

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull, on Monday 15th May, 2017.

Present: Mr M Hughes, Mrs J Wooldridge, Mrs A Hudson, Mr N Hancock, Mrs L Brierley, Ms T Dean, Mr B Pretty together with 4 members of the public.

In attendance: Mrs B Howat - Clerk
Cllr A Wedderkopp
Mike Baddeley - Chairman Stoke St Mary Parish Council
Mike Farrell - Vice Chairman Stoke St Mary Parish Council

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.

144/17 **Election of Chairman**

Mrs Wooldridge proposed that Mr Hughes be re-elected as Chairman and was seconded by Mrs Brierley.

Resolved: Mr Hughes was elected as Chairman for the year.

145/17 **Election of Vice-Chairman**

Ms Dean proposed that Mrs Wooldridge be re-elected as Vice Chairman and was seconded by Mr Pretty.

Resolved: Mrs Wooldridge was elected as Vice Chairman for the year.

146/17 **Apologies for Absence**

Mrs J Martin-Scott, Mrs D Johnson, Mr A Kent.

147/17 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

148/17 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th April 2017**

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

149/17 **Matters Arising**

Highways England had suspended consultation events during the pre-election period.

150/17 **Chairman's Report**

There was nothing to report following a full review of the year to the Annual Parish Meeting.

151/17 **Police Report**

PCSO Parry had sent his apologies. The Clerk read his report. Since the last meeting on 24th April three calls had been received: - domestic -1, anti-social behaviour -2; and two crimes recorded: - criminal damage -1, assault -1. Additionally there had been a series of burglaries in rural sheds and non-dwellings. PCSO Parry had advised that buildings are made secure and details recorded of all property inside including makes, models, serial numbers and photographs.

Beat Surgeries would be held in the Trull Church Community Centre on 26th May and 23rd June between 2.30 and 3.30pm. There had been no Speedwatch patrols due to illness.

152/17 **Somerset County Councillor Report**

Cllr Wedderkopp had been re-elected to serve Trull and Comeytrowe. He had not yet submitted a bid under the Small Improvements Scheme for a 20mph limit in the centre of Trull as he was waiting to see if the scheme would still operate under the newly elected Council. He was continuing with work to prevent future flooding at Horts Cottages and had reported several large pot holes in Comeytrowe Road.

153/17 **Planning Applications for decision.**

None.

154/17 **Delegated Planning**

None.

155/17 **Decisions by TDBC**

None.

156/17 **Joint Response to A358 consultation.**

Mike Farrell, the Chairman of Stoke St Mary Parish Council was asking neighbouring parishes affected by the proposals for dualling of the A358 to support a joint letter being sent to the head of Highways England Ltd. The letter would object to the consultation process and ask for the current consultation to be stopped and started again with a choice of routes. The letter on behalf of all parishes concerned would be in addition to each parish's individual response.

Resolved:

- 1) To give support in principle to a joined up response as suggested by Stoke St Mary Parish Council.
- 2) To allow consultation on the content of the letter by email if necessary due to time constraints, before the Chairman signs.

157/17 **Approval of Accounts for 2016/17**

A report of the summary of accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017 was presented for consideration, along with a summary of the accounts for the King George V Playing Field which had been approved by the Playing Field Management Committee.

It was noted that the receipts and payments spreadsheet should be modified for the 2017/18 financial year to reflect changes to income and expenditure.

Resolved: The accounts for 2016/17 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

158/17 **Recommendations from the PFMC**

The Parish Council had set aside £15,000 for play equipment in its budget, with £10,000 of that figure specifically for toddler equipment. The PFMC had resolved to buy a square fort linked to a triangular pyramid with net and slide from Big Wood Play Systems at a cost of £9,750. The Working Group had also identified the need for two smaller pieces of play equipment for 0-8 year-olds – a rocker and a disk roundabout. The equipment would be provided by Sutcliffe Play, with installation costs and additional grass matting to be met by the Parish Council, bringing the total cost to £3,000. The PFMC was asking for the £2,750 cost above £10,000 to be met from the remaining £5,000 budgeted for play equipment.

The Parish Council had been successful in securing a grant for up to £6,500 towards the cost of a shelter on the KGV field, with the balance budgeted to come from CIL funds. The PFMC had agreed on the design and preferred company and was now seeking approval to go ahead with the work as well as confirmation that the balance plus £2,000 of groundworks would be met from CIL funds.

Resolved:

- 1) To commission the "spider" shelter in Douglas Fir form Handspring Designs Ltd at a cost of £13,000 plus VAT.

2) To pay the balance of the cost plus up to £2,000 for the groundworks from CIL funds.

3) To use the remaining £250 set aside for toddler equipment and an extra £2,750 from the remaining £5,000 fund for play equipment to buy the two items from Sutcliffe Play, and cover installation costs and additional grass matting.

159/17 **Advertising policy on Council land**

It had been noticed that advertising signs were being put up on Trull Green without the permission of the Council. In order to maintain clarity the Council should adopt a policy to cover advertising on all Council owned areas.

Resolved: To approve an advertising policy which states that:

- 1) Parish Council land can only be used to advertise local not for profit events.
- 2) Requests for advertising must be made in writing to the Clerk.
- 3) The Clerk is given delegated powers to grant permission if the criteria are met.
- 4) Any signs put up on Parish Council land without permission will be removed.

160/17 **Rural Services Network consultation**

The Rural Services Network is asking rural councils across the country to complete a questionnaire that can be used to establish a network of rural residents. It will also set up specific sounding boards and a Rural Panel allowing people interested in rural issues to input in more detail three times a year.

Resolved: To delegate completion of the questionnaire to the Clerk but not to commit to membership of any boards or panels.

161/17 **Playing Pitch Strategy Consultation**

Taunton Deane Borough Council is consulting on its draft Playing Pitch Strategy which sets out a number of detailed actions, recommendations and options for pitches to be planned for, delivered, and monitored during the strategy period. Stakeholders and bodies responsible for delivery of pitches and facilities will work together on the actions, recommendations and options for pitches. The draft Strategy which had been circulated to Councillors contained several points of interest to the parish.

Resolved:

- 1) To support in principle the protection of playing pitches and green spaces on which pitches are located.
- 2) To delegate detailed study of the Consultation and a response to Mr Hughes as Chairman of the Parish Council and Ms Dean as Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Group.

162/17 **Neighbourhood Plan**

The Trull and Staplehay Neighbourhood Development Plan referendum will be held on Thursday 8th June, the same day as the UK General Election. The Group would produce an information sheet for delivery to all homes in the parish.

163/17 **KGV Field**

A visual inspection had shown the play equipment to be in order.

164/17 **Footpaths**

A resident from Trull Green Drive had informed the Clerk of works to the boundary wall and fence at the property beside Carters Way in the week commencing June 19th. The path will remain open but warning signs would be placed out by the contractors.

165/17 **Highways**

A notice had been received and posted on the website regarding the temporary closure of a section of Church Road.

A consultation plan for the small improvements scheme on Honiton Road had been received after the agenda had been set. However a response was needed before the next meeting. The Clerk and Mr Hancock would check the plan to ensure it matched the specifications previously approved by the Parish Council.

- 166/17 **Allotments**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 167/17 **Open Spaces**
A resident whose house backs onto the playing field had asked permission to trim back the trees overhanging his property. Mr Pretty had suggested that a neater job could be achieved with the assistance of the Open Spaces Working Group.
Mr Pretty requested a new sign be made asking people not to play ball games near the Pavilion as the guttering was still being damaged by balls being kicked against the wall.
- 168/17 **Open Spaces Working Group**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 169/17 **Flooding**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 170/17 **Trull Village Memorial Hall**
The Committee had suggested that another representative from the Parish Council be sent to meetings if Mrs Brierley is ever unable to attend. A substitute would be elected at the next meeting.
- 171/17 **Alms-houses**
The Charity has a vacant cottage with garden at Sellicks Green currently being advertised.
- 172/17 **Community Planning Working Group**
Mrs Wooldridge had attended a meeting of the working group. Reports from the meeting would be circulated by the Clerk.
Training for volunteer dog wardens who could operate in parishes and have powers to impose fines would be discussed in due course and brought to the Parish Council for consideration.
- 173/17 **Trull School**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 174/17 **Book Exchange**
Mr Pretty had carried out some repairs to the right hand side of the kiosk and would offer to give the exchange a thorough clean.
- 175/17 **SALC**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 176/17 **Correspondence**
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-

TDBC – Launch of the Tenants’ Forum Youth Initiative Fund 2017/18_

Mrs Annie Maw, Lord Lieutenant of Somerset_– notice of planning for Somerset Remembers, a county event to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War.

Trull Church Community Centre_- £157.60 proceeds from the Messiah event to be donated for equipment on the KGV playing field.

177/17 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

Payments:

Trull Village Memorial Hall (PC 24/4/17).....	£18
All Saints Church Trull – Printing of newsletter.....	£20
Mrs R Howat Newsletter delivery charge, ink, stamps.....	£36.89
HMRC Tax and NI contributions.....	£63.19
Parsons Landscapes Ltd KGV grass (March 2017).....	£711.34
Came and Company Insurance 18/6/17-17/6/18.....	£1,172.07
Mrs R Howat Refreshments for APM.....	£25.86

Salary

Mrs R Howat 1/5/17 salary plus 7 hours overtime (minus HMRC contributions)	£895.55
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Receipts:

Donation to defibrillator fund.....	£100
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Paid from Pavilion Account

Xtreme Kleen Cleaning April	£55.60
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178/17 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**

The allocation of roles and responsibilities would be made at the next meeting.

179/17 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19th June 2017, at 7.15pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 10pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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