

# Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull,  
on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

Present: Mrs J Wooldridge, Mr A Kent, Mr B Pretty, Mrs A Hudson, Mrs L Brierley, Mr Hancock, Mrs J Martin-Scott, together with 5 members of the public.

In attendance: Mrs R Howat - Clerk  
Cllr A 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.

106/18 **Notice of resignations**

Following the resignations of Mr M Hughes and Mrs D Johnson the Clerk would contact the Electoral Officer at Taunton Deane Borough Council with notification of two causal vacancies.

Mrs J Wooldridge would Chair the April meeting with the election of a new Chairman being the first item of business at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May.

107/18 **Apologies for Absence**

Ms T Dean.

108/18 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

109/18 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

110/18 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

111/18 **Chairman's Report**

The Vice-Chairman said the shelter looked fantastic and was already being well used.

112/18 **Police Report**

There was no police report. The Vice-Chairman said Trull had been allocated another PCSO.

113/18 **Somerset County Councillor Report**

Cllr Wedderkopp said work on the Small Improvements Scheme at Staplehay had been due to start this week. He requested to talk further at item 9 on the proposals for Comeytrowe Road.

114/18 **Update on the 20-year Transport Plan**

Mr Kent was still waiting for SCC to provide remodelling of traffic flows in Taunton based on more up to date information. This will take some time to complete after which SCC 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. Mr Kent had been assured that the Parish Council would be consulted.

The leader of Somerset County Council, David Fothergill, had written to Highways England Ltd asking them to consider establishing the community forum to engage with affected parishes before the preferred route announcement for dualling of the A358 is made.

1155/18 **Proposed extension to new road**

The Chairman of Staplegrove Parish Council, Mr Michael Clark, was invited to address members. He explained that the recent approval of outline planning permission for the development of 1,628 houses at Staplegrove will require a main road through the site joining Silk Mills Road to Kingston Road. Following the grant of Government funding for this main road Staplegrove Parish Council has been trying to obtain a short extension further east to connect with Cheddon Road.

The Taunton Transport Strategy already includes a proposal to join Nerrols Drive and the Crown Roundabout to Cheddon Road. This in turn will be joined to the A38/A358 and the M5 junction 25, plus the Nexus 25 employment area, when the Monkton Heathfield Western Relief road is completed. It only requires 500m additional length of new carriageway from Kingston Road to provide a six mile long orbital route around the west, north and east of Taunton.

Staplegrove Parish Council had been told by SCC that there was no demand for such a route and is now asking neighbouring parishes whether they can see the benefit and if they would support the connecting link.

Mrs Wooldridge was concerned that traffic may then arrive at the proposed spine road through the planned Comeytrowe/Trull urban extension and emerge in the centre of Trull with no-where suitable to go. On the whole members felt the extension at Staplegrove made complete sense and would not impact on the Parish.

**Resolved:** To write a letter of support for the idea to the Chairman of Staplegrove Parish Council, copied to SCC.

116/18 **Traffic Calming at Comeytrowe Road**

Following the initial request for support from the Parish Council, residents concerned about the volume and speed of traffic on Comeytrowe Road, had carried out a comprehensive survey. The response showed that residents are concerned for the safety of the road and would support some action to improve it. Copies of the report had been sent to Trull Parish Council, TDBC and SCC.

Resident Bob Pimm presented the findings to the Parish Council suggesting the actions that most people believe could have an impact would be:

1. To reduce the speed limit to 20 mph.
2. Improve road signage including marking on the road, and warning signs.
3. Reduce the weight limit currently in force.

The Clerk explained that a request to the SCC traffic engineer for a site meeting had been turned down with the advice that the Parish Council should ask its County Council ward member to submit a bid for any work under the Small Improvements Scheme. Members were in support of the idea.

**Resolved:** To ask Cllr Alan Wedderkopp to make a bid under the Small Improvements Scheme for traffic calming measures, including a 20mp speed limit, a weight limit, and improved road signage on Comeytrowe Road.

117/18 **42/18/0006**

Two storey extension at Middlewood, Patricks Way, Trull.

Mrs Hudson had visited the application site and considered local planning guidance.

**Resolved:** Object on the grounds that it is extremely close to the neighbouring property and will result in intrusion, overlooking and a loss of light.

118/18 **Delegated Planning**

There were no delegated decisions.

119/18 **Decisions by TDBC**

42/18/0004/T

Application to carry out management works to a group of three Monterey Cypress trees included in Taunton Deane Borough (Trull No.1) Tree Preservation Order 1979 at Southay, Southwell, Trull (TD151) (Amended by email 12th March)  
Conditional approval.

42/18/0003

Erection of two storey extension to rear of 12 Wyatts Field, Trull  
Conditional approval

42/14/0069

Changes to the affordable housing provision in the application for up to 2,000 homes on land at Trull and Comeytrove will be considered by the planning committee on 25<sup>th</sup> April. The Clerk would seek to clarify whether the appropriate notice had been given. Mr Kent and Mrs Wooldridge indicated that they might be able to attend and speak on behalf of the Parish Council subject to confirmation.

120/18 **End of year accounts for 2017/18**

Mr Hancock presented the accounts for the year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2018. It was noted that expenditure on play equipment was high and the balance of payment for the new shelter had yet to be made. However, half of this would be reclaimed as grant payment from TDBC.

It was also noted that Council assets historically include two lawn mowers which are not in the Council's possession. This will be amended.

**Resolved:** To approve the accounts for 2017/18.

121/18 **Fencing quotations for the KGV Field**

Kent had sought quotations to replace the fence along the bottom of the KGV Playing Field and install a wooden kissing gate rather than a stile.

He received two quotations:

Town and Country Landscaping quoted £1985 plus £350 for the wooden gate.

Village Green Landscapes quoted £950 plus £140 for the gate.

Taunton Fencing and Parsons Landscapes Ltd had not provided quotes.

Mr Kent had confirmed that Village Green Landscapes had the appropriate public liability insurance and provided photographs of recent work. He proposed that the contract be given to Village Green Landscapes

**Resolved:**

1) To accept the quote of £1,090 from Village Green Landscapes.

2) For the payment to come from the KGV funds.

122/18 **Surfacing quotations for the Kick Wall**

GB Sport had provided an initial quotation of £23,000 for the kick wall of which £9000 covered the laying down of 80sq m of tarmac. The Big Lottery grant of £8,100 for the wall would leave around £15,000. The PFMC were advised to find alternative quotes for the tarmacking and managed to obtain a quotation of £5,695. However, the tarmac depth will only be 60mm compared with the 80mm offered by the kick wall supplier. Mr Kent had concerns at the significant difference in specification and that having two different contractors could lead to problems during installation and in future. He recommended that the tarmac is laid by the kick wall supplier GB Sport.

**Resolved:**

1) To accept the quote from GB Sport to install and carry out groundworks.

123/18 **Creating of a flood monitoring group**

Mr Kent was seeking to establish a group made up of residents in parts of the village vulnerable to flooding, to monitor and co-ordinate issues as and when they arise. The group would include representatives from Dipford Road, Amberd Lane, Amingford

Mead and possibly elsewhere. The information sharing network would help to build understanding of weak points are and make sure that any planned development does not make them worse. All action will continue to be taken through the Parish Council.

**Resolved:** To set up a Flood Monitoring Group to be co-ordinated by Mr Kent.

124/18 **Donation to Musgrove MRI Scanner appeal**

The Musgrove Park Hospital Trust is seeking donations towards its campaign to raise £1million to buy a third MRI scanner. The Appeal has reached £700,000 so far, but the shortfall of £300,000 needs to be raised by the end of June 2018. The appeal has been spread to Parish Councils, many of which have generously granted funding.

**Resolved:** To make a donation of £100 to the Musgrove MRI Scanner Appeal.

125/18 **Manning a stall at TrullFest**

The Parish Council had been asked if it would like to man a stall at TrullFest on July 21<sup>st</sup> this year. The Council had previously taken a space at the 2016 Party in the Park to publicise its plans for the KGV playing field, and introduce the new parish council members. It was felt that there would be no requirement for a stall this year.

**Resolved:** To turn down the offer of a stall at TrullFest 2018.

126/18 **Neighbourhood Plan**

There was nothing to report on this item.

127/18 **KGV Field**

The Skydive Hornets Parachute display team had requested permission to use the King George V playing fields as the landing area for their appearance at TrullFest. Members were happy to grant permission subject to third party liability insurance being in place, and confirmation that the landing will conform to the operating procedures and requirements of the British Parachute Association.

The PFMC elected a new chairman, Mr Anthony Kent, at its April meeting. He paid tribute to the hard work that Ms Dean had put in to increase the range of facilities the playing field offered. The new shelter had been erected and there are plans to install a kick wall, boules pitch and table tennis table, all of which have yet to be fully funded. It was agreed to install a fence behind the new shelter for which money was allocated, plant three mature trees adjacent to the proposed boules area and investigate the replacement of the matting where it had become damaged. In addition, it was agreed to investigate stronger platforms for the zip wire as they had started to break up. The next meeting is planned for July.

128/18 **Footpaths**

Mr Pretty had been in discussion with a resident at Amingford Mead who was having issues with drainage possibly caused because the ditch in Pokes Lane that takes water from Patricks Way appears to be blocked. Strongvox had put up a fence between the end of the properties and the ditch, however, Strongvox have said and the deeds show, that the ditch is in fact in the ownership of each house. Mr Pretty said it was important information for future reference.

Following discussion over the potential hazard to pedestrians straying from the path at Staplehay Weir, Mr Pretty had been informed that Mr Hancock might know who owns the land. The Clerk pointed out that the new bridge had been erected by SCC with funding from TDBC and Trull Parish Council because there was no clear ownership established.

129/18 **Highways**

Mr Hancock reported that there were still problems with the blocked drain at Staplehay. The Highways Authority has appointed a new supervisor who had promised to seek a swift solution.

Work had started on the Small Improvement Scheme at Staplehay.

The raised pavement at Dipford Road was becoming impassable le due to large tree growth.

- 130/18 **Allotments**  
Mr Pretty said the land at the entrance to the allotment was becoming difficult to mow due to the overgrown hedge of the property on the left. Mrs Wooldridge said she would ask the owner to maintain his boundary.
- 131/18 **Open Spaces**  
The dog waste bin contract from TDBC for 2018/19 had been received.
- 132/18 **Open Spaces Working Group**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 133/18 **Flooding**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 134/17 **Trull Village Memorial Hall**  
Mrs Brierley said she would be stepping down from her role as the Memorial Hall representative. A replacement would be found when roles and responsibilities are discussed at the next meeting.
- 135/18 **Alms-houses**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 136/18 **Community Planning Working Group**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 137/18 **Trull School**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 138/18 **Book Exchange**  
Dee Luke had thanked Mr Pretty for his efforts to minimise the damp. She was now finding that people are leaving rubbish at the book exchange which is taking a lot of effort to clear, and was hoping to put up a notice explaining the amenity exists so that the whole community can benefit from good quality books which have been read and are offered for further use without charge - it is only asked that a replacement be put in place to keep the choice open for the next user.
- 139/18 **SALC**  
The Somerset Association of Local Councils would be running a training event on the new General Data Protection Regulations in May which the Clerk was hoping to attend.
- 140/18 **Correspondence**  
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-  
  
SCC– Library Service Consultation update.  
  
TDBC/WSC - Message sent on behalf of the Leaders of Taunton Deane and West Somerset Councils confirming one council decision.  
  
WSC – Minutes of Porlock Parish Council meeting.  
  
Somerset Rivers Authority - briefing on what the Authority plans to do with money raised by the 2018-19 council tax.
- 141/18 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

**Payments:**

Trull Village Memorial Hall (PC 19/3/18)).....	£18
HMRC NI contributions.....	£18.60
Mrs R Howat Stamps/stationery.....	£8.93
TrullFest Return of funds.....	£2,000
Water2business Allotments 1/9/17-22/2/18.....	£22.68
TDBC Dog bin emptying 1/4/17-31/3/18.....	£533.52

**Salary**

Mrs R Howat Salary (minus NI contributions) .....	£816.39
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**Receipts:**

None

**Paid from Pavilion Account**

Xtreme Kleen Cleaning March plus supplies.....	£73.20
EDF Electricity 19/12/17-4/4/18.....	£548.50
Water2business Pavilion 5/9/17-26/2/18.....	£123.89

**Receipts:**

EDF Fit payment.....	£226.75
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142/18 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**  
None.

143/18 **Date of Next Meeting**  
The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018, at 7.15pm.

The Vice-Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.52pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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