared to be fine. Three members of the keeping Galmington stream group attended. Several large basins that are holding the water are under investigation. The developers are looking to engage more with residents through regular sessions. Moving forwards, it would be beneficial if these meetings continue to happen regularly.

#### **04/11 Social media**

The Terms of Reference (TOR) had been circulated ahead of the meeting. An amendment was made to remove the no decisions making responsibilities. It was felt that the WG needed to be able to make decisions to share information in between the meetings. Mrs M Naughton had shared a social media editorial calendar so that a log of content can be made for regular Facebook posts. There are some standard regular items like – published meeting notes, calls to meetings etc but then there needs to be other content which covers the work the council does or calls for help. Mrs M Naughton also offered to take some fresh pictures of Councillors to use on the website and so that a bio can be put together for introductions to residents through the social media site.

The Clerk noted to create posts around the Village agents, Almshouse looking for trustees and introducing residents to the various working groups set up within the Parish Council.

It was **resolved** that the TOR would be adopted and placed on the website.

#### **04/12 Tree Maintenance Working Group**

It was **resolved** that the TOR that had been circulated would be adopted and placed on the website.

**04/13 Finance (R)**

**a. Approval of Payments & Receipts.**

Payments

To whom	Account	Description	Net	VAT	Total
S Millard-Jones	TPC	Salary, Homeworking & mileage, PAYE, NI & pension	£989.88	£5.10	£994.98
Colin Ralph	TPC	Grass cut	£440.00	£88.00	£528.00
SALC	TPC	Prep for elections	£20.00	£	£20.00
SALC	TPC	Responding to Planning Applications	£25.00	£	£25.00
Arboricare	TPC	Fell Horse Chestnut trees	£580.00	£116.00	£696.00
SWT	TPC	Bins	£234.00	£46.80	£280.80
EDF	PFMC	17 Feb – 8 April	£479.59		
Parsons	PFMC	Grass cutting	£469.88		
TCCC	PFMC	Room Hire	£36.00		
Marcus Kavanagh	PFMC	Cleaning	£114.75		
Brian Pretty	PFMC	Plants & soil	£25.74		

Receipts

Bank Interest - March	TPC	£0.26
Allotments	TPC	£24.00
Tree contributions	TPC	£90.85
SWT Precept	TPC	£15,500
		<b>£15,615.11</b>
Hires - March	PFMC	£1,512.00
FIT payment	PFMC	£368.67
	PFMC	<b>£1,880.67</b>

It was **resolved** to pay the above by cheque/internet banking

**b. Approval of the bank reconciliation**

As of the 31<sup>st</sup> March;

Treasurers Account: £13,593.71

Main Account: £34,021.22

Covid Account: £0

CIL account: £52,776.34

TOTAL: £100,065.36

It was **resolved** to approve the bank reconciliation.

**c. Transfer of £10,000 from main account to Treasurers account**

It was **resolved** to approve the transfer of £10,000.

**d. To approve the asset register**

It was **resolved** to approve the asset register.

**e. To adopt the Risk Assessment**

It was **resolved** to approve the Risk Assessment.

**f. To adopt the Equality & Diversity Policy**

The policy had been circulated to members ahead of the meeting and it was **resolved** to approve the Equality & Diversity Policy.

**g. To note CIL payment to be received.**

£60,544.74 of CIL funds are due by the end of April. by the end of April 2022. This relates to planning applications: 42/19/0048 – LAND AT GATCHELL FARM, DIFFORD ROAD, TRULL, TAUNTON, TA3 7NP – £7,750.40 - CIL paid in full. 42/20/0056 – Phase H1C(i) LAND AT COMEYTRÖWE/TRULL - £18,097.42 – 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 instalments. 1 further payment due. 42/20/0006 – Phase 1a Parcel H1b LAND AT COMEYTRÖWE/TRULL - £34,696.92 – 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 instalments. 1 further payment due.

**04/14 Road Closures.**

Wild Oak Lane 3rd May 2022 and last for 2 days (08:00 - 17:00) to enable Jurassic Fibre Ltd to carry out overlay works.  
ttro492241TD - SH - Honiton Rd & Shoreditch Rd 25th April 2022 and is expected to last until 29th April 2022. Wild Oak Lane 16th May 2022 and last for 3 days (08:00 - 17:00) to enable Jurassic Fibre Ltd to carry out overlay works.  
Poundisford Road, Pitminster 17th May 2022 and last for 6 hours (09:30 - 15:30) to enable BT Openreach to erect a new pole.

**04/15 Reports:**

**Memorial Hall:** Mark Hughes has become the Memorial Hall Chairman. The MH Committee had reached crisis point with the resignation of the previous chair. The crisis meeting was well attended and lots of support from volunteers. The Committee now has a new secretary and Vice Chairman. It is thought that the immediate challenges are the insurance and health and safety assessments. The first official meeting will be 9<sup>th</sup> May. Booking wise, the MH is solidly booked, although it hasn't covered expenditure over the last 2 years. Bookings are looking healthy moving forward.

**Almshouse Charity:** It has been a quiet year for us which can't be bad; perhaps a rewarding consequence of the work over the last few years that has gone into bringing the cottages up to a respectable standard. The charity is very pleased to report that all the residents are in fair health and have survived Covid.

The main issue had has been trying to get Smart meters installed which are a pre-requisite for the residents to benefit from the export tariff from their PV panels. EDF have been totally uncooperative for almost a year saying they can't do it as the signal is inadequate despite one of the cottages with a different supplier having a functional Smart meter. The finances are healthy and the aim is shortly to repaint the exterior to remove the unsightly staining. Higher electricity charged and one of the few areas where we can reduce consumption is to improve the fabric of the stone cottages with external insulation. We are hopeful the Government will come up with a serious grant scheme to allow this to be achieved. Back to keeping the exterior appearance respectable we are trying to encourage 3 of the residents to tidy the gardens, if not they have the unnecessary expense of employing contractors.

Jeremy Crockett is now standing down after 8 years and is looking for a new trustee. If you would like to know more about this thoroughly rewarding involvement, please give the chairman John Harrison a call on 01823 421372.

**04/16 Chairmans report**

Mr B Pretty read out his report detailing how he had enjoyed PC work over the years and that he wished everyone the best in the coming 5 years. Thanks was given to Ms D Johnson and Mr J Snailham for their work over their period with the PC and said that he was sad that they would not be continuing on the PC. Thanks, was also given to all councillors for allowing Mr B Pretty to take on the Chairman's role.

**04/17 Correspondence**

- For information in respect of the project to replace bridge 5128: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 – Topographical survey. Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 – Bat survey and mitigation measures. A qualified ecologist with support from an access company will be undertaking a survey of the abutments in accordance with the recommendations of an earlier ecological survey.
- A resident had contacted the Clerk asking if some additional pruning's that had been created from the maintenance work, she had carried out in Carters Way could be removed by the council. Ms T Dean informed the Clerk that there is a compost bin on Carters Way that can be used, and if this is full then she would be happy to remove. The resident also mentioned another area - a yew hedge to the front right hand side of the Church (adjacent to Mill Lane). The Clerk to confirm with the resident that this is owned by the Church.

**04/18 Items for the next meeting/agenda.**

- The mower – allotments

**04/19** Date for the next Meeting –16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.06pm

Chair Signature.....Date.....

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