

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull,
on Monday 16th January, 2017.

Present: Mr M Hughes, Mrs A Hudson, Ms T Dean, Mrs D Johnson, Mr A Kent, Mrs L Brierley, Mr B Pretty, together with 6 members of the public.

In attendance: Mrs B Howat - Clerk
Cllr A Wedderkopp – SCC
Cllr M Edwards - TDBC

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.

1/17 **Apologies for Absence**

Mrs J Martin-Scott, Mr N Hancock, Mrs J Wooldridge,

2/17 **Declarations of Interest**

Ms T Dean – 42/16/0042

3/17 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th December 2016**

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4/17 **Matters Arising**

None.

5/17 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman announced that Trull Scout Group leader Mr Steve Walker would be receiving his Somerset County Council Chairman's Award from SCC Councillor Alan Wedderkopp as he had been unable to attend the official presentation ceremony. The Chairman read out a resume of Mr Walker's contribution and achievements during his 20-years' service with the Trull Scout Group. Mr Wedderkopp presented Mr Walker with a framed certificate, a tie pin and a lapel badge.

6/17 **Police Report**

PCSO Parry and PC Gear were not in attendance and no report was submitted.

7/17 **Somerset County Councillor Report**

The Highways officer had received the preferred option for traffic calming on the Honiton Road and would be moving forward with the brief.

8/17 **TDBC Councillor Report**

Cllr Mark Edwards updated members on the procedure and progress of significant events for Taunton Deane Borough Council - the proposal to establish a new council covering the areas of Taunton Deane and West Somerset, the recent announcement of Garden Town status, and the pedestrianisation trials in three Taunton town centre streets.

When asked how Garden Town status would alter the proposed Comeytrove Urban Extension and whether it would give the Parish Council any power Mr Edwards replied that it would ensure the development was green and sustainable with experts able to make a greater impact when informing the detailed planning to come.

In response to questioning Mr Edwards said the S106 agreement which forms part of the planning consent had not yet been signed but the developers are working towards it.

- 9/17 **42/16/0040**
 Erection of Gospel Hall and associated external works on land at Killams Lane, Taunton.
 The applicants' representative was invited to explain the proposals and answer questions.
 Ms Dean reported that that application was outside the settlement boundary and inside the designated Vivary Green Wedge. As such it did not comply with policies DM1, DM2 and CP8 of the Core Strategy.
 Councillors were sympathetic to the applicants' proposals for a hall and their search for a suitable location. However they were concerned about the need to protect the Green Wedge from further infiltration. Supporting the application in this location would go against previously stated aims to protect the Green Wedge. Councillors voted 6:1 to object to the application.
Resolved: Object on the grounds that the application goes against policies DM1, DM2 and CP8 of the adopted Core Strategy. The application is outside the settlement boundary and inside the Vivary Green Wedge. Trull Parish Council is opposed to further development on the Vivary Green Wedge.
- 10/17 **42/16/0041**
 Erection of single storey rear extension at 18 Amingford Mead, Trull.
Resolved: Support.
- 11/17 Ms Dean left the room.
- 12/17 **42/16/0042**
 Change of use of cellars to separate unit of accommodation at Wild Oak House, Trull. (Retention of works already undertaken).
 Mrs Hudson explained the planning history and outlined concerns submitted by a neighbour. The applicants were invited to speak and answer questions.
 Councillors voted 4:2 in favour of supporting the application.
Resolved: Support.
- 13/17 Ms Dean returned to the room.
- 14/17 **Delegated Planning**
 None.
- 15/17 **Decisions by TDBC**
 The Clerk reported on the following decisions made by TDBC:-
 42/16/0036/T
 Application to fell one Poplar tree, three Maple trees and three Scots Pine trees included in Taunton Deane Borough (Trull No.3) Tree Preservation Order 1995 at Canonsgrove Halls of Residence, Trull, Taunton (TD643).
 Conditional approval.
- 42/16/0037
 Conversion of loft with installation of 2 No. roof lights and 1 No. dormer window at Burr House, 3 New Road, Trull.
 Conditional approval
- 42/16/0038
 Erection of a two storey side extension and replacement of outbuilding with detached double garage and workshop with office above at Woodpecker Cottage, Chilliswood Farm Lane, Trull (Amended scheme).
 Conditional approval

42/16/0035

Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof, enclosure of garden porch, front porch with roof lights and relocation of front door (retention of works already undertaken) at Fairmas, Mill Lane, Trull.
Conditional approval.

16/17 **Honiton Road Small Improvement Scheme options.**

The Parish Council had previously 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. They had favoured Option 1 with an additional measure detailed in Option 3 which had been submitted to the SCC engineer.

Since then a member of the public had noticed that two of the five additional lighting columns detailed in Option 2 are already in situ, and questioned whether this would have a bearing on the Council's decision. The Clerk had asked SHA for clarification and was told that as the two columns are already up and did not need to be replaced the cost of Option 2 could be reduced. Councillors did not consider the new information would alter their previously stated preference.

Resolved: To proceed with to the original decision.

17/17 **Update on Amberd Lane/Village Field**

The application for a non-material minor amendment to the design of the attenuation pond to account for the different location of the pipe and outfall had now been submitted to TDBC. However, the plans submitted with the application have some drafting errors which need to be corrected. The agents have also been asked to submit details of whether the pond would operate in the same way and that capacity remains the same as in the previously approved details. The updated plans and drainage details will be given to Somerset County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority for their comments and expert advice on whether the revised details operate in the same way as the previously approved details. A copy will also be sent to the Parish Council for information. A copy of the Parish Council's letter and photographs have also been sent to the agents giving them a chance to make any comments or statements with to regard the capacity and operation of the drainage scheme.

Wessex Water had confirmed they would be back in the spring to make good the damage to the Village Field caused when the water main burst and during the subsequent repairs.

18/17 **Mill Stream and sluice gate update**

The Chairman had spoken to the current owners of the Mill and established that landowners along the Mill Stream are deemed to have a parochial interest and as such had been actively maintaining the stream. The sluice gate had also been repaired. Mr Kent would make contact with them as the flooding representative so that further developments could be reported.

19/17 **Allotment spending**

At the last allotment meeting, tenants had been offered a quantity of free manure but it would need to be delivered at a cost. A group had also planned to clear the vacant plot 16a and cover it with thick plastic to control the spread of weeds, which would also incur a small cost.

It was suggested that the Parish Council might authorise a sum of money that could be spent on the allotments throughout the year as required.

Mr Pretty, who had not been present at the allotment meeting, offered to collect the manure in his trailer and to provide the plastic at no cost.

Resolved: Not to make any spending commitments for the allotment.

- 20/17 **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. He had not replied and in response to enquiries it seems the letter had not arrived. It has now been sent again, TDBC policy officer Ann Rhodes had recently written to clarify why the policies taken out of the draft plan were considered non-compliant. The Group would be discussing the response in detail at its next meeting.
- 21/17 **PFMC**
 New curtains and poles had been brought from the Playing Field account and were being put up by Ms Dean.
 The guttering and drainpipes on the Pavilion were still in need of repair. Mr Pretty said he was willing to carry out the work however the Chairman would need to check with Andy Lehner first as he had already indicated that he would do it.
- 22/17 **Footpaths**
 Security fencing had recently been put up around the area being leased at the top of the Playing Field and the contractors had replaced the small wooden gate at the top corner with a new metal gate. Mr Pretty had asked if the contractors could return the wooden gate to the Parish Council as it could be used to replace the stile at the bottom of the field.
 The gates beside the Memorial Hall had recently been locked overnight due to a party booking. Mr Pretty said that residents living near the Playing Field had reported a great improvement with no disruptive behaviour.
 Mr Pretty had found two bicycles abandoned on footpath's in the village which he had reported to the police.
- 23/17 **Highways**
 There was nothing to report on this item.
- 24/17 **Allotments**
 There was nothing to report on this item.
- 25/17 **Outdoor Working Group**
 At the last event 42 more bags of debris and rubbish had been collected along Dipford Road.
- 26/17 **Staplehay Weir**
 There was nothing to report on this item.
- 27/17 **Book Exchange**
 There was nothing to report on this item.
- 28/17 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**
 There had been reports that group of people had tried and failed to gain entry to an event in the hall on New Year's Eve. The culprits had left in the direction of Church Road and in the morning it was discovered that the new defibrillator on the wall of the Trull Church Community Centre had been opened. The Memorial Hall committee was discussing the role of the police in the face of continued vandalism.
 Mrs Brierley was asked if she could suggest that a sign is displayed on the gates to the Playing Field when they are shut explaining why and when they will be open again.
- 29/17 **Alms-houses**
 The committee would be meeting next week.

30/17 **Trull School**
Fencing has recently been erected around the land leased at top of the KGV playing field.

31/17 **SALC**
The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has announced that Council Tax referendum principles have not been applied to parish and town councils in 2017/18.

32/17 **Correspondence**
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-

Somerset Waste Partnership – Monthly briefing.

Somerset County Council – consultation on school admissions information.

Somerset County Council – Highways “report a problem” poster.

Somerset Community Foundation – surviving winter campaign update.

Somerset Local Authorities Civil Contingencies Unit - new quarterly newsletter.

Somerset Police and Crime Commission – Police attendance at meetings.

Somerset Police and Crime Commission – Police and Crime Plan.

Taunton Deane Borough Council – Proposed new district council consultation.

Trull Church Community Centre Manager – AED awareness evening at TCCC on Tuesday 31st January at 7pm.

33/17 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

The following accounts were approved:-

Payments:

Trull Village Memorial Hall
(PC 12/12/16).....£18

All Saints Church Trull –
Printing of newsletter.....£20

Mrs R Howat
Newsletter delivery charge, stamps, stationery.....£31.83

Acorn Solicitors
Legal services for land at Wild Oak Lane.....£292

Swan Paul Partnership
Interim invoice for KGV Field consultancy.....£522

Ron Vining
Maintenance (July-Dec 2016).....£150

All Saints Church Trull
Floodlight contribution.....£49.80

Citizens Advice Taunton
Grant£100

Tessa Dean
Bulbs£104.22

Salary

Mrs R Howat
1/1/17.....£620.82

Receipts:

Trull Party in the Park
Funds for holding.....£2,000

Paid from Pavilion Account

Xtreme Clean
Cleaning December£68

EDF Energy
Electricity (8/9-22/12).....£510.03

Paid into Pavilion Account

EDF Energy
Fit payment£291.89

Pavilion rents.....£540.50

34/17 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**

None

35/17 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Monday 20th February 2017, at 7.15pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.48pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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