

# **Trull Parish Council**

Minutes of a meeting held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull,  
on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

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

In attendance: Mrs B Howat - Clerk  
SCC Alan Wedderkopp

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. It was pointed out that there was still a problem with dog fouling on the KGV Playing Field and more signs were needed asking people to keep their dogs on a lead.

## 255/17 **Apologies for Absence**

Mrs J Martin-Scott.

Mr B Pretty had given his apologies for the next three meetings.

Mr Hancock had indicated that he would be arriving a few minutes late.

## 256/17 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

## 257/17 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chairman subject to the following change:-

Minute 227/17 should read:

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) 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.

## 258/17 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

## 259/17 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had received a letter from children at Trull Primary School thanking the Council for allowing sky divers to land on the KGV Playing Field during the summer fair.

- 260/17 **Police Report**  
PCSO Parry was not in attendance and no report was submitted.
- 261/17 Mr Hancock arrived at 7.23pm.
- 262/17 **Somerset County Councillor Report**  
Cllr Wedderkopp asked for a letter of support to accompany the request for a 20mph speed limit in Trull village centre under the next round of bids in the Small Improvements Scheme.  
Cllr Wedderkopp had been elected to the Somerset Rivers Authority scrutiny panel.
- 263/17 **42/17/0026**  
Formation of agricultural access at Waterside Lodge, Sweethay Lane.  
**Resolved:** Support.
- 264/17 **42/17/0028/T**  
Application to fell one Japanese Cedar at Trethias, Gatchell Green.  
**Resolved:** Support with a preference for the tree to be replaced with something similar.
- 265/17 **Delegated Planning**  
42/17/0018  
Extension of dormer roof to the front of 16 Gatchell Green.  
No comment.
- 42/17/0021  
Erection of 2 stable blocks with caravan for equestrian centre manager at Comeytrove Equestrian Ltd, Higher Comeytrove Farm.  
Support
- 42/17/0023  
First floor rear extension and ground floor extension on the West elevation of Charlton Rise, Comeytrove Road, Trull. Amended.  
Our original comment of support will still be taken into account and it is only necessary to comment again if we have additional comments on this new information.  
No further comment.
- 42/17/0024  
Blocking up of doorway and replacement of window with doorway at Cutsey Pavilion, Cutsey House.  
Support.
- 266/17 **Decisions by TDBC**  
42/17/0018  
Erection of extension to dormer roof at the front of 16 Gatchell Green, Trull.  
Refusal.
- 42/17/0015  
Erection of two storey extension to side of 10 Dipford Orchard, Dipford Road, Trull.  
Conditional approval
- 267/17 **Update on Comeytrove/Trull Urban Extension**  
Trull Ward Councillor Mark Edwards had reported that TDBC are working with the Consortium and SCC to expedite the S106 agreement so that planning permission can be issued. The Consortium had submitted a viability case that is currently being assessed for its validity, however, this was a detailed and very time consuming exercise due to the complexity of the scheme. Until such time that an agreement can be reached the permission cannot be issued.

268/17 **Joint Response to A358 consultation.**

Stoke St Mary Parish Council Chairman Mike Farrell had reported that Highways England Ltd intend to give exhibitions and presentations at various parishes affected by the proposed A358 Taunton to Southfields Dualling Scheme as part of the supplementary public consultation. He thought there would be two new options to consider and that HE Ltd would be giving exhibitions and presentations with a Q&A session at Hatch Beauchamp, West Hatch, Ruishton and Thornfalcon, Killams and Mountfields and Corfe.

**Resolved:** To write to HE requesting that a presentation/exhibition is held in the parish of Trull, preferably at a meeting of the Parish Council.

269/17 **Correspondence regarding the provision of play equipment.**

A letter had been received from two residents of Southwell Close asking for clarification on a number of points around the purchase and location of play equipment on the KGV Playing Field. The letter from Anne Clark and Brian Pretty had been circulated to all councillors. Mrs Clark was invited to address the meeting. She read a further letter from Mr Pretty stating that he had previously been told that there was no conflict of interest in being on the Playing Field Management Committee and being a resident. Mrs Clark said the Playing Field was a fantastic resource but they were concerned at what was being done and how it was being done.

The Clerk provided answers to all the questions based on minutes from previous council meetings and from council budgets and accounts. Ms Dean confirmed that all equipment installed so far had been placed in the broad locations identified on the approved plan. The Chairman said there was a need for better communication within the PFMC so that Mr Pretty could go away from the meetings with greater understanding.

270/17 **Play Equipment Inspection Actions**

Following resolutions arising from the annual play equipment inspection:-

- 1) Mr Pretty had carried out the alternations needed to eliminate the risks identified in the new gate and fencing.
- 2) The inspection report had been 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. They had advised that the pod swing unit pre-dates the latest safety standards and conforms to the standards in place at time of manufacture. There are no plans to add safety chains to the unit, the unit is certified as safe to use as per the design at the time. The Aerospeed had a missing cap and chain cover that would need shrink heating onto the chain. Worn surfacing under the equipment was a matter for the Council to address.
- 3) Parsons Landscapes Ltd had been asked for their opinion to help establish the correct installation depth of the swing bay, and provide a quote if necessary. They had not replied.
- 4) Parsons Landscapes Ltd had been asked for their advice on works required to ensure safe use of the roundabout but had not yet replied. A second opinion had been given by Anthony Kent who thought the rust damage was easily treatable with a water based rust inhibitor, then red oxide primer, finished off in green paint. The hole in the spindle did not appear to be caused by rust, but looked deliberate, perhaps to allow lubricating oil to be flowed down to the bearings. If that is not the case, the metal based filler could be used.
- 5) The new play fort had been fenced off while an immediate inspection was carried out and a minor repair undertaken. The manufacturer will be returning to make good any snagging ahead of an inspection by ROPSA.

**Resolved:**

- 1) That the parts for the Proludic equipment are ordered and Parsons are asked to fit them.
- 2) That Debbie Arscott from TDBC is asked for advice on safety surfaces that the Parish Council could consider.
- 3) That Parsons are asked for their advice on the swing bay depths again.

4) That Anthony Kent is authorised to make minor repairs to the roundabout as detailed.

5) That Mark Hughes and Anthony Kent carry out the visual inspection on play equipment while Mr Pretty is away.

271/17 **Closing village streets for play**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

272/17 **Funding for flood warning signs**

Trull Parish Council had requested the provision of warning signs that could be operated by residents in Dipford Road in the event of flooding. Following a lengthy delay Somerset County Highways had been advised that this part of Dipford Road does flood regularly and they would be happy to permit the signage. However, agreement for parishioners to operate the signs out of office hours and at weekends would not be feasible because the Operation Gennex scheme under which parish volunteers were given permission to open and close the signs is no longer running. Responsibility for operation of the signs would be carried out by the police or the highway service provider Skanska. If they were still desired on this basis the signs would need to be paid for by the Parish Council. The cost for two posts and two drop down red warning triangle signs with the wording 'FLOOD' would be in the region of £500.

**Resolved:** To approve paying for the flood warning signs in principle subject to detailed costings.

273/17 **Arrangements for transfer of the Village Field**

The solicitor had confirmed that the Section 106 agreement relating to the Amberd Lane development does bind the Parish Council to accept the transfer of the village field. Since the last meeting TDBC had sent confirmation that amended planning consent for the attenuation pond had now been given.

Councillors identified a number of issues they would like to be resolved before taking the transfer agreement any further:-

- 1) To ascertain the condition of established trees and their immediate maintenance prior to transfer.
- 2) To require evidence of the management company responsible for the attenuation pond.
- 3) To require evidence that Wessex Water will be responsible for the drainage pipes on site.
- 4) To require confirmation that the planting scheme will be managed for five years by the developer.
- 5) To establish the boundaries of the village field by way of a detailed plan.
- 6) To establish liability for any accident in the attenuation pond.

It was suggested that three councillors attend the site meeting. The questions are not exclusive and can be supplemented during the walk around the village field.

**Resolved:** Mr Hughes, Mrs Wooldridge and Mrs Brierley would hold a meeting on site at the village field with Andy Lehner to establish the answers to questions 1-6 and address any other concerns that arise.

274/17 **Permission for a fireworks display on the KGV playing field**

Trull Scout Group had requested permission to use the KGV playing field for its annual firework display on Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>. A copy of their Public Liability insurance had been provided.

**Resolved:** To approve the Scout Groups request for use of the KGV playing field.

275/17 **Nominations for the SCC Chairman's Award**

An invitation to submit a nomination for the annual Somerset County Council Chairman's award had been received in July. Members had been asked to for nominations but none were forthcoming. The Chairman suggested that next year members of the public could be asked to make suggestions.

276/17 **To ratify support for The Apple Trail**

East Devon District Council, the Blackdown Hills Business Association and Sidmouth Chamber of Commerce are seeking grant funding for The Apple Trail - a long distance walk from Taunton to Sidmouth passing through 23 parishes including Trull. The Apple Trail is designed to appeal to walkers and tourists who will be able to access businesses, art and craft venues, pubs and food outlets en route whilst learning about the culture and history of the Parishes. When funding is secured the organisers will be visiting each Parish to make a presentation and provide details on how each Parish can get involved in the scheme. In the meantime they had asked for a letter of support in principle for the project which Councillors approved by email in August to be ratified at the September meeting.

**Resolved:** To give support in principle to The Apple Trail project, as approved.

277/17 **Consideration of the latest SID reports**

Data from the Speed Indicator Device at Bradbeers from July 10th - 24th showed the average number of vehicles passing per day was 1028. Of these 93.9% exceeded the 30mph limit; 35.6% exceeded 40mph and 2.7% (28 vehicles a day) exceeded 50mph. It is hoped that road markings and warning signs being installed as part of the SHA Small Improvement Scheme would help to reduce traffic speeds.

**Resolved:** To request that the Community Speedwatch team make regular patrols at Bradbeers.

278/17 **Neighbourhood Plan**

There was nothing to report on this item.

279/17 **KGV Field**

Quotations were being sought for the groundworks for the youth shelter. The Trull Church Community Centre had asked for permission to use the playing field on Saturday 23rd September for a Memory Walk to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. The Clerk had made them aware that their own Public Liability Insurance would need to be in place for the event.

280/17 **Footpaths**

The SCC Rights of Way team are looking into the problem of overgrown vegetation on footpath T21/76A off Amberd Lane.

281/17 **Highways**

A resident had been keeping the Parish Council informed of issues with a blocked drain at Staplehay that SHA have attempted to clean but which remains a problem. The Clerk would refer the complaint to Cllr Wedderkopp in case he could help.

Following a request for intervention by Cllr Wedderkopp SHA had reported that overgrown verges on the footpath at Dipford Road had been cleared. However, Mr Kent said he had noticed only a small amount of debris had been cleared.

Notice had been advertised by SCC of the proposed changes to the parking and waiting restrictions in Orchard Close, Trull.

Furlong Green will be closed temporarily to enable SHA to carry out resurfacing works in the road. The Order becomes effective on 17 October 2017 and will remain in force for eighteen months. The works are expected to last for 2 days. An alternative route will be signposted while the closure is in operation.

Mrs Johnson said she was still waiting on SHA to provide nameplates for the Staplehay Cross Cottages.

282/17 **Allotments**

One of the taps was dripping and would be fixed by a local plumber.

The annual meeting of allotment tenants would take place immediately prior to the next Parish Council meeting in October.

- 283/17 **Open Spaces**  
Mr Pretty had given a final cut to the grass at Trull Green, the entrance and paths at the allotment, the verge at Church Road and the rough area in the KGV playing field. He had also tidied Pokes Lane and cleaned the bus shelter on Honiton Road. The Creative Innovation Centre (CICCIC) had requested permission to place a banner on Trull Green for two weeks in August, to advertise the Oxford Shakespeare Company production at Poundisford Lodge on 26<sup>th</sup> August. The Clerk had given permission under delegated powers after consulting with councillors by email.
- 284/17 **Open Spaces Working Group**  
The group is still meeting on the first Sunday of the month.
- 285/17 **Flooding**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 286/17 **Trull Village Memorial Hall**  
The Trull Memorial Hall Committee would continue updating the building with new flooring in the Pearce Suite, new windows along the back and a new boiler in the kitchen.
- 287/17 **Alms-houses**  
The next meeting would be held in October.
- 288/17 **Community Planning Working Group**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 289/17 **Trull School**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 290/17 **Book Exchange**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 291/17 **SALC**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 292/17 **Correspondence**  
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-
- Somerset Waste Partnership – August briefing.
- Somerset Rivers Authority – End of Year Report for 2016-17.
- TDBC – Consultation information for West Monkton and Cheddon Fitzpaine Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- Somerset Playing Fields' Association - 2016/17 Annual Report.
- The Community Council for Somerset - Invitation to the Village Agent Roadshow - Community Connect - at Wiveliscombe Community Centre on Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Campaign to Protect Rural England - AGM with a special meeting about sustainable transport called "The End of the Road" on 12<sup>th</sup> October at St James Church Hall in Taunton.
- Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner – Summer newsletter.

293/17 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

The clerk reported that the annual return for 2016/17 had been approved by the external auditors Grant Thornton.

**August**

**Payments:**

Trull Village Memorial Hall  
(PC 17/7/17).....£18

HMRC  
NI contributions.....£18.60

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

Brian Pretty  
Petrol, wood, screws.....£85.47

Trull Village Memorial Hall  
Car park  
repairs.....£169.30

**Salary**

Mrs R Howat  
1/7/17 salary (minus NI contributions) .....£816.39

**Receipts:**

None

**Paid from Pavilion Account**

Xtreme Kleen  
Cleaning July .....£74.60

**September**

**Payments:**

Trull Village Memorial Hall  
(PC 21/8/17).....£18

All Saints Trull PCC  
Newsletter printing.....£20

HMRC  
NI contributions.....£18.60

Parsons Landscapes Ltd  
KGV grass (August 2017).....£326.18

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

SPFA  
Equipment inspection.....£80

Grant Thornton  
Annual return fee.....£360

Water2business  
Allotments (28.2-1/9).....£169.17

Parsons Landscapes Ltd  
Repairs to Twinfly.....£60

Sutcliffe Play South West Ltd  
Rocker and dish.....£2,482.80

**Salary**

Mrs R Howat  
1/8/17 salary (minus NI contributions) .....£816.39

**Receipts:**

HMRC  
VAT return.....£1,424.97

**Paid from Pavilion Account**

Xtreme Kleen  
Cleaning August .....£46.39

Nick Rose  
Pavilion painting.....£1,320

Water2business  
Pavilion (11/3-5/9).....£44.57

**Receipts:**

EDF Energy  
Fit Payment.....£530.72

294/17 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**  
None.

295/17 **Date of Next Meeting**  
The next meeting will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017, at 7.15pm, preceded by a meeting of the allotment tenants at 6.30pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.20pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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