

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull,
on Monday 18th December, 2017.

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

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

374/17 **Apologies for Absence**
Mrs J Martin-Scott, Mrs L Brierley.

375/17 **Declarations of Interest**
None.

376/17 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th November 2017**
Minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

377/17 **Matters Arising**
Mrs Wooldridge reported that the helicopter due to land in the KGV field on 18th December had been deployed elsewhere and an alternative date would be arranged.

Correspondence relating to planning application 42/17/005 and the subsequent appeal had been received from Mrs Fry seeking clarification on representations made by the Chairman of the Trull and Staplehay Neighbourhood Plan Group, Tessa Dean. Mrs Fry questioned whether these comments should have been made as an individual instead, and asked the Parish Council to respond before the closing date for the appeal.

Advice was taken from the Planning Policy Officer at Taunton Deane Borough Council who said: "I am unaware of any specific reasons why the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Group cannot submit a representation on a planning application" and that "representations from individuals or organisations and groups carry equal weight in the decision making process."

The NP group is not a sub-committee of the Parish Council and does not seek permissions from the Parish Council on its day to day business.

Ms Dean has been elected as Trull Parish Council's official representative on the NP Group since 2015 and did gain the approval of group members before sending the representations.

In consideration of the advice given and in fairness to Mrs Fry, the Clerk in consultation with Mr Hughes and Mrs Wooldridge had written to the appointed Planning Inspector setting out the points made for his jurisdiction.

378/17 **Chairman's Report**

The Trull Players had put on an excellent Christmas Show and thanks were given to all involved.

At a meeting of the Party in the Park Committee Barry Bloxham and Dave Davenport had stepped aside after many years. More information on the 2018 event would be given in the New Year.

379/17 **Police Report**

PCSO Parry had given his apologies. The Chairman read his report.

Since 20th November 10 calls were received: road related incident – 4, concern for welfare-3, suspicious incident – 2, theft – 1. One crime was recorded: theft.

The Community Speedwatch group patrolled at Bradbeers on 16th November between 11am and 12 noon, where 182 vehicles passed with 12 speeders caught.

An update on Beat Surgery dates for 2018 would be made in the New Year.

380/17 **Somerset County Councillor Report**

Funding for the Speed Indicator Device programme was being withdrawn but the programme could be continued if town and parish councils were willing to pay.

Work on the Small Improvements Scheme at Staplehay is due to start in April 2018.

TDBC was producing a Garden Town plan. Cllr Wedderkopp had met with the SCC Chairman David Fothergill to discuss congestion on Trull Road and Compass Hill, and flooding of the Galmington Stream.

381/17 **42/17/0042**

Two storey extension to the side and single storey extension to the rear at 11 Dipford Orchard, Dipford Road.

Resolved: Object on the grounds that it will significantly increase the size of the property on this affordable housing scheme. The consequential increased value of the house could take it out of the affordable bracket for potential purchasers.

An extension of this size is out of keeping with the existing Dipford Orchard development.

The proposed extension would leave very little remaining garden space and is contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan which stresses the importance of gardens in the community, and is against the practice of 'garden grabbing'.

When a similar application came forward for a neighbouring property in early 2017 the Parish Council expressed concern that if granted it could set a precedent for similar applications in the affordable housing scheme, as this application demonstrates.

382/17 **42/17/0042**

Single storey extensions to the side and rear at 5 South View, Comeytrove Road.

Resolved: Support ensuring the design protects the privacy of the neighbouring property.

383/17 **Delegated Planning**

There were no delegated decisions.

384/17 **Decisions by TDBC**

42/17/0033/LB

External alterations to roof at Wild Oak House, Honiton Road, Trull.

Conditional approval.

42/17/0035

Erection of single storey extension at 2 The Green, Trull (resubmission of 42/16/0025).

Conditional approval.

385/17 **Update on the Comeytrove/Trull Urban Extension.**

Tim Burton from TDBC planning and Mike O'Dowd-Jones from SCC Highways had given an update to Comeytrove Parish Council on the progress of application 42/14/0069 which was granted Planning Permission subject to agreement on Section 106 obligations, covering 11 specific requirements. A resident of Trull Parish had asked three questions during public speaking time, and received the following replies which were reported to Trull Parish Council:-

- 1) If any of the 11 topics (including Affordable Housing) remains contested, the final decision may not be delegated, and can only be granted by the full Planning Committee.
- 2) If there is a material change to the Application, TDBC Planners will have to decide whether, under EIA regulations, the Application will have to be re-advertised, and then consulted-on.
- 3) SCC will not re-visit their traffic-forecasts before final determination.

386/17 **Update on arrangements for Transfer of the Village Field**

It had now been established that the management company administered by Strongvox Ltd at Amingford Mead is not responsible for the attenuation pond as it is outside of their land ownership. Mr Andy Lehner had since negotiated with Strongvox who are willing to take on responsibility if the area is fenced off either around the attenuation pond or at a point across the field. This would involve changes to the deed of transfer. Mr Lehner had confirmed that under the Section 104 agreement with Wessex Water they were responsible for all pipe work including those going into and out of the attention pond. However it is still not clear who would take responsibility for the bank at the point of the outflow pipe. It was apparent that more discussions would need to take place on all these points.

Resolved: To arrange a meeting with Mr Lehner in early 2018 to discuss these points and any other matters arising.

387/17 **Update on Environment Agency correspondence**

In reply to a letter actioned at the November meeting of Trull Parish Council relating to the Somerset Rivers Authority report, the Environment Agency had confirmed that the Taunton Strategic Flood Alleviation Improvements (TSFAI) project, led by TDBC and the EA, is not investigating flood storage proposals upstream of Trull, commonly referred to as Wild Oak Lane and identified by previous TDBC/Project Taunton studies. The project is currently considering an alternative flood storage option on the Sherford Stream catchment downstream of Trull as a possible opportunity to complement the main River Tone appraisal work in Taunton. A decision is yet to be made on this proposal. Neither is the project assessing the flood risk impact from the Comeytrove/Trull development as such assessments are led through discussions between the developer, the Lead Local Flood Authority and the LPA via the Core Strategy and necessary planning applications.

388/17 **Update on Play Equipment Inspection Actions**

Parsons Landscaped Ltd had fitted the Proludic parts to the Aerospeed along with worn sacrificial bushes. The engineer had confirmed the depth of the swings appeared to be acceptable.

Welding to the standing plates on the roundabout had been carried out.

Mr Pretty had noted that the handle on the zip wire was worn. He would be reporting on the condition of the play equipment each month under the KGV/play equipment section.

Resolved: To order a new handle for the zip wire from Proludic .

389/17 **To consider funding for play equipment and groundworks**

The PFMC working group was applying for grant funding towards the cost of groundworks for the kick wall which will be in the region of £10,000 but it may also need funds from the Council budget or CIL allocation.

It also hoped to start work on the boules pitch in 2018. Costs for the landscaping would be sought but money should be set aside in the budget.

390/17 **Grant to Citizens Advice Taunton**

Citizens Advice Taunton requests funding from all local parish councils on an annual basis to help make a difference to the lives of local residents. Trull Parish Council had made donations of £100 in the last two years.

Resolved: To make a grant of £100 to Citizens Advice Taunton.

391/17 **Grant to Trull Parish Archives Group**

The group had spent the £100 received from the Parish Council in 2016 to help purchase a printer, an additional second-hand bookcase and castors, a session to advise on problems with the laptop database, and ongoing stationery. The Group now needs to purchase several other accessories, including two memory sticks for long-term storage of items. It is currently putting the finishing touches to "We Will Remember Them" which explores the family and service histories of all those named on the war memorial from both conflicts, and is planning to publish this as a booklet. It will use the £100 from the grant awarded in the 2017/18 budget towards these projects and had requested a further grant of £100 in the 2018/19 budget.

Resolved: To make a grant of £100 to Trull Parish Archives Group.

392/17 **To consider making a contribution to car park repairs**

The vice-chairman of Trull Memorial Hall Committee had sought advice and a quote for the repair of loose kerb-edging stone at the entrance to the car park. He had been seeking a contribution of £79.50 (a quarter of the cost) from Trull Parish Council. However the original contractor, Mr Andy Lehner, had now carried out the work at no charge.

393/17 **To consider funding for SID installations**

From the 31st March 2018 Somerset County Council will no longer be providing its existing community speed indicator device (SID) service to parish and town councils. This is because SCCs current stock of SIDs is reaching the end of its serviceable life and a large financial investment would be required to replace it. The present financial position of SCC does not allow for such a large financial investment to be made.

The current SID programme was scheduled to finish on the 31st December 2017) but has now been extended until the end of March 2018 to allow parish/town councils sufficient time to decide on the options available.

Some Parish and Town Councils may wish to consider purchasing and operating their own SIDs, (subject to the policies and procedures of SCC). Those who wish to pursue this option will receive advice; assistance and full support.

From the 1st April 2018 SCC may consider operating a revised provision by providing SIDs for those parish/town councils who are willing to make a regular financial contribution towards the installation costs. In order for this option to exist there has to be a sufficient demand to make it viable

Parish and town councils are being asked to reply with the level of interest in order for calculations to be made.

Trull Parish Council currently has SID installations at Bradbeers and Gatchells for two weeks twice a year.

Resolved: To reply with an expression of interest subject to detailed costings.

394/17 **To consider funding for additional dog waste bins**

A dog walker had requested the provision of a dog waste bin somewhere in fields between Queen's Drive and Wild Oak Lane possibly where the footpath joins Wild Oak Lane or near the bridge entrance at the southern end of the fields.

Members felt it was necessary to encourage dog walkers to dispose of their waste considerately. A bin could be provided on land that is owned and managed by the Trull Parish Council. Carters Way had been suggested as a suitable location and one that currently has no provision.

The Clerk reported that a 60 litre bin with post would cost approximately £129 and emptying it once a week would add approximately £171 to the current contract.

Resolved: To order and install a dog waste bin where Carters Way meets Wild Oak Lane, and to arrange for it to be emptied once a week.

395/17 **To consider funding for road flooded signs**

Mr Kent was still very keen to resolve the problem caused by occasional flooding at Dipford Road and had asked if there would be anything to stop the Council putting up its own signs saying "caution road flooded". He had researched some signs which would approximately £120. He would also be happy to take responsibility for them, and get some other Dipford Residents to share responsibility for erecting and removing them after the flood.

Advice was sought from Somerset County Highways who said the sign designs are not TSRGD compliant and would not be authorised for use on the highway. Only the hinged signs that the Parish could purchase from SHA can be allowed on the highway, and they can only be put out by the SHA contractors, area highway superintendents or the police.

396/17 **To approve the budget for 2018/19**

The budget for 2018/19 had been drafted taking into account a further spend of £15,000 on play equipment and the remaining Community Infrastructure Levy payments that can only be spent on specified projects. Members agreed to continue paying for grass cutting on the KGV playing field for the next financial year. They agreed to keep the precept at the same level as 2017/18.

Resolved:

- 1) To approve the budget for 2018/19.
- 2) To request a precept of £29,000 from TDBC.

397/17 **Neighbourhood Plan**

There was nothing to report on this item.

398/17 **KGV Field**

There was nothing to report on this item.

399/17 **Footpaths**

A complaint raised about the state of the footpath from Gatchell Oaks to Trull Stores had been referred to SHA. They contacted a team from TDBC who had carried out the work.

Mr Pretty had sent a letter of thanks to SCC Rights of Way Officer Sally Vickery who was retiring.

400/17 **Highways**

Mr Hancock had alerted SHA to a problem with the metal signpost near the hairdressers on Honiton Road that should point to Blagdon Hill but is currently pointing to Dipford Road. The matter had not yet been resolved.

Mrs Hudson asked if Building Control at TDBC could be reminded of the dangerous wall at Amberd Lane that was reported in early 2017.

401/17 **Allotments**

Mr Pretty asked if the owner of the bungalow boarding the entrance to Trull Allotments could be reminded to maintain his boundary.

402/17 **Open Spaces**

There was nothing to report on this item.

403/17 **Open Spaces Working Group**

There was nothing to report on this item.

404/17 **Flooding**

There was nothing to report on this item.

405/17 **Trull Village Memorial Hall**

There was nothing to report on this item.

406/17 **Alms-houses**

A meeting is scheduled for 19th January 2018.

407/17 **Community Planning Working Group**

There was nothing to report on this item.

408/17 **Trull School**

There was nothing to report on this item.

409/17 **Book Exchange**

There was nothing to report on this item.

410/17 **SALC**

There was nothing to report on this item.

411/17 **Correspondence**

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

Tone FM radio – Launch of Tone News - a free monthly community newspaper.

Leaders of Taunton Deane and West Somerset Councils - announcement that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, is minded to approve the proposal to create a single new council.

Somerset Community Foundation - Surviving Winter Campaign – information for newsletter.

Somerset Waste Partnership – November briefing.

Wessex Regional Flood and Coastal Committee – strategy for 2017-2021 and beyond.

Mrs and Mrs Fry – correspondence regarding appeal representations.

412/17 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

Payments:

Trull Village Memorial Hall
(PC 20/11/17).....£18

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

HMRC
NI contributions.....£18.60

Mrs R Howat
Newsletter delivery, stamps, envelopes.....£18.19

Parsons Landscapes Ltd
KGV Grass cutting (Nov)£163.09

Town and Country Landscaping
Rocker and Dish installation.....£413.67

All Saints Trull PCC

Floodlighting contribution.....	£29.43
Brian Pretty Lawnmower petrol.....	£20
All Saints Trull PCC Parish Archives grant.....	£100
Mrs R Howat Tax refund.....	£414.64
Ron Vining Maintenance (July-Dec).....	£150
Lyndfield Services Ltd Round about welding.....	£120

Salary

Mrs R Howat salary (minus NI contributions)	£816.39
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Receipts:

HMRC NI and Tax refund.....	£868.45
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Big Lottery Fund Kickwall Grant.....	£8,169
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Allotment Rents	£720
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Paid from Pavilion Account

Xtreme Kleen Cleaning Nov.....	£60.40
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413/17 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**
The Chairman and Vice-Chairman would both be absent for the January 2018 meeting.

414/17 **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting will be held on Monday 15th January 2018, at 7.15pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.27pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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