

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull,
on Monday 15th January, 2018.

Present: Ms T Dean, Mr B Pretty, Mrs D Johnson, Mr A Kent, Mr Hancock,
Mrs A Hudson together with four members of the public.

In attendance: Mrs B Howat - Clerk
SCC Cllr Alan Wedderkopp
Alan Paul

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting the clerk invited comments from members of the public relating to items on the agenda, or on issues to be discussed at a later date.

- 1/18 **Nomination for a chairman for the meeting**
In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman members agreed that Mr N Hancock should chair the meeting.
Resolved: Mr N Hancock would chair the meeting.
- 2/18 **Apologies for Absence**
Mrs J Martin-Scott, Mr M Hughes, Mrs J Wooldridge.
- 3/18 **Declarations of Interest**
None.
- 4/18 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th December 2017**
Minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2017 were agreed and signed by the acting Chairman.
- 5/18 **Matters Arising**
Preliminary calculations for the cost of Speed Indicator Devices after March 2018 had been received and circulated.
- 6/18 **Chairman's Report**
There was nothing to report.
- 7/18 **Police Report**
PCSO Parry had given his apologies. The Clerk read his report. Six calls were received since 18th December: - 2 suspicious incidents, 1 theft, 2 road related incidents, 1 concern for welfare. There were two crimes recorded: - 1 theft of bicycles from an open area, 1 assault– dog bite on human. A Beat Surgery will be held in the Trull Church Community Centre between 2.30 and 3.30 on 9th February. There have been no Speedwatch patrols during this period. Anyone who witnesses an incident is reminded to report it on 101 or 999 as appropriate to the circumstances.
- 8/18 **Somerset County Councillor Report**
Cllr Wedderkopp would be having a meeting with the flood officer from Somerset County Council to talk about the proposed flood management scheme and the Galmington Stream.
- 9/18 **42/17/0043**
Replacement of agricultural building at Castlemans Hill Farm, Wellington Road.
Resolved: Support.

10/18 **Delegated Planning**

There were no delegated decisions.

11/18 **Decisions by TDBC**

42/17/0012 Erection of a detached dwelling with detached double garage and associated works on land to the south east of Cherry Orchard Lodge, Cherry Orchard, Trull (Amended). Refusal.

42/17/0026 Formation of agricultural access to the field at Waterside Lodge, Sweethay Lane, Trull. Conditional approval.

42/17/0037 Alterations to dwelling to include canopy to allow creation of wheelchair accessible access at 9 Wyatts Field, Trull. Conditional approval.

42/17/0038/LB Various internal and external alterations at Cutsey Pavilion, Cutsey House, Trull. Conditional approval. 42/17/0040/LB Various internal and external alterations at 1 Kibbear Cottages, Kibbear Lane, Trull. Conditional approval.

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.

12/18 **The 20-year Transport Plan**

Alan Paul was invited to address the Council with concerns over the draft 20-Year Transport Strategy "Connecting Our Garden Town". The document was commissioned by TDBC in partnership with SCC. It is intended to update the existing SCC Transport Strategy, bringing together investment plans and proposals from the County and Borough Councils, along with those of other organisations who are involved in, fund or provide transport services. The document does not describe in detail how the proposals will be delivered but once adopted, it will influence the development of other statutory development plans and programmes. The draft had already been approved by TDBC Community Scrutiny Committee and is due to be discussed by SCC Scrutiny Committee on 30th January. Mr Paul was hoping for as many people as possible to attend the meeting, with questions and issues to raise, and to seek proper community engagement before the strategy is approved.

The document makes reference to the early delivery of the spine road through the planned urban extension at Comeytrove/Trull. The Parish Council had previously expressed concerns about how the spine road will interface with Honiton Road and how the increased traffic will be accommodated down Trull Road and into Taunton via Compass Hill. It had also highlighted concerns over rat running from this junction through Trull to the Killams area which was now exacerbated by the possibility of a new motorway junction on the outskirts of the Parish at Killams Avenue as part of the A358 proposal

Resolved:

1) To make a submission to SCC Scrutiny Committee outlining ongoing concerns in relation to transport infrastructure affecting the Parish.

2) To approve the wording of the submission via email before 22nd January for submission by Mr Alan Paul.

3) Mr Kent and Ms Dean to attend the meeting and speak on behalf of Trull Parish Council.

13/18 **Representation on One Council proposal**

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, had invited representations before he makes a decision on the proposal to create a single new council covering Taunton Deane and West Somerset. Trull Parish Council had stated its opposition to the proposal during the consultation held

by Taunton Deane Borough Council and West Somerset Council. Members felt they should also make their opposition known in a submission to the Secretary of State.

Resolved: To write to the Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP with the following observations:

1. The Council believes the majority of proposed savings are already being realised by the two councils working together without the creation of a new council which would only save £0.5 million.

2. The Council cannot see the economies of scale as the short term costs seem disproportionately high with very little long-term gain for the residents of Taunton Deane.

3. The Council feels that residents in Taunton Deane will see a reduction in services if one council is created to serve such a large area.

4. The Council has concerns about the potential size of new wards if the number of councillors elected for the new council is reduced. It would give each councillor a larger area to cover and more parish councils to support creating a significant increase in their workload, possibly to the detriment of the community.

5. The Council has concerns in Trull over the proposed urban extension in our parish and are worried about how policies on planning, flooding and infrastructure will be affected if a new Council is created.

14/18 **Update on A358 consultation**

Highways England are running their new consultation on the proposal to upgrade the A358 between the M5 at Taunton and the Southfields roundabout joining the A303 from 16th January for 6 weeks until 27th February. More detail would be available after the launch which Mr Pretty would attend. The Clerk had requested that HE Ltd attend a meeting of the Parish Council to give more information. They had indicated that they would be prepared to brief members before the meeting but not during the meeting. The Clerk would make further requests.

15/18 **Neighbourhood Plan**

There was nothing to report on this item.

16/18 **KGV Field**

Mr Pretty had noticed on his regular equipment inspection that a fixing on the zip wire platform is coming loose. The Clerk would ask Parsons Landscapes Ltd to repair it. Ms Dean felt the running mechanism on the zip wire was slow. Mr Pretty said he would investigate.

Mr Pretty also had concerns about the type of safety surfacing that the Council could choose to install. It had been suggested that rubber tarmac like that under the roundabout was more appropriate. The issue would be discussed by the Playing Field Management Committee.

17/18 **Footpaths**

SCC had appointed a new area manager following the retirement of Rights of Way Officer Sally Vickery.

18/18 **Highways**

The blocked drain at Staplehay had not yet been attended to by Somerset Highways Authority who had found the cause to be either hedge root ingress or utility damage.

Mr Kent reported that a tractor had damaged the grass verge and bank of the Galmington Stream in Dipford Road. Bricks and stonework had fallen into the stream and were blocking the flow of water. SCH had been informed.

19/18 **Allotments**

There was nothing to report on this item.

20/18 **Open Spaces**

Mr Pretty had asked the SCC Rights of Way team for a litter picker in his role as Parish Paths Liaison Officer but had been told these must be supplied by the Parish Council. Members did not object to Mr Pretty purchasing a litter picker.

- 21/18 **Open Spaces Working Group**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 22/18 **Flooding**
There was nothing to report on this item, although Mr Kent had some proposals to put forward at the next meeting.
- 23/17 **Trull Village Memorial Hall**
A new water boiler had been bought. Efforts were now being made to finalise the lease agreement with West of England Developments Ltd relating to the right of way beside the hall in exchange for land at the rear.
- 24/18 **Alms-houses**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 25/18 **Community Planning Working Group**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 26/18 **Trull School**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 27/18 **Book Exchange**
Mr Pretty had made some repairs to the right hand side of the exchange.
- 28/18 **SALC**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 29/18 **Correspondence**
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-
- Leaders of Taunton Deane and West Somerset Councils – Reminder to submit further representations to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, during the consultation period before he makes a decision on the proposal to create a single new council.
- Mike Owen, Chair of Taunton Deane Liberal Democrats – letter asking for people to write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP or sign their online petition against the proposed new council.
- Somerset Association of Local Councils - seeking nominations for guests from member Councils to take up the allocation of four places at the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on May 31st this year.
- Somerset Waste Partnership – December briefing.
- 30/18 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**
- Payments:**
- Trull Village Memorial Hall
(PC 18/12/17).....£18
- HMRC
NI
contributions.....£18.60
- All Saints Trull PCC
Burial grant.....£335

Salary

Mrs R Howat

salary (minus NI contributions)£816.39

Receipts:

None

Paid from Pavilion Account

Xtreme Kleen

Cleaning Dec.....£39

EDF Energy

Pavilion 16/8 – 18/12.....£453.93

Receipts:

EDF Energy

Fit payment£280.72

31/18 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**

None

32/17 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19th February 2018, at 7.15pm.

Mr Hancock closed the Meeting at 8.40pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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