

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull,
on Monday 24th April, 2017.

Present: Mrs J Wooldridge, Mrs A Hudson, Mr N Hancock, Mrs D Johnson, Mr A Kent, Mrs L Brierley, Ms T Dean, Mr B Pretty together with 5 members of the public.

In attendance: Mrs B Howat - Clerk
Cllr A Wedderkopp

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting the Vice-Chairman invited comments from members of the public relating to items on the agenda, or on issues to be discussed at a later date.

107/17 **Apologies for Absence**

Mrs J Martin-Scott, Mr M Hughes.

108/17 **Motion to exclude the public from item 10**

In accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 it was felt that by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be conducted at agenda item 10 it was advisable that the public be temporarily excluded from the meeting.

Resolved: To exclude the public from the meeting for agenda item 10 which would be re-scheduled as the last item on the agenda.

109/17 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

110/17 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th March 2017**

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2017 were agreed and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

111/17 **Matters Arising**

The Senior Lighting Engineer for Somerset County Council said the light reduction project which the Council had asked to be part of was for the last financial year. Residents on Honiton Road that are directly affected by light spill into their properties should contact the Highway Lighting Group direct, who will deal with each individual request and action appropriately.

112/17 **Chairman's Report**

The Vice-Chairman reported that an advertising board put up on Trull Green without permission was being taken down thanks to the help of Taunton Deane Borough Council ward member Cllr Mark Edwards.

The Taunton Deane Morris Men would be dancing outside Trull Church at 8pm on Tuesday 2nd May.

113/17 **Police Report**

PCSO Parry had sent his apologies. The Clerk read his report. Since the last meeting on 20th March 13 calls had been received: - suspicious circumstances – 4, missing person – 2, theft -2, harassment / threats – 2, concern for welfare -1, criminal damage -1, road related incident -1. One crime had been recorded: - criminal damage.

Beat surgeries would be held at the Trull Church Community Centre between 2.30 and 3.30pm on 28th April, 26th May and 23rd June.

The Speedwatch Group had patrolled at Trull Green on 13th April between 9 and 10am: - 433 vehicles, 2 speeders; Southwell on 29th March between 9 and 10am: -

246 vehicles, 2 speeders and Bradbeers on 27th March between 11 and 12am: - 171 cars, 10 speeders.

114/17 **Somerset County Councillor Report**

A request had been received for the 20mph speed limit being considered under the Small Improvements Scheme to be extended down Church Road to Eastbrook Terrace.

Discussions to find a solution to flooding on the corner of Comeytrove Road had concluded that there was little chance of the two drains being altered unless or until there is development.

Cllr Wedderkopp would take part in a meeting with TDBC planners on 8th May to discuss flooding in Trull particularly at Horts Cottages.

115/17 **Planning Applications for decision.**

None.

116/17 **Delegated Planning**

None.

117/17 **Decisions by TDBC**

The Clerk reported on the following decisions made by TDBC:-

42/16/0040 Erection of Gospel Hall and associated external works on land at Killams Lane, Trull. Refusal.

42/17/0002 Conversion of outbuilding to form annexe accommodation at Lower Sweethay Farm, Sweethay Lane, Trull. Conditional approval.

42/17/0003/T Application to fell one Beech tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Trull No.1) Tree Preservation Order 1992 at The Beeches, Honiton Road, Staplehay (TD547). Conditional approval.

It was noted that land in Wild Oak Lane was being advertised for sale.

118/17 **Response to 42/14/0069 Financial Appraisal Supporting Statement**

The Parish Council had been made aware of a new statement on the TDBC website in relation to the application for up to 2,000 homes on land at Trull and Comeytrove. Planning permission was granted last year subject to Section 106 commitments being agreed. However a statement submitted on behalf of the developers claims the scheme is not financially viable due to the planning obligations which include provision of 25% affordable housing.

Resolved: To write to TDBC with the following comments, copied to Cllr Mark Edwards and Cllr Alan Wedderkopp:-

1) The Parish Council objects strongly to any possible reduction in the agreed figure of affordable housing.

2) The Parish Council would expect that if it is not possible to agree the obligations the matter should be reported back to the planning committee for further consideration as detailed in the outline permission.

3) The Parish Council is concerned at the lack of transparency and heavy redaction in the statement.

4) The Parish Council is extremely concerned that it was not informed directly of the receipt of this Statement and would ask to be informed directly of any changes/amendments in the future even if this is just by email to the Clerk.

5) The Parish Council would like to be kept fully up-to-date with any future action on the Financial Appraisal Supporting Statement.

119/17 **Response to A358 dualling consultation.**

Mrs Wooldridge and Mr Kent had attended a consultation event held by Highways England. Mrs Wooldridge gave members an overview of the event and the issues raised. The Clerk read details from the consultation document particularly regarding the proposed new motorway junction on land at Killams Avenue.

Resolved: To respond to Highways England with the following points:-

1) Trull Parish Council would like confirmation of the exact location and scale of the proposed new motorway junction at Killams Avenue.

- 2) Trull Parish Council would like to be added to the statutory list of consultees to ensure better communication.
- 3). Trull Parish Council would not wish to see a motorway junction in close proximity to the Vivary Green Wedge.
- 4) Trull Parish Council has serious concerns over the potential for any further vehicle movements at the proposed motorway junction in the future which could lead to the village of Trull becoming a rat run through the country lanes to Killams.

120/17 **Remit of the Open Spaces Working Group**

The Open Spaces Working Group established in October 2015 to maintain open spaces owned by the Parish Council had been operating without the necessary Terms of Reference leading to recent confusion over its aims and responsibilities. The Clerk had drawn up a Terms of Reference document to clarify the remit, keeping an option to maintain areas in the parish that are not owned by the Council subject to relevant permissions and the agreement of members.

It was unclear at this stage if the Group could get permission to continue work along the pavement in Dipford Road but advice was being sought from SCC Rights of Way and Highways departments.

Resolved:

- 1) To approve the Open Spaces Working Group Terms of Reference.
- 2) To ask SCC to clear the pavement along Dipford Road.

121/17 **Repairs to the Twinfly**

Following a failure of the chain on one arm of the Twinfly in March the Clerk had supplied photographs of the broken part to the manufacturers Proludic. They had offered to send replacements at no cost as a gesture of goodwill. Parsons Landscapes Limited, who have the contract for grass cutting on the KGV Field and also operate a playground maintenance section, would be able to carry out the repairs at the cost of £20 per hour plus vat (including travelling time plus any materials) with a minimum charge of £50.00 plus vat.

Resolved: To

- 1) Request the parts as offered from Proludic
- 2) To contract Parsons Landscapes Ltd to carry out the repairs.

122/17 **Dog waste bin emptying**

The contract for emptying the dog waste bins on the KGV Field and Trull Green for 2017/18 had been received from Taunton Deane Borough Council. The twice weekly service at the KGV Field and once a week on Trull Green would cost £2.85 plus VAT per visit.

Resolved: To approve the contract from TDBC for emptying of dog waste bins in 2017/18

123/17 **SID report**

The latest Speed Indicator Device report from Gatchell Oaks, for the period 20th March to 2nd April, showed that 38.3% of vehicles travelled at less than 30 mph; 59.6% between 30 and 40mph; and 0.1% went at over 50 mph. The SID was faulty during its most recent installation at Bradbeers and would be rescheduled.

124/17 **Neighbourhood Plan**

Confirmation had been received from TDBC that arrangements were being made to progress to referendum. Further details were expected shortly.

125/17 **KGV Field**

An inspection of the play equipment had been arranged through the Somerset Playing Fields Association and would be carried out in May.

126/17 **Footpaths**

There was nothing to report on this item.

- 127/17 **Highways**
The SCC highways arborist who was looking into concerns over three trees in Dipford Road had left. The Clerk would ask for details of any progress made and whether he would be replaced. Mr Kent requested that a notice is placed in the newsletter explaining that the issue had been reported and there is currently nothing further the Parish Council has the power to do.
Mrs Johnson reported that a sign for Staplehay Cross Cottages was being supplied by the developers
- 128/17 **Allotments**
The Water is now on. Mr Pretty reported that vegetation on the bottom plot had been burned in a bonfire and the surplus soil had been spread.
- 129/17 **Open Spaces**
Mrs Brierley said Wessex Water had been carrying out work in the “village field” to make good the damage caused by a burst main earlier in the year but the work was not yet complete.
- 130/17 **Open Spaces Working Group**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 131/17 **Flooding**
Mr Kent requested an update on the provision of flood warning signs for Dipford Road.
- 132/17 **Trull Village Memorial Hall**
Reports from the Annual General Meeting of the Trull Memorial Hall Committee had been supplied by Mrs Brierley and would be circulated to members for information.
- 133/17 **Alms-houses**
The Charity would start refurbishing another property in May.
- 134/17 **Community Planning Working Group**
There was nothing to report on this item
- 135/17 **Trull School**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 136/17 **Book Exchange**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 137/17 **SALC**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 138/17 **Correspondence**
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-
- Engage – letter to gauge interest in the feasibility of establishing a Voluntary Sector Forum for the Taunton area.
- TDBC/WSC_ – notice that the proposal to form one Council has now been formally submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (CLG) the Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP for his consideration.
- Somerset Community Foundation - Youth Social Action Fund is open for grant applications between £1,000 and £5,000 to promote social action amongst young people.
- Somerset Waste Partnership - April briefing.

Mrs Annie Maw, Lord Lieutenant of Somerset – invitation for organisations to take part in the Great Get Together in memory of Jo Cox MP.

139/17 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

The following accounts were approved:-

Payments:

Trull Village Memorial Hall (PC 20/3/17).....	£18
All Saints Church Trull – Printing of newsletter.....	£20
Mrs R Howat Newsletter delivery charge, paper.....	£14.50
HMRC Tax and NI contributions.....	£83.30
TDBC Dog bin emptying (1.4.16- 31.3.17).....	£518.54
Parsons Landscapes Ltd KGV grass (March 2017).....	£326.18
Brian Pretty Lawnmower fuel, gate repair.....	£11

Salary

Mrs R Howat 1/4/17 (minus PAYE).....	£773.63
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Receipts:

TDBC Precept.....	£29,000
Council tax grant.....	£151
Donation to defibrillator fund.....	£100

Paid from Pavilion Account

Xtreme Kleen Cleaning March	£55.60
Blue Wave Construction Guttering	£66.76
EDF Energy Electric 23.12.16 - 17.3.17	£514.27

Paid into Pavilion Account

Rent.....	£648.38
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The Clerk would ask Otter Heating to look at the heating settings, and check the EDF energy tariff.

140/17 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**
To approve a policy for advertising on Parish Council land.

141/17 **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 15th May 2017, at 7.15pm, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

142/17 **Exclusion of Public.**
The public were excluded under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

143/17 **Response to Amberd Lane Section 106**
Councillors considered a response to TDBC regarding the provision of a Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play.
Resolved: To provide the response as agreed.

The Vice Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.54pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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