

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Trull Parish Council held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull, on Monday 21st May, 2018.

Present: Mrs J Wooldridge, Ms T Dean, Mr B Pretty, Mrs A Hudson, Mrs L Brierley, Mr Hancock together with nine 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. A request was made for consideration to be given at the next meeting for a new bench to be placed in the village field, followed by a further note that grass and tree management would also need to be considered.

144/18 **Notice of resignation**

Following the resignation of Mrs J Martin-Scott the Clerk would contact the Electoral Officer at Taunton Deane Borough Council with notification of the causal vacancy.

145/18 **Election of Chairman**

Mrs Brierley proposed that Mr Anthony Kent be elected as Chairman and was seconded by Mr Pretty. Mr Kent was absent from the meeting but had indicated his willingness to take the office.

Resolved: Mr Kent was elected as Chairman for the year and would be permitted to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the earliest opportunity after the meeting.

146/18 **Election of Vice-Chairman**

Ms Dean proposed that Mrs Wooldridge be re-elected as Vice Chairman and was seconded by Mr Pretty.

Resolved: Mrs Wooldridge was elected as Vice Chairman for the year.

147/18 **Apologies for Absence**

Mr A Kent. Mr N Hancock would be leaving the meeting at 8.45pm.

Mrs J Wooldridge would Chair the meeting in the absence of the new Chairman.

148/18 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

149/18 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th April 2018**

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2018 were agreed and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

150/18 **Matters Arising**

The Chairman of Staplegrove Parish Council had written a letter of thanks to Trull Parish Council for its support of the request for an extension of the proposed ring road.

151/18 **Chairman's Report**

The Vice-Chairman had nothing to report.

152/18 **Somerset County Councillor Report**

Cllr Wedderkopp had walked along Comeytrove Road with one of the residents calling for traffic calming measures. He would be submitting a request for funding under the Small Improvements Scheme as requested by the Parish Council when the next window for applications opens.

Cllr Wedderkopp questioned what had happened to the Community Speedwatch group since the departure of PCSO Parry.

Local representatives would be invited to a discussion on the 20-year transport plan taking place at Somerset County Council on 22nd June 2018.

153/18 **42/18/0001**

Erection of two timber sheds for domestic use. Amberd Barn, Amberd Lane.
(Amended).

Resolved: Object strongly for the reasons previously given. In addition the Parish Council has concerns that if a change of use to domestic curtilage is granted, it would set a precedent for the other properties that have agricultural land in Amberd Lane. Trull Parish Council is also concerned that the drawings in the amended location plan are not to scale. Major earthworks already carried out mean the buildings are above natural ground level; can be seen by neighbouring properties, and have changed the appearance of Amberd Lane. The Parish Council is also concerned about the condition of the boundary wall which is leaning into Amberd Lane and has previously been reported to building control. It would welcome a site visit from an officer to assess safety.

154/18 **42/18/0010/LE**

Certificate of Lawful Development for existing use of buildings and yard. Farthings Farm, Lipe Hill Lane.

Resolved: Object for the reasons previously given on the application for change of use. It is against policies DM1 and DM2 of the adopted Core Strategy. The Council feels that industrial use is not appropriate for a residential area. The Parish Council is aware of concerns from local residents of lorries accessing the site early in the morning and creating a noise nuisance. The proposed urban development on land at Comeytrove/Trull does not have an access to Comeytrove Road and will see housing built in a nearby field.

155/18 **42/17/0012 – Appeal Notification**

Erection of detached house with double garage. Cherry Orchard Lodge, Cherry Orchard, Trull.

Resolved: To reaffirm the Parish Council's objection on the following grounds:

The site is considered to be a greenfield site according to the NPPF which excludes gardens from its definition of brownfield land.

The adopted Trull and Staplehay Neighbourhood Plan suggests that some building on gardens may be permissible if the garden is sufficiently large and it would not increase the housing density inappropriately (policy H6). The Parish Council does not feel that this garden is appropriate for such development due to the overbearing nature of the house which would be set between two period properties.

It has particular concerns with regard to the impact of this proposed development on the neighbouring property, particularly the access which passes extremely close to the Coach House.

Concerns have also been expressed to the Parish Council over parking and drainage arrangements in Cherry Orchard.

The Parish Council also has concerns over safety at the junction of Cherry Orchard with Church Road because of its proximity to the Primary School, the Church, the Village Hall and the car park in a village that does not have any pavements.

156/18 **Delegated Planning**

There were no delegated decisions.

157/18 **Decisions by TDBC**

42/18/0007

Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation, enclosure of carport and erection of first floor extension at Conifers, Dipford Road, Trull.
Refusal.

42/18/0009/T

Application to carry out management works to one Western Red Cedar and two Lawson Cypress trees included in Taunton Deane Borough Pitminster No.2) Tree Preservation Order 1984 at 4 Southwell, Trull (TD315).
Conditional approval.

42/18/0008

Erection of single storey extensions to side and rear elevations at 5 South View, Comeytrove Road, Trull.
Conditional approval.

158/18 **Meeting with the Comeytrove Consortium**

Following their successful application to TDBC for a reduction in affordable housing the Comeytrove Consortium had pledged to re-engage with Trull Parish Council and provide an update of progress and the strategy moving forward. The Clerk had provided them with dates for the next two meetings. It was also suggested that two councillors be delegated to represent Trull Parish Council in any future stakeholder meetings. Mrs Wooldridge said she would be happy to volunteer with one councillor also on the Neighbourhood Plan group. The representatives would be decided at the June meeting.

159/18 **Clerks Salary review.**

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) had circulated details of the agreement on pay scales for 2018-2019 to be implemented from 1 April 2018. The Clerk in consultation with the employment liaison representative Mrs Wooldridge had presented a comparison table of salary scales for consideration, taking into account working hours.

Resolved: To change the Clerks salary scale point from LC2 28 to LC2 29 and to increase the contracted hours to 16 hours a week.

160/18 **Repairs to the zip wire.**

The zip wire (aerospeed) on the KGV playing field had been taken out of action following increasing concerns over safety. Under clause 4 (4.5) of the adopted financial regulations the Clerk had arranged for a Proludic engineer to assess the condition of the zip wire and the other two items of Proludic equipment for a fee of £250. He had compiled a report giving the twinfly and pod swing a clean bill of health but recommended replacement of both platforms and all wheels on the handle unit which runs along the cableway for the zip wire. The work could be carried out by the engineer at a reduced cost of £1,455.62 for parts and labour, to offset the cost of the inspection and report.

Resolved: To accept the quote from Proludic subject to confirmation that the inspector is happy with the cable rail or whether it is considered damaged in a way that would compromise the new parts. If the engineer thinks that it does need replacing when he comes to do the work it this something that could be carried out at the same visit.

The Council would also like confirmation that the parts and workmanship are covered by guarantee.

161/18 **Contracts and affiliation fees.**

The Somerset Playing Fields Association had communicated its schedule for the Safety Inspection scheme for 2018 and was seeking confirmation of the Council's requirements. Ms Dean suggested that ROSPA might provide a better service. Mrs Wooldridge said they had been used in the past but had not provided a better service than the SPFA.

Resolved: To instruct the SPFA to include the KGV plying field in its inspection programme for 2018.

The Somerset Association of Local Councils had increased its affiliation fees for the first time in several years by 2%. The cost to Trull Parish Council for 2018/19 would be £590.97 compared to £572.36 in 2017/18.

Resolved: To accept the quotation for affiliation to SALC for 2018/19.

Parsons Landscapes Ltd had provided a quote for cutting the grass on Trull Green. The local company which is responsible for grass maintenance on the KGV playing field had quoted £450 for 10 visits a year on a fortnightly basis with strimming where necessary.

Resolved: To accept the quotation of £450 from Parsons landscapes Ltd.

162/18 **Complaint of glass on a footpath.**

The Parish Council had received correspondence regarding a complaint about broken glass and crockery on a public footpath between Bradbeers and the Trull Tennis club. The letter expressed concern at the danger to walkers especially those with dogs, and asked for action to be taken. The Clerk had referred the correspondent to Somerset County Council which has responsibility for Rights of Way, and to TDBC who have responsibility for fly tipping. Mr Pretty had since discovered that the glass and crockery were in fact old buried items that had been uncovered by heavy rain washing topsoil away. He had swept up the loose glass and liaised with the Rights of Way team at SCC who would subsequently put up a sign warning people to beware of the danger. The Clerk would inform the correspondent.

163/18 **Neighbourhood Plan**

There was nothing to report on this item.

164/18 **KGV Field**

Mr Pretty had investigated reports of an ant infestation in the Pavilion, and had treated the affected areas. He would be keeping a watch to see how effective the treatment is.

The Scout Group had painted the storage benches in the Pavilion.

165/18 **Footpaths**

Mr Pretty had received a request from a parent whose son is on the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and wanted to work alongside him in his role as Parish Paths Liaison Officer. Mr Hancock pointed out that Mr Pretty would need DRB clearance and a risk assessment in order to comply with regulations.

Mrs Brierley reported that two people from SCC had been seen cutting back vegetation near the bridge by Staplehay Weir.

166/18 **Highways**

Mr Hancock reported that the signpost outside the hairdressers in Trull was still pointing the wrong way despite having reported it to SHA three times.

Mr Kent would be attending the meeting regarding the 20-year-Transport Strategy at SCC on 22nd June.

Poundisford Road from Park Lodge, southwards for a distance of 20 metres will be temporarily closed to enable Wessex Water to carry out meter option works. The order becomes effective on 25th June 2018 and will remain in force for eighteen months. The works are expected to last for 6 days and an alternative route will be signed while the closure is in operation.

- 167/18 Mr Hancock left the meeting at 8.47pm.
- 168/18 **Allotments**
Mr Pretty said the hedge of the property on the left on the entrance to the allotment. was still overgrown. Mrs Wooldridge had not had a chance to speak to the owner and asked if a letter could be written instead asking him to maintain his boundary.
- 169/18 **Open Spaces**
Mr Pretty had swept and cleaned the bus stop on Honiton Road. Ms Dean had received a request from the Trull Church Community Centre asking if the perspex could be removed from the noticeboard outside Trull School, as it was difficult to see through it. It was agreed to take the doors off to see if there is an improvement. It was also noted that the noticeboard at Killams was warped and virtually unrepairable, and that removing the doors might be an option there as well.
- 170/18 **Open Spaces Working Group**
Some members of the group had been clearing Carters Way.
- 171/18 **Flooding**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 172/17 **Trull Village Memorial Hall**
Mrs Brierley reported that the finances were healthy and the kitchen would be updated.
- 173/18 **Alms-houses**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 174/18 **Community Planning Working Group**
The May meeting had been cancelled and the next meeting would take place in November.
- 175/18 **Trull School**
Mr Pretty had enquired about the safety surface under the play equipment in the playground which appeared to be robust and could be considered for use on the KGC playing field. He had been referred to Lodge Garden Services but had been unable to contact them yet.
- 176/18 **Book Exchange**
Mr Pretty had gone around the structure with silicone and would wait for heavy rain to see if it was effective.
- 177/18 **SALC**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 178/18 **Correspondence**
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-
- SCC– survey on day activities for adults with dementia or other mental health needs.
- Somerset Live (Trinity Mirror) - Somerset Village of the Year competition.
- Highways England - A358 Taunton to Southfields Dualling Scheme Newsletter.
- Somerset Waste Partnership – April briefing.

179/18 **Accounts for Payment and Receipts**

Payments:

Trull Village Memorial Hall (PC16/4/18)).....	£18
All Saints Trull Newsletter printing.....	£20
HMRC NI contributions.....	£15.96
Mrs R Howat Stamps/stationery/NL delivery.....	£88.25
Parsons Landscapes Ltd KGV Grass April.....	£496.62
Proludic Ltd Equipment inspection.....	£300
Acorn Solicitors Village field transfer and land registry fees.....	£200
Handspring Design Ltd Shelter balance.....	£10,920
Town and Country Landscaping Groundworks for shelter.....	£3,150
AED Locator Ltd Defibrillator monitoring service.....	£58.80
SALC Affiliation fees 2018/19.....	£590.97
Love Musgrove Scanner appeal donation.....	£100

Salary

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

TDBC Precept.....	£29,000
TDBC CIL Payment.....	£573.52

Paid from Pavilion Account

Xtreme Kleen
Cleaning April plus supplies.....£73.80

Otter South West Ltd
First heating visit.....£96

Town and Country Landscaping
Fence by shelter.....£310

Receipts:

None

180/18 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**
None.

181/18 **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting will take place on Monday 18th June 2018, at 7.15pm.

The Vice-Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.12pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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