

# **Trull Parish Council**

Minutes of a meeting held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull,  
on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.

Present: Mrs J Wooldridge, Mrs A Hudson, Mr N Hancock, Mrs L Brierley,  
Mrs D Johnson, Mr A Kent, Mr B Pretty together with 4 members  
of the public.

In attendance: Mrs B Howat - Clerk  
SCC Alan Wedderkopp  
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.

219/17 **Apologies for Absence**

Mr M Hughes, Ms T Dean, Mrs J Martin-Scott.

220/17 **Extended Leave of Absence**

Mrs Martin-Scott was given another extended leave of absence for six months following advice from the Somerset Association of Local Councils.

221/17 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

222/17 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were agreed and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

223/17 **Matters Arising**

The police had been given the access code to the KGV Playing Field in order to make patrols following reports of anti-social behaviour.

224/17 **Chairman's Report**

There was no report from the Chairman.

225/17 **Police Report**

PCSO Parry was in attendance. Since 19<sup>th</sup> June seven calls had been received – road related – 4, theft -1, robbery – 1, concern for welfare – 1. One crime was recorded – robbery. Speed watch patrols were held at Bradbeers between 2 and 3pm on 30<sup>th</sup> June, and between 8 and 9am on 13<sup>th</sup> July. No data was available. A beat surgery would take place in the Trull Church Community Centre between 2.30 and 3.30pm on 28<sup>th</sup> July.

PCSO Parry had been surprised to hear that residents in Amberd Lane had reported two incidents to councillors which had taken place on consecutive weekends on the village field. Patrols would be stepped up in the parish during the summer and residents were reminded to call 101 or 999 if they see any other incidents taking place.

226/17 **Somerset County Councillor Report**

Cllr Wedderkopp mentioned concerns about possible changes affecting the children's centre in Bishops Hull.

He will be making a request for the 20mph speed limit in Trull village centre under the next round of bids in the Small Improvements Scheme.

Councillors asked if Cllr Wedderkopp could liaise with the Highways Authority regarding overgrown pavements at Dipford Road since repeated requests from the Parish had failed to produce results.

227/17 **42/17/0015**

Two storey extension to the side at 10 Dipford Orchard, Dipford Road. Amended. The proposed extension had been reduced in size.

**Resolved:** Continue to object for the reasons originally given:-

- 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.

228/17 **42/17/0017**

Replacement of roof, insertion of roof lights and patent glazing to lobby at Just Hair, Honiton Road.

**Resolved:** Support.

229/17 **42/17/0020/T**

Management works to two Lime trees at 6 Church Road, Trull.

**Resolved:** Support.

230/17 **42/17/0023**

First floor extension. at Charlton Rise, Comeytrowe Road.

**Resolved:** Support.

231/17 **Delegated Planning**

There were no delegated decisions to report.

232/17 **Decisions by TDBC**

42/17/0009

Erection of single storey extension to rear, first floor extension to side and double garage to front of Cheppings, Spearcey Lane, Trull. Conditional approval.

233/17 **Joint Response to A358 consultation.**

The Chief Executive of Highways England Ltd Peter Adams had replied to the joint letter from parishes regarding concerns over the A358 consultation. No acknowledgement or response had been received from the Minister for Transport's office. The Chairman of Stoke St Mary Parish Council felt the letter from Peter Adams was ineffective and planned to reply asking him to answer the questions raised. A copy of the proposed letter had been supplied just before the meeting meaning that councillors had not had a chance to see it.

**Resolved:** The Clerk will circulate the letter for Trull Parish Council to review by email with delegated authority for the Chairman to sign if in favour.

234/17 **Discussion on Car Park maintenance**

Following the request for payment towards maintenance of the Car Park, the Vice-Chairman of the Memorial Hall, Paul Leeder, wished to resume discussions over long term maintenance arrangements. The Parish Council was not aware of any long term arrangements having been agreed before. Mrs Johnson had no recollection of any being agreed at Trull Connect either.

**Resolved:**

1) To nominate Mark Hughes and Dawn Johnson to take part in any future discussions.

235/17 **Arrangements for transfer of the Village Field**

The solicitor had been asked to provide an estimated cost for acting on behalf of the Parish Council in relation to signing the land transfer and covenant documents, as well as securing a legal document from the developer setting out arrangements for ongoing maintenance of the attenuation pond and drainage associated with the neighbouring development. He had also raised initial concerns over liability for safety around the attenuation pond if and whenever it does contain water, and the need for these to be addressed.

Since the last meeting Mr Lehner had supplied email confirmation that the attenuation pond would come under the responsibility of a management company and the other drainage pipes would be the responsibility of Wessex Water. He had also indicated that amended planning consent for the attenuation pond had now been given following sign off from the Lead Local Flood Authority. However no official confirmation had been received by the Clerk despite two requests to TDBC.

The Vice-Chairman invited a member of the public to speak, who suggested that in light of the reservations expressed in recent meetings, the Parish Council might want to consider the benefits and liabilities of taking ownership of the land, and whether it is obliged to do so.

Councillors agreed that as there was currently no confirmation from TDBC and several other issues were outstanding, it would be premature to nominate legal signatories and it would use the time to look into all possibilities.

**Resolved:** To:-

1) To seek advice on whether the Section 106 agreement binds the Parish Council to accept the land transfer.

236/17 **Play Equipment Inspection Report**

The inspectors report had been circulated to members for consideration. It highlighted several issues ranging from high risk to maintenance advised.

Issues which the Council felt it should address immediately included a crush risk between the new gate and fence post at the top of the KGV field, the possible provision of secondary safety chains on the Proludic swing pod, the depth of the relocated swing bay legs, and the continuing viability of the roundabout.

A concern had been raised by a local resident immediately prior to the meeting about the newly installed play fort which appears to have an insecure fixing.

The Clerk advised that a claim arising from an incident involving the Proludic Twinfly in March had been received and passed to the Council's insurers.

**Resolved:**

1) Mr Pretty will carry out the alternations needed to eliminate the risks identified in the new gate and fencing.

2) The inspection report will be sent to Proludic to enable consultation on the provision of secondary safety chains on their equipment as recommended in the report, and to request advice and costings for low risk maintenance items.

3) Parsons Landscapes Ltd will be asked for their opinion to help establish the correct installation depth of the swing bay, and to provide a quote if necessary.

4) Parsons Landscapes Ltd will be asked for their advice on works required to ensure safe use of the roundabout, and a second opinion will also be sought.

5) The new play fort will be fenced off straight away while an inspection is carried out.

- 237/17 **Neighbourhood Plan**  
The Trull and Staplehay Neighbourhood Development Plan had been adopted by Taunton Deane Borough Council. Trull Parish Council would now be eligible for 25% of CIL contributions.  
Members of the NP Group had celebrated with a tea party in the Trull Church Community Centre. TDBC ward Councillor Mark Edwards had also attended.
- 238/17 **KGV Field**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 239/17 **Footpaths**  
Pokes Lane would be closed for several days from 24<sup>th</sup> July to enable repairs to be carried out to the wall adjacent to Trull Primary School.
- 240/17 **Highways**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 241/17 **Allotments**  
Mr Pretty had asked a local farmer if he could help cut nettles on the right hand side of the allotment but unfortunately the necessary equipment was broken. Mr Pretty would approach alternative farmers instead.
- 242/17 **Open Spaces**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 243/17 **Open Spaces Working Group**  
Work has started on Carters Way where new plants and bark chippings were being put in. Several large rocks had also been donated.
- 244/17 **Flooding**  
SCC Cllr Alan Wedderkopp would be asked to find out why there had been such a delay in response to the Council's request for flood warning signs on Dipford Road.
- 245/17 **Trull Village Memorial Hall**  
Trull Memorial Hall Committee would be holding a village BBQ on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August.
- 246/17 **Alms-houses**  
The Charity had refurbished a second house and interviewed two possible tenants for the vacant cottage with garden at Sellicks Green. It is still in need of a secretary for four meetings year.
- 247/17 **Community Planning Working Group**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 248/17 **Trull School**  
Mr Pretty had been disappointed at the amount of rubbish left on the park following the Summer Fair. The School had notified the Parish Council that they would be taking a group of children to the playing field. The Clerk had advised them to ensure their own insurance was in place.
- 249/17 **Book Exchange**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 250/17 **SALC**  
There was nothing to report on this item.

251/17 **Correspondence**

The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-

Somerset Waste Partnership – July briefing.

Trull Memorial Hall – Notice of summer BBQ.

Somerset County Council – invitation to submit a nomination for the annual Chairman’s award.

252/17 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

**Payments:**

Trull Village Memorial Hall  
(PC 19/6/17).....£18

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

Mrs R Howat  
Newsletter delivery, stamps, ink.....£31.19

HMRC  
NI contributions.....£39.99

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

Brian Pretty  
Paint.....£16.89

Jo Wooldridge  
Plants/bark .....£37.95

Ron Vining  
Maintenance (Jan-June).....£150

**Salary**

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

**Receipts:**

None

**Paid from Pavilion Account**

Xtreme Kleen  
Cleaning June .....£56

EDF Energy  
Electric (18.3-26-6) .....£285.32

**Receipts:**

EDF Energy  
FIT payment.....£615.45

253/17 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**  
Mr Kent requested an update on the Trull and Comeytrowe Development.

254/17 **Date of Next Meeting**  
The next meeting will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017, at 7.15pm.

The Vice-Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.24pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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