

Trull Parish Council

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

Present: Mr M Hughes, Mrs J Wooldridge, Ms T Dean, Mr A Kent, Mrs A Hudson, Mrs L Brierley, Mrs D Johnson, Mr Hancock, Mrs J Martin-Scott, together with 2 members of the public.

In attendance: Mr Tony Smith – standing in for the Clerk

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. Mr Tony Smith explained that he would be taking notes of the meeting as a stand-in secretary.

71/18 **Apologies for Absence**
Mr B Pretty

72/18 **Declarations of Interest**
None.

73/18 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th February 2018**
Minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

74/18 **Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising.

75/18 **Chairman's Report**
The Chairman welcomed Mrs Martin-Scott back to her Council duties. Trull Primary School had to close twice since the last meeting due to heavy snow.

76/18 **Police Report**
There was no police report. A letter of thanks would be sent to PCSO Parry.

77/18 **Somerset County Councillor Report**
Cllr Wedderkopp had given his apologies.

78/18 **42/18/0004/T**
Amended application for management work to three Monterey Cypress trees at Southay, Southwell, Trull.
Resolved: Support.

79/18 **42/18/0007**
Conversion of garage to accommodation at Conifers, Dipford Road.
Resolved: Support.

80/18 **42/18/0008**
Single storey extensions to side and rear at 5 South View, Comeytrove Road.
Resolved: Support.

- 81/18 **42/18/0009/T**
 Management work to one Western Red Cedar and two Lawson Cypress trees at 4 Southwell Close, Trull.
Resolved: Support but with concern at the possible effects of severe pruning.
- 82/18 **Delegated Planning**
 There were no delegated decisions.
- 83/18 **Decisions by TDBC**
 There were no decisions to report.
- 84/18 **Update on the 20-year Transport Plan**
 Mr Kent reported on an update by the SCC Project Manager for the Taunton Transport Strategy, following the recent Scrutiny Committee meeting and feedback received. They had now responded to all the representations made in writing including the points raised by Trull Parish Council:-
 1) Highways England say there is no proposal to link either of the proposed new motorway junctions to the local road network, neither do the local authorities have any proposal to provide a road link to the junctions, so the SCC Highways department believe it is unlikely that either of the two junctions will have any significant impact on urban local traffic. However, they emphasised that the transport strategy is a flexible document that can be amended in future should it be required.
 2) In response to the question regarding the interface between the new spine road and the Honiton Road, this will come out at the detailed planning stage. They also do not believe rat running will be an issue as there is no planned local road junction at the new motorway junction.
 In late February SCC announced they would be remodelling traffic flows in Taunton based on more up to date information in order to determine the best solution to cater for the future. This will take some time to complete after which they will recommence local engagement.
 No decision will be taken on any new Transport Strategy until they have held these consultations following the revised traffic flow analysis.
- 85/18 **Response to the proposed new warding pattern**
 The Chairman introduced the document from Taunton Deane Borough and West Somerset Councils which had been circulated to Councillors.
 In the event of a new council being created for the area currently served by TDBC and WSC, one of the first steps will be to create proposals for the new district-level warding structure. The review will not affect the external boundaries of what is currently Taunton Deane or West Somerset, nor the external boundaries of any parish or town, but it will use the current parish and town boundaries as the building blocks to create the district-level wards. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) will be responsible for setting the ward boundaries for a new council. However, TDBC and WSC will develop their warding pattern proposals for submission and are seeking the informal views of parishes and other interested parties on some of the factors and local considerations that could influence how parishes are grouped together. Councillors discussed the questions on the survey and agreed a collective response.
Resolved: To submit the survey response as agreed including concerns at the overall reduction in councillors covering the new council area and the apparent low overall projected increase in total population.
- 86/18 **Funding for SID installations**
 Somerset County Council is due to stop provision of the existing community speed indicator device (SID) service to parish and town councils on 31st March 2018. However, it will consider operating a revised programme from 1st April 2018 for parish/town councils who are willing to make a regular financial contribution towards the installation costs. These have now been calculated at cost of £100 for each

installation. Trull Parish Council currently has two locations that qualify for SIDs – Bradbeers and Gatchells - and they have two installations each per year.

The Small Improvements Scheme is due to start at Bradbeers in April but councillors felt it would be useful to keep that SID installation for a year to see what difference the SIS makes. Mrs Brierley reported that there had recently been a crash on ice at Bradbeers.

Resolved: To keep two installations a year at Bradbeers and Gatchells at a cost of £400 for the financial year 2018/19.

87/18 **Fencing quotations for the KGV Field**

Mr Kent had sought quotations to replace the fence along the bottom of the KGV Playing Field and install a kissing gate rather than a stile. John White of Town and Country had come back with a quote of £1,875. Shaun Holmes of Village Green Landscapes gave a quote of £950. The third company, Taunton Fencing, had yet to respond although they did inspect the fence. The Council is also awaiting a quote from Parsons Landscapes Ltd.

Resolved:

- 1) To defer a decision until the April meeting when all the quotes had been received.
- 2) To gather more information and examples of work from Village Green Landscapes.

88/18 **Neighbourhood Plan**

Ms Dean said the Neighbourhood Plan group had enjoyed a meal together.

89/18 **KGV Field**

Mr Kent reported that Parsons Landscapes Ltd will fit the new handle to the zip wire and attend to the screws that have either worked loose or become embedded. They will also fix the vertical support that is loose. Mr Kent spoke to Parsons about problems with the safety surface under some equipment. They suggested lifting the matting, making good any damage to the ground underneath, laying down a fibre grid and then relaying the matting. Mr Kent has asked them to cost that for both the zip wire and the rotating disc.

90/18 **Footpaths**

Mr Kent had noticed that people had been climbing over the locked gate that overlooks the waterfall at Staplehay Weir, and was concerned that there is no barrier between the short concrete path and the waterfall. He suggested that the Parish Council put a warning notice on the locked gate similar to that on the other side of the path, saying that there is potential risk to life if they climb over. Councillors said there was an issue over who is responsible for land at the Weir and asked Mr Kent to report his concerns to the Somerset Rivers Authority in the first instance.

Mrs Hudson had received reports of two broken footsteps at Broadlands.

Concerns were raised and noted over sheep seen loose on the highway following drastic hedge laying at Sweethay Farm fields.

91/18 **Highways**

Mr Hancock reported that there were still problems with the blocked drain at Staplehay. The Highways Authority is going to investigate as a matter of urgency after being contacted on several occasions. The signpost outside the hairdressers on Honiton Road is still pointing in wrong direction. Mr Hancock has reported it again to Highways. The residents group from Comeytrowe Road have finished their survey and will be reporting back on the results soon .

92/18 **Allotments**

There was nothing to report on this item.

93/18 **Open Spaces**

There was nothing to report on this item.

94/18 **Open Spaces Working Group**

There was nothing to report on this item.

95/18 **Flooding**
The Dipford Road had flooded following the recent heavy snow and intensive rain. Mr Kent had pulled a stranded vehicle and driver out of the flooding and notified the police that the road was impassable. They had erected "road closed" signs by the following morning. There was no sign of any flooding at the Amberd Lane fields and the run off from the attenuation pond was working well.

96/17 **Trull Village Memorial Hall**
There was nothing to report on this item.

97/18 **Alms-houses**
There would be a meeting in April.

98/18 **Community Planning Working Group**
There was nothing to report on this item.

99/18 **Trull School**
The Chairman had previously noted closures due to snow.

100/18 **Book Exchange**
There was nothing to report on this item.

101/18 **SALC**
There was nothing to report on this item.

102/18 **Correspondence**
Mr Smith introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-

Citizens Advice Taunton – Letter of thanks for donation.

103/18 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

Payments:

Trull Village Memorial Hall
(PC 19/2/18)).....£25.50

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

HMRC
NI contributions.....£18.60

Mrs R Howat
Newsletter delivery, stamps.....£16.88

Proludic Ltd
Zip wire handle and parts.....£228.84

Salary

Mrs R Howat
Salary (minus NI contributions)£816.39

Receipts:

None

Paid from Pavilion Account

Xtreme Kleen

Cleaning February plus supplies.....£63.60

Receipts:

None

104/18 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**

None.

105/18 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16th April 2018, at 7.15pm. It would be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 6.45pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.32pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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