

# **Trull Parish Council**

Minutes of a meeting of Trull Parish Council held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull, on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.

Present: Mr A Kent, Mr N Hancock, Mrs J Wooldridge, Ms T Dean, Mr B Pretty, Mrs A Hudson, Mrs L Brierley, Mr L Forgham, Mrs A Clark and Mr D Langham together with 10 members of the public.

In attendance: Mrs R Howat - Clerk  
PCSO Graham Phimister

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.

296/18 **Apologies for Absence**

None.

297/18 **Declarations of Interest**

Ms T Dean – item 6a (0032).

Mr L Forgham – item 6a (0029).

298/18 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman subject to the following changes:

281 should read – Burrough not Burrows.

299/18 **Matters Arising**

Minute 280/18 - TDBC have issued a five-day notice for felling of the dead Poplar tree on Trull Green. Ashculme tree surgeons have been contracted to carry out the work.

300/18 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman attended the Somerset County Council Chairman's Award ceremony where Brian Pretty was recognised for the commitment he has made to the Trull community. Brian received a plaque, enamel badge and a Somerset tie.

The delicatessen has changed hands and the village shop and post office is on the market again. The roundabout on KGV playing field has been painted in dark green and the safety fencing behind the shelter has been painted green as well, thanks to Tess and the Open Spaces Working Group.

301/18 **Somerset County Councillor Report**

Cllr Wedderkopp was not in attendance.

302/18 **Police report**

PCSO Graham Phimister introduced himself and explained that he is currently looking after the area with PCSO Tony Wearmouth. The PCSOs would be resuming Beat Surgeries in the Trull Church Community Centre in the near future.

Since 1<sup>st</sup> September there had been 7 reported crimes mostly related to domestic issues. The one of note was theft from a motor vehicle.

The Clerk had received correspondence from PC Charles Gear who explained that a new force wide operating model for the neighbourhood teams came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> October which means that neighbourhood police officers will now be beat managers for Taunton as a whole and will no longer supervise PCSO's, but will report directly to a police sergeant. PC Gear said he had enjoyed working with the Parish Council and passed on his thanks to members for their co-operation, unequivocal support and good humour over the years.

- 303/18 **42/18/0029**  
 Spearcy Lane, Trull.  
 Erection of dwelling and double garage.  
 The Council heard concerns relating to surface water drainage and the proposed access and siting of the garage  
 The applicants were invited to speak and confirmed there would be no surface water from the property going onto the highway. They would also be happy to change the access if planners suggested it.  
 Mr Forgham did not take part having declared an interest.  
**Resolved:** Support subject to confirmation of adequate management of surface water drainage and acceptability of the siting of the proposed garage and access from the highway.
- 304/18 **42/18/0032**  
 Sunnyside, Wild Oak Lane, Trull.  
 Conversion of garage to studio and storage area.  
 The proposed building occupies the same footprint as the existing one but there was debate over the height of the pitched roof and its impact on the Victorian Terrace to the rear.  
 A proposal of support was defeated by four votes against, three in favour and two abstentions. A subsequent proposal of objection was carried by four in favour, three against and two abstentions.  
 Ms Dean did not take part having declared an interest.  
**Resolved:** Object on the grounds that the roof is too high and will have a substantial impact on the neighbouring terraced properties.
- 305/18 **Delegated Planning**  
 There were no delegated planning decisions.
- 306/18 **Decisions by TDBC**  
 42/18/0022/T  
 Application to fell one Ash tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Trull No.1) Tree Preservation Order 1986 at The Paddock, Trull Road, Taunton.  
 Conditional approval.
- 307/18 **20-Year Transport Plan update.**  
 Mr Kent had chaired a meeting with officers from SCC Highways; the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk of Comeytrove Parish Council; the Chairman of Staplegrove Parish Council, three District Councillors (Mark Edwards, Simon Nicholls and Habib Farbihi), one County Councillor (John Hunt) and two members of the Comeytrove Residents Action Group (Steve Smith and Alan Paul).  
 The agenda covered concerns raised by Trull Parish Council at last month's meeting, as well as others including adequacy of the mitigation proposed by SCC Highways to meet the demands of increased traffic resulting from the new Taunton developments, the accuracy of the traffic flow predictions they had used, and their heavy dependence on an interconnecting bus service.  
 The officers acknowledged the concerns and stated that the draft plan was not sound enough to be published in its current form. They undertook to engage with interested parties including the Parish Councils over further changes to the plan, a point that Mark Edwards promised to follow through with TDBC. They also agreed that the plan should be modified following the decision on dualling of the A358 by Highways England.
- 308/18 **Update on 20mph limit**  
 Trull Primary School is hoping to start a petition calling for SCC to introduce a 20mph limit in the immediate area. The move is being supported by a parent and TDBC Councillor, Habib Farbihi. It follows another incident when a teacher was hit by a car while on duty.

309/18 **Request for double yellow lines**

The Council had been contacted by a parishioner concerned at the hazard created by cars parked immediately opposite the junction of Orchard Close with Church Road. Vehicles have to mount the grass verge in order to turn in or out of Orchard Close causing a danger to pedestrians and people using the bench.

The tyres are also churning up the grass which is creating a risk of slipping in the mud.

Trull Parish Council requested double yellow lines at the junction in 2017. The advice from SCC Highways at the time was to have double yellow lines painted around the corner of Orchard Close first and to review the situation with cars parked opposite the junction on Church Road.

**Resolved:** To write to SCC Highways asking for them to look into the potential for double yellow lines on Church Road opposite Orchard Close.

310/18 **Safety surfacing on the KGV field**

The equipment inspection this year had identified the need for improved safety surfacing under five items which Mr Pretty had costed with three quotes. The Playing Field Management Committee had agreed to proceed with the installation of rubberised safety surfacing under the zip wire and dish swing pending a decision on the future of the other equipment. Mr Pretty was asked to go back to two of the suppliers to seek quotes for the two items only. The PFMC had agreed to pay for the work from the KGV account subject to ratification by the Council. The quotes had come in at £5,250.00 + VAT from Abacus and £5,543.00 + VAT from GB Sports. Mr Pretty recommended Abacus for the work although they would require a deposit at the point of accepting the contract. Mr Hancock explained the logistics of paying through the KGV account or the Parish Council account but said he would need further information before a decision could be reached.

**Resolved:**

1) To place the contract with Abacus and ask if the surface could be any colour but black subject to it adding no more than £250 on the cost.

2) To pay the deposit from the KGV account with the balance to be paid from one or other account according to further consideration.

311/18 **Update on the management policy for the Village Field.**

For clarity the Clerk had suggested adding a paragraph to the Liabilities section stating that West of England Developments Ltd is responsible for management of the planting scheme under planning condition 04 of 42/12/0013 for a period of five years. The Clerk had established that prior to the transfer the land on the boundary of the Village Field with three properties in Amingford Mead had been registered under new titles with the benefit of easements. Requests for an explanation of these from the solicitor for West of England Developments had failed to get a response. The Clerk could obtain the information from copies of the title deeds available from the Land Registry at a cost of £3 each.

As owners of land boarding a waterway the Parish Council could have riparian rights which include fishing rights. These are not set out in the title register which was received in the transfer process but can be ascertained through an online search which would include the Land Owner Title Register, Land Owner Title Plan, Fishing Rights Title Register, Fishing Rights Title Plan and Fishing Rights Deed.

**Resolved:**

1) To insert the extra paragraph regarding the planting scheme into the Liabilities section.

2) To obtain the title deeds of the three properties with easements on the Village Field at a cost of £3 each.

3) To obtain the riparian rights information for the Sherford Stream which forms part of the Village Field at a cost of £69.95.

312/18 **Report from the Village Field Working Group**

The working group had secured an overview on the management of the field from expert Chris Smith. His report covered key points including grassland management, tree management, and safety around the attenuation pond. Mr Smith is willing to carry

out a more detailed report if required which Mrs Brierley thought would cost in the region of £100. Further requests had also been made for a dog waste bin in the field.

**Resolved:**

- 1) To ask Chris Smith for a detailed report on the Village Field at a cost of up to £100.
- 2) To buy and install a dog waste bin at a specific site to be agreed by the working group.

313/18 **The approve the wording of a plaque for the memorial tree**

The PFMC had agreed to dedicate one of the trees being planted on the KGV Field to the memory of the fallen from Trull in WW1. The native Cherry tree would have a plaque with the wording "In grateful memory, in this centenary year, of those from Trull who died in The Great War 1914-1918".

**Resolved:** To approve the wording on the plaque as suggested.

314/18 **The provision of charging points**

A recent meeting in Taunton to discuss the town's long-term aspirations highlighted the need for charging points in the town and parishes, to meet the needs of electric cars. Mr Kent felt it was something that should be considered for Trull and had looked into the cost and implications of installing one or two in the Memorial Hall car park whose ownership is shared by the Memorial Hall and Church.

The cost of the charging point is around £600 plus £200 for installation, but there is currently a government grant of £500 for each installation, and users also pay for the electricity they consume.

**Resolved:** To write to the Memorial Hall and Church Committees asking if they would consider hosting one electric charging point and sharing the cost of installation.

315/18 **Neighbourhood Plan**

There was nothing to report on this item.

316/18 **KGV Field**

There was nothing to report on this item.

317/18 **Footpaths**

There was nothing to report on this item.

318/18 **Highways**

Comeytrove Road would be partially closed while Wessex Water carry out work from 5 November for 5 days. Dipford Road would be partially closed from the junction with Comeytrove Road, while BT Openreach replace poles on 13 November. Further information would be available on the website.

319/18 **Allotments**

There would be an item on the agenda in November following the allotment tenants meeting.

320/18 **Open Spaces**

The Clerk had received correspondence from Simon Hanbidge-Moore of Trull offering his services including mowing, strimming, hedge cutting, hedge laying and small tree work. His details would be kept on file.

321/18 **Open Spaces Working Group**

The seeds for sowing in the wildlife area had arrived.

322/18 **Flooding**

There was nothing to report on this item.

323/17 **Trull Village Memorial Hall**

The Clerk had met with the Chairman and Secretary of the Memorial Hall Committee to discuss the lease between them and West of England Developments which they hoped to have agreed and signed in the near future.

- 324/18 **Alms-houses**  
The properties had new front and back doors. The charity is currently looking for a new trustee from the Corfe area.
- 325/18 **Community Planning Working Group**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 326/18 **Trull School/Pre-School**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 327/18 **Book Exchange**  
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 328/18 **SALC**  
The all areas meeting will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October.
- 329/18 **Correspondence**  
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-  
Somerset Waste Partnership – September briefing.  
Mr D McCarthy – letter received regarding the planning appeal decision.

330/18 **Accounts**

**Payments:**

Trull Village Memorial Hall  
(17/9/18 and 24/9/18).....£36

Mrs R Howat  
Stationery/stamps .....£27

Parsons Landscapes Ltd  
KGV Grass September.....£165.54

Parsons Landscapes Ltd  
Trull Green September .....£54

Vision ICT  
Website hosting and support (Dec18/Nov19) .....£150

SALC  
Cllr training .....£50

Mr A Kent  
Roundabout paint and brushes.....£41.74

Mr B Pretty  
Materials for bench installation.....£18.92

**Salary**

Mrs R Howat  
(Minus NI and Pension contributions).....£912.65

**Receipts:**

None

331/18 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**  
None.

332/18 **Date of Next Meeting**  
The next meeting will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018, at 7.15pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.50 pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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