

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull,
on Monday 19th February, 2018.

Present: Mr M Hughes, Mrs J Wooldridge, Ms T Dean, Mr A Kent, Mrs A Hudson, Mrs L Brierley together with 11 members of the public.

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

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.

33/18 **Apologies for Absence**

Mrs J Martin-Scott, Mr B Pretty, Mrs D Johnson, Mr Hancock

34/18 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

35/18 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th January 2018**

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

36/18 **Matters Arising**

Mr Kent reported that damage caused by a tractor to the grass verge and bank of the Galmington Stream in Dipford Road had been repaired.

37/18 **Chairman's Report**

There was nothing to report.

38/18 **Police Report**

PCSO Parry had not provided a report. The Chairman understood that he was leaving his post and would be replaced.

39/18 **Somerset County Councillor Report**

Cllr Wedderkopp requested to talk at items of interest on the agenda.

40/18 **42/18/0001**

Erection of two timber sheds at Amberd Barn, Amberd Lane.

Members of the public were invited to speak before councillors held their discussion.

Resolved: Object due to the overbearing nature of the timber sheds particularly the one that has already been constructed. The design and appearance of the sheds is out of keeping with the street scene and impacts on the visual amenity of the area. The Council is disappointed at the attempt to bypass planning in the first instance and questions the intended and future use of both sheds.

Ms Dean abstained.

41/18 **42/18/0003**

Erection of two storey extension at 12 Wyatts Field, Trull.

Resolved: Support.

- 42/18 **42/18/0004/T**
Application to fell a group of three Monterey Cypress trees at Southay, Southwell.
Resolved: Support on the basis of the advice from the TDBC tree officer with a note the Parish Council would expect to see an equal number of replacement trees planted.
- 43/18 **Delegated Planning**
There were no delegated decisions.
- 44/18 **Decisions by TDBC**
42/17/0041
Erection of two storey extension to side of 11 Dipford Orchard, Dipford Road, Trull.
Conditional approval.
- 42/17/0042
Erection of single storey extensions to side and rear elevations at 5 South View, Comeytrowe Road, Trull.
Conditional approval.
- 42/17/0043
Replacement of an agricultural building for the housing of dairy stock at Castlemans Hill Farm, Wellington Road, Rumwell, Trull. (retention of works already undertaken)
Conditional approval.
- 42/17/0036
Change of use of buildings and yard from agricultural to Class B1(c) and B8 usage with installation of cladding at Farthings Farm Yard, Comeytrowe Lane, Taunton
Withdrawn by agent/applicant.
- 42/17/0005
Appeal decision on the erection of a single dwelling on land at Wild Oak Lane, Trull.
The appeal is dismissed.
- 45/18 **Update on the 20-year Transport Plan**
Mr Kent and Ms Dean had attended a meeting of Somerset County Council's Scrutiny Committee to raise questions on behalf of the Parish Council regarding the draft 20-Year Transport Strategy "Connecting Our Garden Town" commissioned by TDBC in partnership with SCC. The document, once adopted, will influence the development of other statutory development plans and programmes. Representations were made from several parishes and individuals who all received written replies from SCC. The combined effort had also resulted in SCC and TDBC agreeing to hold some public and Parish Council engagement sessions as part of the consultation process for the strategy.
Resolved: Mr Kent will represent Trull Parish Council in future discussions over the 20-year Transport Strategy.
- 46/18 **Response to the A358 consultation**
Highways England had briefed councillors on their proposals to upgrade the A358 between the M5 at Taunton and the Southfields roundabout joining the A303 in a session immediately prior to the meeting. More detail had been given on the consultation process and the three options put forward. Councillors had also been given the opportunity to ask questions.
The Parish Council had also been provided with a presentation created by an engineer and used at several parish and unparished area meetings.
SCC Alan Wedderkopp and members of the public were given an opportunity to speak before Councillors made their decision.
Resolved: To respond to Highways England with the following points-
1) Trull Parish Council is strongly in favour of the pink route which has the highest benefit to cost ratio and the best connectivity with the least environmental impact.

2) It is strongly against the orange route which has the lowest benefit to cost ratio. It has the least connectivity with no access to J25 or Taunton and does not provide a bypass for Henlade.

3)The orange route also has the biggest environmental impact passing through ancient woodland and encroaching on a protected green wedge. The proposed junction F is very close to residential properties and impacts on the designated Vivary Green Wedge which forms a vital “green lung” that Trull Parish Council has sought to protect from development.

4)The Parish Council would not wish to see a motorway junction on this Green Wedge or in any proximity which would directly affect it. It also has concerns about the future possibility of this proposed junction being opened to local traffic and creating a rat run through the parish on single track lanes.

5)Trull Parish Council is also extremely unhappy with the concept that Highways England may choose to mix and match elements from all three options to create a preferred route that has effectively not been consulted on

47/18 **Traffic calming at Comeytrove Road**

Councillors were addressed by residents concerned about safety on a stretch of Comeytrove Road between Jubilee Terrace and Dipford Road. The rise in online shopping and the use of satellite navigation systems had seen a dramatic increase in the volume of traffic using Comeytrove Road. There was also an increase in the number of families with children living in the area. Many of them also walk to the village school along the road which has no pavement. The 30mph sign is often obscured by vegetation and many drivers speed up on the straight stretches. The residents requested traffic calming measures including a new 20mp limit. Somerset County Councillor Alan Wedderkopp said he would like to be involved in further discussions

Resolved: To request a site meeting with a SCC Highways Engineer to discuss the issues and possible solutions with a view to making an official request through the Small Improvements Scheme.

48/18 **Transfer of the Village Field**

A letter had been received from the solicitors acting for West of England Developments Ltd requesting that a decision is taken on whether to accept the transfer of the village field by the end of February.

The Clerk had explained that the issue of ongoing responsibility for the Attenuation Pond had not yet been resolved, and the Council was still awaiting an inspection report to identify if any trees were in a condition that might require attention before the transfer is completed. Having previously denied any responsibility for maintenance of the attention pond, the Clerk had subsequently received written confirmation from the Technical Planning Manager of Strongvox Ltd confirming that the attenuation pond will be maintained by the appointed management company.

The Clerk had also located a copy of the maintenance schedule approved as part of the planning consent for the attention pond - 42/13/0072.

This together with a copy of the Section 104 documents relating to the responsibility of Wessex Water for drainage on the village field completes the written confirmations previously requested.

When asked ahead of the meeting Mr Lehner of WoED Ltd had categorically refused to pay for any tree surgery that may be required.

Despite future maintenance costs councillors felt the Village Field would be a valuable amenity that could be managed for the benefit of the Parish.

Resolved: To accept the Village Field from WoED Ltd and arrange for a solicitor to execute the transfer.

- 49/18 **Grass cutting on Trull Green**
Mr Pretty had notified that Clerk that he was unable to continue grass cutting on Trull Green due to physical limitations and the inefficiency of the Council-owned mower.
Resolved: To seek a quotation from Parsons Landscapes Ltd for grass cutting on Trull Green.
- 50/18 **Fencing on the KGV Playing Field**
Mr Pretty had reported that the fence along the bottom of the KGV Playing Field would need replacing as soon as possible. He had drawn up a suggested specification for the work and a plan showing the current structure.
Resolved: Mr Kent would seek quotations for the work based on Mr Pretty's specifications but with scope to alter as necessary. The costs and a decision on funding would be discussed at a later date.
- 51/18 **Party in the Park**
The Chairman reported that the Party in the Park Committee had been reformed as the Trullfest Committee with a new constitution. Trullfest will be held annually as a community event with funds split between the groups and organisations who participate in its organisation and running. The first Trullfest will be on Saturday 21st July 2018.
Resolved:
1) To note the dissolution of the Party in the Park Committee.
2) To approve the creation and constitution of the Trullfest Committee.
3) To agree to the transfer of PIP funds held by the Parish Council to the Trullfest Committee.
The Chairman abstained from the vote.
- 52/18 **Citizenship Awards 2018**
Nominations had been invited for the annual TDBC Citizenship Awards to acknowledge outstanding voluntary service. Councillors had no nominations to make this year.
- 53/18 **Neighbourhood Plan**
Ms Dean said the Neighbourhood Plan group had been encouraged by the Planning Inspector's references to the Trull and Staplehay Neighbourhood Plan as a determining factor in his decision to dismiss the appeal regarding application 42/17/0005.
- 54/18 **KGV Field**
Mrs Brierley reported that a small pack of 109 saplings from the Woodland Trust would be arriving in the week beginning March 5th for planting on the KGV Playing Field. Mrs Brierley had been absent when the Playing Field Management Committee had agreed in January to defer discussion over exactly where to plant the trees due to concerns over positioning in relation to new play equipment, future maintenance and the cost of sleeves and stakes. Mrs Brierley said that sleeves and stakes were being provided with the trees and the broad area for planting had been marked out on the plan approved in April 2016. The Chairman agreed that the location for trees had been clearly marked on the approved plan and they should be planted accordingly.
- 55/18 **Footpaths**
There was nothing to report on this item.

- 56/18 **Highways**
The Task Order for the Honiton Road Small Improvement Scheme has been issued to SCC's contractor with the works being programmed for April. The SCC webpage has been updated to show the planned works which can be accessed at [Small Improvement Schemes](#)
- The finger post at Staplehay crossroads has now been replaced.
- A temporary closure notice had been issued for a section of Stoford Lane, West Buckland to enable Somerset Highways to carry out drainage works in the road. The Order becomes effective on 12 March 2018 and will remain in force for 18 months. The works are expected to last for 5 days, and an alternative route will be signed while the closure is in operation.
- 57/18 **Allotments**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 58/18 **Open Spaces**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 59/18 **Open Spaces Working Group**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 60/18 **Flooding**
Mr Kent reported that a car which left the road at the corner adjacent to the old ford in Dipford Road and mounted the hedge partially ending up in the stream had now been removed.
- 61/17 **Trull Village Memorial Hall**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 62/18 **Alms-houses**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 63/18 **Community Planning Working Group**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 64/18 **Trull School**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 65/18 **Book Exchange**
Mrs Luke had reported that the book exchange is still being used regularly with spare books donated regularly to the British Heart Foundation, the Shaw Trust, the Diabetic Association and the PDSA. Mrs Luke requested that a note is included in the Parish newsletter requesting that no oversize books or magazines are donated as they cannot be accommodated. Efforts to control the moisture levels adjacent to the windows have been in vain with many books saturated beyond rescue. Mrs Luke asked if the Council could look at other ways to waterproof the entire structure.
- 66/18 **SALC**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 67/18 **Correspondence**
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-
- Somerset Waste Partnership – February briefing.
- Somerset County Council - Libraries Service Consultation poster.

Somerset Association of Local Councils – February newsletter.

Somerset Strategic Housing Partnership - Somerset Strategic Housing Framework consultation.

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government – acknowledgement of representation.

68/18 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

Payments:

Trull Village Memorial Hall
(PC 15/1/18)).....£18

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

HMRC
NI contributions.....£30.93

Mrs R Howat
Newsletter delivery, ink, stamps.....£36.89

Information Commissioner
Data Protection renewal.....£35

Citizens Advice Taunton
Grant.....£100

Fields in Trust
Deed and land registry fees.....£966

Salary

Mrs R Howat
salary with overtime (minus NI contributions)£906.86

Receipts:

None.

Paid from Pavilion Account

Xtreme Kleen
Cleaning January plus supplies.....£77.55

Coomber Security Systems Ltd
Fire alarm maintenance 12 months from 01/02/18.....£137.53

Trull Village Memorial Hall
(PFMC 10/1/18)).....£12

Receipts:

None.

69/18 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**

None.

70/17 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19th March 2018, at 7.15pm. The Clerk would be unable to attend but had made arrangements for a stand-in to take minutes.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 10.09pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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