

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Trull Parish Council held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull, on Monday 18th June, 2018.

Present: Mr A Kent, Mrs J Wooldridge, Ms T Dean, Mr B Pretty, Mrs L Brierley, Mr N Hancock together with three members of the public.

In attendance: Mrs R Howat - Clerk
Cllr A Wedderkopp

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.

182/18 **Apologies for Absence**

Mrs A Hudson.

183/18 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

184/18 **Co-Option of three new councillors**

Five applications had been received for the three causal vacancies. The applicants were all given the opportunity to address the meeting – three were able to attend and speak, two had given written speeches for the Chairman to read aloud.

Anne Clark was proposed by Mr Pretty. Francis Clark was proposed by Mr Kent.

Laurence Forgham was proposed by Mr Hancock. David Langham was proposed by Ms Dean. Kevin Smith was proposed by Mr Kent.

Councillors voted to fill each vacancy in turn through ballot papers which were verified by the Clerk. The candidates needed a clear majority of four votes to succeed.

Resolved: Mr Forgham, Mrs Clark and Mr Langham were co-opted to Trull Parish Council and joined the meeting after signing their individual declarations of acceptance.

185/18 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st May 2018**

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

186/18 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

187/18 **Chairman's Report**

Mr Kent gave his first report as the new Chairman and thanked his predecessor, Mark Hughes, for his prudent guidance and hard work.

There would be several major issues to contend with in the near future such as the Trull/Comeytrove development, the new Taunton Transport Strategy, the A358 dualling by Highways England with the option of a roundabout at Killams, and the challenges of new Council being established to cover the West Somerset and Taunton Deane area. Trull Parish Council owed it to the parish to do its very best for the community and represent residents' interests.

The Taunton Deane Morris Men had performed to an enthusiastic audience in Church Road, and a Virgin Atlantic hot air balloon had made an unexpected landing in the KGV playing field. A new Rector with a young family would be coming into the community shortly. Brian Pretty had refurbished the two parish notice boards. Mr Kent finished by saying that Lord Trenchard, who founded the RAF, which is celebrating its

centenary this year, lived in Taunton during his early years and in 1869, his parents were actually married in Trull Church.

188/18 **Somerset County Councillor Report**

There was not a great deal of money at SCC so the Parish would need to “manage its expectations” of funding for schemes. Cllr Wedderkopp had been trying to set up a meeting with the Environment Agency, TDBC, and SCC to discuss flooding of the Galmington Stream. He was now waiting for SCC to confirm a date which he would attend at all costs. Mr Kent was also invited to attend.

189/18 **42/18/0016**

Replacement single storey extension at 67 Killams Green, Taunton.

Resolved: Support.

190/18 **42/18/0018**

First floor extension, conversion of garage and car port to accommodation.

Resolved: Support

191/18 **42/18/0019/T**

Management work to one Oak tree in TPO.

Resolved: Support.

192/18 **Delegated Planning**

There were no delegated decisions.

193/18 **Decisions by TDBC**

42/18/0001

Erection of two timber sheds for domestic use on land to the side of Amberd Barn, Amberd Lane, Trull (retention of works already undertaken) as amended.
Refused.

42/18/0010/LE

Certificate of Lawful Use or Development. Farthings Farm, Lipe Hill Lane. Granted.

194/18 **Urban Extension Viability Financial Appraisal**

TDBC has been ordered to publish in full the Viability Appraisal for application 42/14/0069 following a complaint to The Information Commissioner by a Trull resident. The Consortium had claimed the scheme for 2,000 dwellings at Comeytrove/Trull was not financially viable due to the planning obligations which included provision of 25% affordable housing. The reasons for this were set out in the Viability Appraisal written by consultants on behalf of the Consortium, but large sections of the document were blanked out. The Council’s planning committee subsequently approved a reduction to 17.5% in the affordable housing provision. However, The Information Commissioner has now ruled that the importance of being able to hold TDBC to account outweighed the confidentiality issues raised by the developers and publication is in the public interest.

The 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 meeting dates. The Consortium had since asked if it would be possible to invite Comeytrove and Bishops Hull Parish Councils to the July meeting. This would be impractical due to the size of the Pearce Suite and the fact that normal business would need to follow the briefing. It was suggested that the Consortium could book a venue and invite all three councils on a mutually convenient date.

195/18 **Update on the 20-year Transport Plan and A358.**

Mr Kent would be attending a meeting to discuss the 20-year Transport Plan with officers from TDBC and SCC which had been described as a consultation with opportunities to discuss specific topics. This would include the park and ride scheme for the Comeytrove/Trull development, the implications of the A358 dualling proposals, and the proposal from Staplegrove PC to include a 500m length of road to create a northern by pass.

A proposal to develop a ring road that would extend the spine road through the Comeytrove/Trull development to run behind Gatchells and parallel with the motorway into Taunton has also recently been raised for discussion. Mr Kent would report back to the next PC meeting.

Highways England will be revealing their preferred route for dualling of the A358 soon, which would be followed by a period of consultation. HE are not going to hold a community forum until after the route announcement is made. The Parish Council had therefore been asked to endorse a joint letter from affected parishes to TDBC and SCC stating that the parishes will place their trust in both local authorities to hold Highways England to account and that in turn they will be held to account after the route option announcement.

Resolved: Trull Parish Council agreed to be a signatory of the letter.

196/18 **Village Centre SIS**

The Council's bid for a 20mph speed limit and signage in the centre of Trull has been unsuccessful. It was put forward for funding under the Small Improvements Scheme by Councillor Alan Wedderkopp, however, the panel had concluded that speeds weren't high enough to warrant it. SCC say the Parish Council could purchase wig wag signs under a community funded scheme. When this was explored in the past there were no funds available in the Parish Council or the wider community. Mr Langham suggested that as a Church of England school Trull School could apply for a 20mph limit because pupils regularly cross the road in term time to attend lessons/services in the Church. It was also noted that correspondence had been received from a motorist wishing to see the double yellow lines extended around the corner of Church Road and Wild Oak Lane as cars were parking too near the junction making it difficult for drivers to see when pulling out. Councillors felt they would prefer to wait for the outcome of the 20mph issue before considering that request further.

Resolved: To write to the Head Teacher asking if Trull School would be able and willing to pursue a request to SCC for a 20mph limit.

197/18 **Repairs to play equipment**

A railing had broken away from the main structure of the roundabout and would need immediate repair along with some welding and new bolts. Mr Kent had received quotations from two contractors. Western Fabrications had quoted £106 plus VAT and Owl Garage had quoted £75 to include corrosion resistant bolts. Mr Pretty said Proludic Ltd would be coming to fix the zip wire and that investigations into new safety surfacing were continuing.

It was noted that ample provision would need to be set aside in the next budget for repairs to play equipment going forward.

Resolved: To contract Owl Garage to carry out immediate repairs to the roundabout.

198/18 **Trees on Trull Green**

The Tree Officer from TDBC had been out to inspect the Poplar trees on Trull Green after concerns were raised over their health for the second year in a row. He had confirmed that one had died and another was dying, and suggested that the Council might want to look at replanting the Green perhaps with a community orchard. Councillors acknowledged their duty to fell the dead tree for safety reasons but felt it better to engage with local residents over a long term plan for the Green. Mr Pretty volunteered to undertake consultation with the immediate neighbours.

Resolved: To engage with the residents at Trull Green for their views on the future of the existing trees and a replanting scheme.

199/18 **Hedge Management**

Mr Pretty had noted that the hedge bordering the allotment at Lady Lawn was overgrown and in need of maintenance, along with the hedge bordering the playing field and properties in Church Road. He wanted to seek quotations for maintenance to be undertaken in September after nesting season. Maintenance had been carried out by the Parish Council in both locations in the past but residents had also been asked to maintain their own boundaries on occasion.

Resolved: Mr Pretty would seek quotations for cutting back the hedges.

200/18 **Audit Report**

The Parish Council accounts for 2017/18 had been approved by the internal auditor Bryan Howe, ahead of submission for external audit. His report made several minor observations which were noted and would be implemented including the arrangements for salary payments to the Clerk.

Resolved: The internal audit report for 2017/18 was approved.

201/18 **Annual Governance Statement**

The Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18, as approved by the internal auditor, was presented for approval by the Council.

Resolved: The Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18 was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

202/18 **Accounting Statements**

The accounting statements for 2017/18 were presented for approval.

Resolved: The accounting statements for 2017/18 were approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

203/18 **Insurance Cover**

The Council would reach the end of its three-year insurance cover agreement with Came and Company on 18th June 2018. In order to ensure that cover remained in place three new quotations had been considered by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and the financial regulation representative Mr Hancock. It had been agreed to enter another long term agreement with Came and Company for three years with a fee of £1,208.01 for 2018/19.

Resolved: To ratify the decision taken by the Clerk, the Chairman and Mr Hancock to take out long-term insurance cover with Came and Company.

204/18 **Appointment of roles and responsibilities**

Members were asked to consider their roles and responsibilities for 2018/19.

Resolved: Councillors will assume the following roles and responsibilities:-

Playing Field Management Committee – A Kent, T Dean, J Wooldridge, L Brierley, B Pretty, A Clark.

Open Spaces Working Group - *T Dean, B Pretty, J Wooldridge, A Kent.*

Planning	<i>T Dean, A Hudson, D Langham</i>
Footpaths	<i>B Pretty</i>
Highways	<i>N Hancock, L Forgham</i>
Allotments	<i>J Wooldridge</i>
Open Spaces	<i>B Pretty, L Forgham</i>
Book Exchange	<i>Dee Luke</i>
Flooding	<i>A Kent</i>
KGV	<i>A Kent</i>
Play Equipment	<i>B Pretty, D Langham</i>
Trull School	<i>D Langham</i>

Asset Management	<i>B Pretty, N Hancock</i>
Employment Liaison	<i>J Wooldridge</i>
Financial Regulation	<i>N Hancock</i>

Neighbourhood Plan	<i>T Dean, L Brierley</i>
Alms House	<i>A Hudson</i>
SALC	<i>A Kent</i>
TrullFest	<i>L Forgham</i>
Memorial Hall	<i>D Langham</i>
Parish Lands	<i>A Clark</i>
CPWG	<i>J Wooldridge</i>

Transport Plan
A358 Forum
Consortium Liaison

A Kent
A Kent
T Dean, L Brierley, J Wooldridge

205/18 **Neighbourhood Plan**

There was nothing to report on this item.

206/18 **KGV Field**

The Kick Wall was due to be installed in the week beginning July 9th.

The PFMC would meet on July 2nd.

One of the Clematis plants growing up the side of the Pavilion had been killed.

A request had been made for the bench donated by a local resident to be treated with teak oil.

A hot air balloon had made an unscheduled landing on the playing field. Mrs Wooldridge had been on site to speak to the crew who may pursue a request to use the playing field as a future launch site.

207/18 **Footpaths**

Mr Pretty had received a complaint about the footpath at the bottom of the playing field being slippery around the dog waste bin. He would liaise with Mrs Brierley over the donation of paving slabs which could be put in place.

208/18 **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. He would make further requests for action.

209/18 **Allotments**

Allotment tenants had held a social event on the community plot. Efforts were continuing to clear the area and put up a spare shed.

210/18 **Open Spaces**

The Clerk had granted permission, under delegated powers in the advertising policy, for Angersleigh Fair Committee and the Creative Innovation Centre CIC to advertise their forthcoming events on Trull Green.

211/18 **Open Spaces Working Group**

There was nothing to report on this item.

212/18 **Flooding**

There was nothing to report on this item.

213/17 **Trull Village Memorial Hall**

There was nothing to report on this item.

214/18 **Alms-houses**

There was nothing to report on this item.

215/18 **Community Planning Working Group**

There was nothing to report on this item.

216/18 **Trull School**

There was nothing to report on this item.

217/18 **Book Exchange**

There was nothing to report on this item.

218/18 **SALC**

Mr Kent would attend a Chairman's training session on 21st June, and the West Area meeting on 25th June.

Councillors were invited to a training event called Responding to Planning Applications on 27th June. Mr Langham expressed an interest as the newest planning representative.

219/18 **Correspondence**

The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-

TDBC/WSC – Letter confirming Order to create a new council.
Love Musgrove – Acknowledgement of donation received.
Somerset Waste Partnership – May briefing.

220/18 **Accounts**

Payments:

Trull Village Memorial Hall
(PC 21/5/18)).....£18

HMRC
NI contributions.....£44.53

Nest Pension contributions
(April/May).....£18.56

Mrs R Howat
Stamps/stationery£6.31

Brian Pretty
Keys/petrol/sundries£27

Parsons Landscapes Ltd
KGV Grass May.....£662.16

Parsons Landscapes Ltd
Trull Green April/May£226

Came and Company
Insurance 18/19.....£1,208.01

Bryan Howe
Internal audit.....£260.90

SALC
GDPR training.....£25

Salary

Mrs R Howat
(Plus backdated pay award/minus NI and Pension contributions).....£1,006.27

Receipts:

None

Paid from Pavilion Account

Xtreme Kleen
Cleaning May plus supplies.....£61.20

Receipts:

None

221/18 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**

Mr Kent and Mr Hancock gave advance apologies for the next meeting.

222/18 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 16th July 2018, at 7.15pm.

The Vice-Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.55pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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