

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull,
on Monday 19th June, 2017.

Present: Mr M Hughes, Mrs J Wooldridge, Mrs A Hudson, Mr N Hancock,
Mrs L Brierley, Ms T Dean, Mrs D Johnson, Mr B Pretty together
with 9 members of the public.

In attendance: Mrs B Howat - Clerk

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.

180/17 **Apologies for Absence**

Mrs J Martin-Scott, Mr A Kent.

181/17 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

182/17 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th May 2017**

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

183/17 **Matters Arising**

None

184/17 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman congratulated the Neighbourhood Plan group for all their work which culminated in getting the plan through the recent referendum. He noted that most of the no votes came from the Killams area indicating a need for greater interaction from the Parish Council.

185/17 **Police Report**

PCSO Parry had sent his apologies. The Clerk read his report. Since 15 May there had been 19 calls received: - theft – 1, assault – 1, burglary (non-dwelling) – 1, criminal damage -1, anti-social behaviour -2, road related – 3, suspicious incidents – 2, missing person – 1, concern for welfare – 3. domestic – 3, blackmail – 1. There were six crimes recorded: - theft -2, burglary (non-dwelling) –1, assault – 1, public order – 2.

There was no Community Speedwatch activity to report.

Beat Surgeries would be held at the Trull Church Community Centre, between 2.30-3.30pm on 23rd June and 28th July.

Residents in Amberd Lane had reported two incidents to councillors which had taken place on consecutive weekends. In the first incident a car was driven into the "village field", and in the second incident a section of the fence in the field had been taken down and burned. The Clerk would report both incidents to the PCSO Parry and ask for patrols to be stepped up in the parish during the summer. Residents were reminded to call 111 if they see any other incidents taking place.

186/17 **Somerset County Councillor Report**
Cllr Wedderkopp had sent his apologies.

187/17 **42/17/0012**
Detached house with detached double garage at Cherry Orchard Lodge, Cherry Orchard.

The applicant was invited to speak before this application was discussed.

Resolved: object for the following reasons:-

- 1) The site is considered to be a greenfield site according to the NPPF which excludes gardens from its definition of brownfield land.
- 2) The Trull and Staplehay Neighbourhood Plan suggests that some building on gardens may be permissible if the garden is sufficiently large and it would not increase the housing density inappropriately (policy H6). The Parish Council does not feel that this garden is appropriate for such development due to the overbearing nature of the house which would be set between two period properties.
- 3) Access. The entrance to the proposed dwelling passes extremely close to the neighbour's property and there are concerns over parking.
- 4) There are concerns over drainage including issues that have been experienced in Cherry Orchard this year.

188/17 **42/17/0010**
Single storey extension to the front at Wayside, Comeytrove Road.
Resolved: Support.

189/17 **42/17/0015**
Two storey extension to the side at 10 Dipford Orchard, Dipford Road.
Members of the public were invited to speak before this application was discussed.
Resolved: object on the grounds that:-

- 1) It will significantly increase the size of the property on this affordable housing scheme which was intended to provide housing for eligible households whose needs are not met by the market.
- 2) An extension of this size is out of keeping with the existing Dipford Orchard development.
- 3) The consequential increased value of the house would take it out of the affordable bracket for potential purchasers.
- 4) The proposed extension would leave very little remaining garden space and is therefore contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan which stresses the importance of gardens in the community, and is against the practice of 'garden grabbing'.
- 5) If approved this application could set a precedent for any other similar applications in the affordable housing scheme.

190/17 **Delegated Planning**
42/17/0009
Cheppings, Spearcey Lane. Single storey extension to rear, first floor extension to side, and double garage to front. Support.

191/17 **Decisions by TDBC**
42/17/0005
Erection of 1 No. detached dwelling with associated works on land to the east of Wild Oak Lane, Trull. Refused.

192/17 **Joint Response to A358 consultation.**
The joint letter from parishes to the Secretary of State for Transport and the Chief Executive of Highways England Ltd had been amended following recent revelations and discussions. The final version had been circulated to members for their approval ahead of signing. Members felt the letter was convoluted but expressed everything they would like to say in one form or another.
Resolved: Trull Parish Council agrees to be a signatory to the amended joint letter.

193/17 **Approval of Audited Accounts for 2016/17**

The Parish Council accounts for 2016/17 had been approved by the internal auditor Bryan Howe, ahead of submission for external audit. The auditor's report made several minor observations which were noted and would be implemented.

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

194/17 **Approval of the Statement of Accounts for 2016/17**

Following approval of the audited accounts the annual statement of accounting was presented for signature.

Resolved: The statement of accounting for 2016/17 was approved and signed by the Chairman.

195/17 **Contribution to Car Park Repairs**

The Parish Council had been asked to contribute to repairs at the car park in Church Road. The facility is owned by the Memorial Hall Trustees and All Saints Church which would pay a quarter each but were requesting a contribution of one quarter each from Trull Parish Council and Trull Primary School. Two quotes had been obtained, one for the repair and the second for the repair and removal of the sleeping policeman speed hump. The cost would be £163.00 each for repair or £241.50 each for repair and hump removal. The existence of an agreement with Somerset County Council regarding maintenance costs was mentioned although the details were not known. The Parish Council had contributed £8,000 towards resurfacing of the car park in 2015 to secure the ongoing goodwill for use by parishioners.

Resolved:

1) To request that the hump is retained for the safety of pedestrians.

2) To agree to pay a sum of £163 towards repair of the car park in the interests of goodwill for the benefit of parishioners and on the understanding that this does not set a precedent that the Parish Council will always pay a quarter of bills, and that it does not pre-judge any long-standing maintenance arrangement with Somerset County Council.

196/17 **Arrangements for transfer of the Village Field**

A letter had been received from Clarke Willmott solicitors acting for West of England Developments Ltd to arrange transfer of the "village field" in Amberd Lane to the Parish Council. The land is subject to a covenant with the original owners and in order for the transfer to take place it would also be necessary for the Parish Council to obtain their consent by entering into a Deed of Covenant with them directly.

Resolved: To:-

1) Reply to Clarke Willmott saying the Parish Council is not in a position to sign any documents until all the necessary planning permissions for the "village field", including the attenuation pond, had been approved by TDBC.

2) Prior to signing to request a walk around the field with the developer and two councillors to agree any snags or issues.

3) To appoint a solicitor to inspect the documents and oversee the signing on behalf of the Parish Council.

197/17 **Funding for plants on Caters Way**

The Open Spaces Working Group was carrying out maintenance work at Carters Way and requested funds to buy several bushes and some bark as ground cover.

Resolved: To approve spending up to £100 on bark and plants for Carters Way.

198/17 **Trull Green Poplars**

Following concerns raised over the condition of the Poplar trees on Trull Green, advice had been sought from the tree officer at TDBC who recommended that they are not pollarding for a while to give them a rest from re-shooting. He also suggested aeration of the soil using an air spade, and leaving the tree that looks almost dead, in case it manages to re-shoot next year. The Council was happy to take his advice and the Clerk would investigate use of an air spade.

199/17 **Membership of the SPFA**

The subscription for membership of the Somerset Playing Fields Association for 2017/18 was due for renewal at a cost of £15

Resolved: To approve subscription to the SPFA for 2017/18.

200/17 **Roles and Responsibilities**

Members were asked to consider their roles and responsibilities for the year 2017/18 which had been reviewed to reflect several changes of circumstance. Mrs Martin-Scott had indicated that she did wish to be appointed any roles and responsibilities for the time being.

Resolved: Councillors will assume the following roles and responsibilities:-

Open Spaces Working Group *T Dean, B Pretty, J Wooldridge, A Kent*

Planning *T Dean, A Hudson*

Footpaths *B Pretty*

Highways *N Hancock*

Allotments *J Wooldridge*

Open Spaces *B Pretty*

Book Exchange *Dee Luke*

Flooding *A Kent*

KGV *T Dean*

Play Equipment *B Pretty*

Trull School *M Hughes*

Asset Management *B Pretty, N Hancock*

Employment Liaison *J Wooldridge*

Financial Regulation *N Hancock*

Neighbourhood Plan *T Dean, L Brierley*

Alms House *A Hudson*

SALC *T Dean*

PIP *D Johnson, M Hughes*

Memorial Hall *L Brierley, D Johnson*

Parish Lands *M Hughes*

CPWG *J Wooldridge*

201/17 **Neighbourhood Plan**

The Trull and Staplehay Neighbourhood Development Plan was given a resounding yes at the referendum on June 8th. Of the 1828 electorate in the Trull and Staplehay Neighbourhood Plan Area a total of 1486 people, (81.29%) voted. The results of the referendum were: Yes 1167 (78.53%); No 282 (18.98%). There were 37 (2.49%) ballot papers rejected. The Plan will be considered for formal adoption by TDBC on July 11th.

202/17 **KGV Field**

The new play equipment, as approved, was being ordered ready for installation this summer. Proludic would be delivering the parts for repair of the Twinfly in the week commencing July 17th. The Clerk would make enquiries to see if the process could be speeded up through Parsons Landscapes Ltd who would be carrying out the repairs.

203/17 **Footpaths**

A letter reminding landowners of their duty to maintain their boundaries along footpaths has been circulated to residents in Dipford Road.

204/17 **Highways**
Ongoing problems with overgrown vegetation and obstructions on the footpath along Dipford Road had been reported again to Somerset Highways Authority with still no reply.
The consultation plan for the Small Improvements Scheme on Honiton Road had been examined by Mr Hancock and the Clerk, as delegated, who had confirmed to SHA that it reflected the preferred option as agreed by the Parish Council.

205/17 **Allotments**
There was nothing to report on this item.

206/17 **Open Spaces**
Fencing bordering the “village field” along Amberd Lane which had recently been taken down and burned by youths would need replacing. Mr Pretty would establish whose responsibility it would be.

207/17 **Open Spaces Working Group**
There was nothing to report on this item.

208/17 **Flooding**
There was nothing to report on this item.

209/17 **Trull Village Memorial Hall**
There was nothing to report on this item.

210/17 **Alms-houses**
The Charity still has a vacant cottage with garden at Sellicks Green currently being advertised. Three applications had been received so far.

211/17 **Community Planning Working Group**
There was nothing to report on this item.

212/17 **Trull School**
The Summer Fair would take place on July 15th.

213/17 **Book Exchange**
The Exchange had received a thorough clean and was looking tidy.

214/17 **SALC**
There would be a West Area meeting on 22nd June.

215/17 **Correspondence**
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-

Somerset Community Foundation - letter seeking volunteers to join the EDF Energy Community Fund Awards Panel.

NHS Health Checks – Invitation to host free NHS Health Check Events for the parish.

216/17 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

Payments:

Trull Village Memorial Hall
(PC 15/5/17).....£18

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

Mrs R Howat
Newsletter delivery, stamps.....£15.90

HMRC
NI contributions.....£39.99

Parsons Landscapes Ltd
KGV grass (May 2017).....£652.37

SPFA
Membership 17-18.....£15

Brian Pretty
Lawnmower fuel.....£20.01

Handspring Design Ltd
Deposit for shelter.....£4,680

All Saints Church Trull
NP leaflet printing.....£21

Bryan Howe
Internal audit.....£261.50

Salary

Mrs R Howat
1/6/17 salary (minus NI contributions)£816.39

Receipts:

Donation to play equipment fund.....£224.59

Paid from Pavilion Account

Xtreme Kleen
Cleaning May£72.59

Tessa Dean
Curtain poles.....£49.98

217/17 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**
None

218/17 **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting will be held on Monday 17th July 2017, at 7.15pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.38pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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