

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull,
on Monday 20th March, 2017.

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

In attendance: Mrs B Howat - Clerk
PCSO Simon Parry

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.

76/17 **Apologies for Absence**
Mrs J Martin-Scott.

77/17 **Declarations of Interest**
Mr N Hancock and Mrs L Brierley declared a personal interest in item 8a 42/17/0005 that would not affect their judgement on the vote.

78/17 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th February 2017**
Minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

79/17 **Matters Arising**
None.

80/17 **Chairman's Report**
There was a busy agenda to get through and nothing specific to report.

81/17 **Police Report**
PCSO Parry reported that since the last meeting on 20 Feb five calls had been received:- road related -1, found property – 1, missing person – 2, suspicious incident – 1. No crimes had been recorded.
Beat Surgeries would be held on 7th and 28th April between 2.30 and 3.30pm at the Trull Church Community Centre.
The Speed Watch group had been out at the following times: - 16th March, Trull Green between 11am and 12 noon when 233 vehicles passed with no speeders; 10th March at Bradbeers between 9 and 10am when 223 vehicles passed with eight speeders; 21st February at Trull Green between 8.30 and 9.30am when 298 vehicles passed with no speeders.

82/17 **Somerset County Councillor Report**
Cllr Wedderkopp had sent his apologies.

83/17 **Request to begin proceedings for a referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan**
Negotiations with Taunton Deane Borough Council to reinstate some sections of the Draft Plan relating to the urban extension which the external examiner had recommended be deleted, had failed. A request for intervention by the Government Department for Communities and Local Government to review this decision had also just been turned down. Given the choice of accepting them or withdrawing the Plan altogether the Group had decided to recommend that Trull Parish Council, as the qualifying body, request that TDBC proceed to a local referendum.
Resolved: To request in writing that TDBC begin making arrangements for a referendum of the Trull and Staplehay Neighbourhood Plan.

- 84/17 **42/17/0005**
 Erection of one detached dwelling on land at Wild Oak Lane, Trull.
 Several members of the public including the applicants were invited to speak before Councillors discussed the application.
 Ms Deane proposed that the Council object on the grounds that the application was against TDBC policy and the Council's desire to protect the Green Wedge.
 Five members were in agreement with the recommendation, two were against and two abstained.
Resolved: Object on the grounds that the proposed dwelling is in the designated Vivary Green Wedge and is outside the Settlement Limits. It contravenes policies DM1, DM2 and CP8 of Taunton Deane Borough Council's Core Strategy. It is also against the Local Green Space policy in the emerging Trull and Staplehay Neighbourhood Plan.
- 85/17 **Delegated Planning**
 None.
- 86/17 **Decisions by TDBC**
 The Clerk reported on the following decisions made by TDBC:-
- 42/16/0042
 Change of use of cellars to separate unit of accommodation at Wild Oak House (retention of works already undertaken).
 Conditional approval.
- 42/16/0040
 Erection of gospel hall on land at Killams Lane.
 A notice of amendment had been received regarding alterations to the proposed access. The Council's original comments of objection would still be taken into consideration and it was only necessary to comment again if there were additional comments based on the new information.
- 87/17 **Landscaping on the "village field"**
 It had been observed that landscaping on the "village field" at Amberd Lane which is due to be transferred to Trull Parish Council under the Section 106 agreement appears to be complete but does not match the approved landscaping scheme SPP.1706.6 Rev H.
Resolved: To write to TDBC to ask if the landscaping scheme is considered to be complete by the developer, and if so, is TDBC satisfied that all the planning conditions have been met.
- 88/17 **Reduction of street lighting**
 The issue of bright street lighting was raised by a parishioner who had been liaising with Somerset County Council over light fittings on Honiton Road which were recently changed to an LED type. After discussion with the county lighting engineer the fitting outside his property was changed. The parishioner also referenced a document called "Reduction of Street Lighting in Somerset" in which SCC intend to reduce the environmental impact of street lighting through a light reduction project. The parishioner had suggested that Trull Parish Council could become involved in the project, ask for LED fittings to be changed and request that all street lighting on Honiton Road could be switched off between 10pm and 7am. Councillors felt the last request would not be in the interests of the majority of parishioners.
Resolved: To request that Trull Parish Council takes part in the light reduction project and that the other LED street light fittings on Honiton Road are also changed to a more suitable, less intrusive type.
- 89/17 **Neighbourhood Plan**
 There was nothing to report on this item.

- 90/17 **PFMC**
The Clerk had informed the Council's insurance company about the reported failure of a piece of Proludic equipment on the KGV playing field. Further details are awaited.
A bid for grant funding from TDBC's Parish Play Area Scheme had been successful. TDBC had agreed to pay half of the cost (up to £6,500) of the proposed new youth shelter on the KGV playing field.
A football net had been left at the entrance to the Geoff Hewett Pavilion with a note saying it was to be used on the goal post on the KGV playing field. The Council would like to thank the anonymous donor.
The working group would need to meet to discuss toddler equipment before any decisions could be taken by the PFMC.
Mr Pretty had made a start on repairs to the guttering of the Pavilion and was awaiting delivery of some matching parts. He had also created a drainage channel along the rear of the building to improve the effectiveness of the damp course.
Mr Pretty had positioned a sign reminding people to keep their dogs on a lead at the entrance beside the Memorial Hall.
- 91/17 **Footpaths**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 92/17 **Highways**
Mr Kent had concerns over three trees in Dipford Road which he considered to be in danger of falling onto the highway. The Clerk had alerted the TDBC tree officer who believed they may be subject to TPOs and would take a look. He had also informed the SCC highways arborist
The Clerk had previously reported the leaning wall in Amberd Lane as a dangerous structure to the Somerset Building Control Partnership, and was currently making enquiries on any progress.
- 93/17 **Allotments**
Mrs Wooldridge said that allotment holders had given their spare time to help clear the overgrown plot 16a. She was disappointed to see that 40 bags of soil had been left there by the Outdoor Working Group and asked for them to be removed as soon as possible.
- 94/17 **Open Spaces**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 95/17 **Outdoor Working Group**
The group had enjoyed another successful day clearing some 40 bags of debris from the pavement along Dipford Road.
The Clerk said that following the issue of dangerous trees and the disposal of collected debris she was concerned whether the group was acting within its remit, having been established to maintain council owned areas of land. She would make enquiries over the Council's position on footpaths and highways which are SCC responsibilities.
- 96/17 **Flooding**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 97/17 **Trull Village Memorial Hall**
Users of the hall are being reminded of their responsibility to ensure that the gate in the garden is not padlocked when in use in case of fire.
- 98/17 **Alms-houses**
The Charity hopes to start refurbishing another property soon.
- 99/17 **Community Planning Working Group**
There was nothing to report on this item

100/17 **Trull School**
The School will be starting work on the outdoor education area behind the Pavilion within the next two weeks.

101/17 **Book Exchange**
Mrs Luke thanked everyone for their messages of sympathy following the death of her husband Ray Luke. She was keen to keep up her responsibility for the book exchange which she is looking after with the support of her family.

102/17 **SALC**
There was nothing to report on this item.

103/17 **Correspondence**
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-

TDBC - Notice of SCC election poster to be displayed.

SCC - Election posters: - Register to vote and Find out how to vote.

Rural Services Network – Rural parish questionnaire.

TDBC - invitation to launch of the Somerset West Lottery on 16th May.

Somerset Waste Partnership - February briefing.

104/17 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

The following accounts were approved:-

Payments:

Trull Village Memorial Hall
(PC 20/2/17).....£18

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

Mrs R Howat
Newsletter delivery charge, stamps, envelopes.....£17.83

HMRC
Tax and NI contributions.....£83.19

Wessex Water
Allotments (26.8.16- 27.2.17).....£19.28

Salary

Mrs R Howat
1/3/17.....£834.99

Receipts:

None

Paid from Pavilion Account

Xtreme Kleen Cleaning February	£55
Wessex Water Pavilion (5.9.16 – 10.3.17)	£51.03
Brian Pretty Guttering repairs and drainage.....	£91.80

Paid into Pavilion Account

EDF Energy FIT payment	£172.50
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105/17 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**

None

106/17 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 24th April 2017, at 7.15pm. Followed if necessary by a meeting of the Parish Council.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.45pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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