

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Trull Parish Council held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull, on Monday 17th December, 2018.

Present: Mr A Kent, Mr N Hancock, Mrs J Wooldridge, Ms T Dean, Mrs L Brierley, Mrs A Hudson, Mr L Forgham, Mrs A Clark and Mr D Langham together with 2 members of the public.

In attendance: Mrs R Howat - Clerk
Cllr A Wedderkopp – SCC
Cllr H Farbihi - TDBC

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.

379/18 **Apologies for Absence**
Mr B Pretty.

380/18 **Declarations of Interest**
None.

381/18 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th November 2018**
Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman subject to
365/18 Two trees not three had been planted on the KGV Playing Field.

382/18 **Matters Arising**
Minute 310/18 – Mr Hancock gave an update on the position regarding the KGV Playing Field account and VAT concluding that for the time being expenditure other than that previously agreed by resolution must come from the KGV account.
Mrs Wooldridge had asked local artist Sarah Thompson-Engles to help repaint the dragon on the KGV field. The Clerk would write to TDBC Cllr Dave Durdan requesting information on the original artist and materials used.

383/18 **Chairman's Report**
The Chairman congratulated the Trull Players on their recent pantomime. He apologised for restrictions placed on the play equipment as the Twinfly is still awaiting new parts to be fitted and both the swings and dish are out of action whilst a safer rubberised surface is laid. There is just one S106 condition for the Comeytrove Trull urban extension to be resolved, concerning funding for the school. The decision on which route the updated A358 would take has been delayed whilst more studies are completed. The Outdoor Working Group was active this month with the wild meadow area cut and sown with yellow rattle. The recent heavy rain had highlighted areas where blocked drains led to some minor road surface flooding. This has been reported to Somerset County Council Highways Department.

384/18 **Police report**
PCSO Graham Phimister and PCSO Tony Wearmouth were unable to attend and there was no report. Following discussion at the last meeting the Clerk had asked the PCSOs for information on the status of the Community Speedwatch programme and the handheld device funded by the Parish Council. PCSO Phimister had requested details of all Community Speedwatch groups in the beat area and would try to locate the device. He had also provided details of beat surgeries for 2019 which the Clerk would publicise in the newsletter.

- 385/18 **Somerset County Councillor Report**
 Cllr Wedderkopp reported that it was obvious from the medium term financial report that SCC had very little money, and may not be able to fund the request for 20mph signs.
- 386/18 **42/18/0044**
 Great Herswell Farm, West Buckland.
 Erection of agricultural building.
Resolved: Support.
- 387/18 **42/18/0046/T**
 Eastbrook Lawns, Trull
 Application to fell one Ash, and one Maple; and to carry out works to one Maple and one Beech in a TPO.
 This application was approved by TDBC prior to the meeting.
Resolved: To write to TDBC requesting that the TPO reference is quoted in future applications and that applicants are encouraged to replace trees to be felled with a suitable replacement.
- 388/18 **42/18/0047**
 Kottla, New Road, Trull.
 Erection of single storey extension and porch
Resolved: Support.
- 389/18 **42/18/0049**
 42/18/0049
 Cherry Orchard Lodge, Cherry Orchard
 Variation of condition no. 2 of application 42/17/0012.
Resolved: Object due to overdevelopment of the site with the proposed increase in size of both the garage and dwelling. The proposed house will overshadow the neighbouring property and can be seen from the adjoining playing field.
- 390/18 **Delegated Planning**
 There were no delegated planning decisions.
- 391/18 **Decisions by TDBC**
 42/18/0035
 Demolition of timber building to be replaced by erection of an agricultural livestock building at land off Dipford Road, Trull.
 Conditional approval.
- 42/18/0025
 Variation of Condition No. 02 (approved plans) of application 42/16/0026 at Middle Sweethay Farm, The Barn, Sweethay Lane, Trull.
 Refusal.
- 392/18 **Updates from Highways England**
 Announcement of the preferred route of the A358 had been delayed until Spring 2019. HE say they need to carry out further engineering and economic work. The extra information is needed to ensure they can balance scheme objectives, consultation feedback, environmental and engineering factors, along with cost. They are also planning on starting a new Community Liaison Forum for the scheme early next year.
- 393/18 **Contribution to 20mph limit signs**
 Trull Primary School had presented a petition with 369 signatures to SCC calling for a 20mph limit in the immediate area. SCC were unable to support the request due to lack of funds but suggested that three flashing wig wag signs could be purchased and erected at a cost of £6,000. The School did not feel this was possible within the current budget but is hoping to erect advisory 20mph signs on existing posts at a

cost of approximately £45 each and had requested support from the Parish Council. The initiative was being supported by parents and TDBC councillors Habib Farbihi and Simon Nichols along with Cllr Alan Wedderkopp. The Parish Council had previously requested a 20mph limit on two occasions and had been unsuccessful. They had also been advised that flashing wig wag signs could be purchased at a cost of £2,000 each but had been unable to secure funding.

It had recently been established during correspondence with the head teacher that the School could be classed as dual site because children regularly attend lessons and services in the Church. This may have some bearing on the qualification for a 20mph limit.

Resolved

- 1) To encourage Trull Primary School to write to SCC explaining that they are a dual site school and children need to be able to cross Church Road safely during the day.
- 2) To contribute a third of the cost of whichever signage is agreed with a maximum spend of £2,000.

394/18 **Repainting the book exchange**

The book exchange was in need of a coat of paint and Mrs Luke had requested dark blue. Councillors wanted to acknowledge her commitment and enthusiasm by agreeing to the request.

Resolved: To arrange for the book exchange to be painted dark blue at the earliest opportunity.

395/18 **Condition of notice boards**

Mr Pretty had become concerned at the condition of the noticeboard at the corner of Pokes Lane and Church Road which had not greatly improved since the perspex doors were removed. The Clerk had also been unable to use the noticeboard at Killams for some time because it was warped and the doors would not open or close fully. It was suggested that money be allocated in the budget for repair or replacement in the coming year. Further discussion would take place when Mr Pretty was back.

396/18 **Provision of salt 2019/20**

SCC had taken a decision to reinstate the provision of roadside salt for this winter. Specifically, this would include the replenishment of salt stocks contained in grit bins and the provision of one tonne dumpy bags containing salt at previously established locations. There were three grit bins in the Parish one of which definitely needed replenishing. The Clerk would check the other two and order accordingly.

Resolved: To authorise the Clerk to order salt stocks as required.

397/18 **Report from the Village Field Working Group**

The quote for a five-year management plan for the village field had come in at over £800. This was far more than Mrs Brierley had expected which was in the region of £200. There had been a suggestion that the land could be temporarily grazed by sheep to clear dock weed but this would cause potential problems for dog walkers. It was evident that other solutions should be explored.

Resolved:

- 1) Not to engage the consultant for a five-year plan.
- 2) The working group would look into options for managing the land and seek advice from local farmer Colin Ralph.

398/18 **The consider the awarding of grants**

Requests for grant funding had been received from:

- 1) The Trull Parish Archive Group whose major expenditure this year has been the publication costs of We Will Remember Them – a book commemorating those from Trull who died in WW1. Their next major project is the second edition of the Trull & Staplehay Women's Institute Coronation publication The Story of Trull. They will also revise and print the Trull Heritage Trail, to encourage local residents and visitors to explore Trull & Staplehay's footpaths, and learn about our local heritage.

Resolved: To award a grant of £100 to the Parish Archives Group.

2) Trull Tennis Club who need to replace floodlights on the tennis courts. Details of the total costs and other possible funding sources had not been provided. Councillors felt that the Club did not qualify as it was for fee paying members only and not for the benefit of parishioners at large.

Resolved: Not to award a grant on this occasion.

3) Citizens Advice Taunton which helped 6,640 clients in its last financial year. Residents of Trull Parish generated 111 issues. Their main concerns were benefits and tax credits, debt and financial services and capability. SCC would be reducing their funding of Citizens Advice Taunton from 1 April 2019 which will have a huge impact on the services it is able to provide.

Resolved: To award a grant of £200 to Citizens Advice Taunton.

4) Trull Cricket Club which has gone through a period of sustained success over the last few years which has seen the first and second teams gain successive promotions. This has put increasing pressure on the facilities and club infrastructure which needs updating to accommodate neutral umpires. It would like to raise £5,000 to provide safety nets onto Dipford Road but would be grateful for £100 to buy match balls. Councillors felt they could not support the request as it was a club for members and not parishioners at large but it would direct them to other funding sources.

Resolved: Not to award a grant on this occasion.

399/18 **Budget setting 2019/20**

The draft budget had been circulated for consideration. Mr Hancock outlined the main sources of income and expenditure, and identified areas for further consideration. It was felt that the KGV account now had sufficient funds to pay for grass cutting on the playing field. It could also cover the cost of play equipment repairs but not new items of equipment which would still be covered by the Parish Council budget. Other than the proposed boules pitch and possible table tennis there was no provision for spending on further items of equipment.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr Pretty who was strongly against the precept being raised at all as it would cause increasing financial hardship for some. Mr Langham felt that now was the time to increase the precept as there was currently no cap but after two years there would be no available increase over inflation. It was considered necessary to increase the precept by a small amount to cover costs of maintaining the newly acquired village field and for the election in May 2019.

Resolved:

1) That grass cutting on the playing field and the cost of play equipment maintenance should be paid from the KGV account in the financial year 2019/20.

2) To raise the precept by £1,000 to £30,000.

400/18 **Neighbourhood Plan**

There was nothing to report on this item.

401/18 **KGV Field**

There was nothing to report on this item.

402/18 **Footpaths**

There was nothing to report on this item.

403/18 **Highways**

There was nothing to report on this item.

404/18 **Allotments**

There was nothing to report on this item.

405/18 **Open Spaces**

There was nothing to report on this item.

406/18 **Open Spaces Working Group**
There was nothing to report on this item.

407/18 **Flooding**
The Chairman had walked the Galmington Stream with Cllr Wedderkopp, officers from the Environment Agency and the Somerset Rivers Authority. They discussed the behaviour of the stream, the flooding impact on both Dipford and Horts Bridge houses and the need for developers of the proposed urban extension to take these factors into account. The SRA can only advise the planning authority on the adequacy of the developers' flood alleviation plans, but they are now much better informed.

408/17 **Trull Village Memorial Hall**
Don Archer had asked if the Parish Council would create a plaque to remember Ken Burge in the Memorial Garden of the Trull Memorial Hall. He felt it would be appropriate because, as well as being the Chairman of the Parish Council for many years, Mr Burge was Secretary and driving force of the committee that raised the money to build the Memorial Hall. The issue would be raised with the Memorial Hall Chairman at the next opportunity.

409/18 **Alms-houses**
Hampers had been made and presented to the residents this Christmas.

410/18 **Community Planning Working Group**
There was nothing to report on this item.

411/18 **Trull School/Pre-School**
There was nothing to report on this item.

412/18 **Book Exchange**
There was nothing to report on this item.

413/18 **SALC**
Ms Dean would try to attend the SALC AGM on 18th December.

414/18 **Correspondence**
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-
Somerset Waste Partnership – December briefing.

415/18 **Accounts**

Payments:

Trull Village Memorial Hall
(19/11/18).....£18

All Saints Trull PCC
Parish Archives grant..... £100

All Saints Trull PCC
Burial grant £335

Ron Vining
Maintenance July/Dec 2018)£150

Salary

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

Receipts:

Allotment rents.....£649

416/18 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**
None.

417/18 **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting will take place on Monday 21st January 2019, at 7.15pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.54 pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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