

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Trull Parish Council held in The Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull, on Monday 21st January, 2019.

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

In attendance: Mrs R Howat - Clerk
Cllr A Wedderkopp – SCC
PCSO Lyndsay Smith

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.

1/19 **Apologies for Absence**

Mr B Pretty, Ms T Dean, Mr L Forgham.

2/19 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

3/19 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th December 2018**

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman subject to the following change:

399/18 Mr Langham felt that *in light of cuts to services previously funded by TDBC and SCC* 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.

4/19 **Matters Arising**

Minute 393/18 – The Trull Primary School head teacher had written to thank the Council for its contribution to the fund for 20mph signs.

Minute 408/18 - The Chairman of the Memorial Hall Committee had ordered a plaque in remembrance of Ken Burge which would be placed in the Memorial Garden. As well as being the Chairman of Trull Parish Council for many years, Mr Burge was also the Secretary and driving force of the committee that raised money to build the Memorial Hall.

5/19 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman wished everyone a belated Happy New Year. The annual Bring and Buy sale in the Memorial Hall had raised over £1,000 for local charities including Trull Pre School. A survey had been carried out by Podpoint on the options for an electric car charging point. The new safety surfacing under play equipment in the KGV field had been completed and looked very robust. The old matting had been stored away for possible use elsewhere. The twin fly is still waiting to be repaired and the kick wall wire tension checked. The recent cold snap had highlighted problems with the Pavilion heating due to a faulty cut off valve but it was bypassed pending repair and the heating is fully operational again.

6/19 **Police report**

PCSO Lyndsay Smith introduced herself and gave a report covering the last three months where 21 incidents were recorded. November: – 2 suspicious activity, 1 theft from a vehicle, 2 road related, 1 criminal damage, 2 assaults. December: - 4 concern for welfare, 1 theft, 1 domestic, 1 anti-social behaviour, and 1 abandoned vehicle. January: - 2 suspicious incidents, 1 mental health, 1 concern for welfare, 1 criminal damage.

- 7/19 **Somerset County Councillor Report**
Cllr Wedderkopp would speak at the item on electric car charging points. He was beginning to get busy for the forthcoming elections.
- 8/19 **42/18/0050/T**
5 Bradbeers, Trull.
Application to repollard four black poplars in TPO.
Resolved: Support.
- 9/19 **42/18/0051**
Trull Tennis Club, Trull.
Replacement and upgrade of floodlights.
Resolved: Support.
- 10/19 **42/18/0052/T**
Higher Lea, Wild Oak Lane.
Application to fell one yew tree and one laurel in TPO.
Resolved: Object in the absence of a report from a tree specialist.
- 11/19 **42/18/0053/T**
Trull Green, Honiton Road.
Notification to fell four black poplar trees.
This item was for note as the application had been made by Ashculme Ltd on behalf of the Council. The Clerk explained that a representation had been made and a letter sent to Ashculme Ltd stressing that the application was agreed on the strict understanding that further discussion would take place whatever the outcome. Ashculme Ltd are fully aware that they are not permitted to take any action, other than felling the one dead tree, until contracted to do so by Trull Parish Council. The Parish Council is concerned to save the Poplar trees if possible but not at the risk of danger and has made clear its intention for further discussion on the possible felling and replacement of these trees.
- 12/19 **Delegated Planning**
There were no delegated planning decisions.
- 13/19 **Decisions by TDBC**
42/18/0047
Erection of a single storey extension and porch to the front of Kottla, New Road, Trull.
Conditional approval.
- 42/18/0045**
Alterations to roof, erection of first floor extension, conversion of garage and carport to create additional habitable accommodation at Conifers, Dipford Road, Trull (Amended scheme to 42/18/0007).
Conditional approval.
- 42/18/0034**
Change of use from ancillary to residential dwelling at Cutsey House, Cutsey Pavilion, Cutsey House Lane, Trull (retention of works already undertaken).
Refusal.
- 42/18/0036**
Erection of single storey extensions to side and front with internal layout alterations at Everdene (formerly known as Cotmaton), Honiton Road, Trull.
Conditional approval.

42/18/0042

Demolition of agricultural building with the erection of 1 No. detached dwelling with detached double garage and associated works at Dipford Farm, Gatchell Farm, Trull. Refusal.

14/19 **Dog waste bin contract**

The contract for dog waste bin emptying covering 1st April 2019 – 31st March 2020 had been received for consideration. The service provided by TDBC is used twice weekly at the KGV playing field and once per week on the village green. The new rate will be £5.03 + VAT per bin per visit compared to £3.42 + VAT in 2018/19.

Resolved: To accept the quote from TDBC.

15/19 **Grass cutting contract**

The contract for grass cutting on the KGV Playing Field and at Trull Green from 1st March 2019 to 31st October 2020 had been received from Parsons Landscapes Ltd. The contract reflected slight increases on the previous year particularly to verge strimming on the KGV field due to the increased amount of equipment to navigate.

Resolved: To accept the quote from Parsons Landscapes Ltd.

16/18 **Contribution to the Somerset Wood**

Somerset County Council in partnership with Taunton Deane Borough Council, Cheddon Fitzpaine and West Monkton Parish Councils is creating The Somerset Wood, to commemorate the county's fallen in World War One. The Wood will cover 23 acres and comprise 11,281 trees, to be planted over the next three winters. Areas will be marked out as Campaigns in order that it will be possible to visit specific areas to honour those remembered. The partners are asking Parish Councils across Somerset to precept funds annually proportionally to the fallen from their Parish to cover the cost of maintenance from the initial planting of a metre high 'whip' to a 12 – 15 ft. tree. This is anticipated to be about £25.00 per tree. Trull has 14 men who fell in the Great War which would potentially be a donation of £350 a year.

Resolved: To sponsor four trees with a donation of £100 a year.

17/19 **Electric Car Charging point**

Mr Kent had been looking into the possibility of installing an electric car charging point in Trull. The Government is making grants of £500 per charge point to encourage their installation across the country, and TDBC is also considering further grants of £1,000 towards the cost of installation in parishes this year.

Mr Kent had initially identified two possible sites: one next to the right-hand disabled parking slot in front of the Memorial Hall and the other adjacent to the black bollards by Trull School. He had also researched two potential suppliers: Podpoint and Zeronet. The charging point could be either a single or a double charging mounted on a post immediately in front of parking bays. A double socket would allow access from two adjacent parking bays. Of the two potential suppliers, Mr Kent considered that Podpoint offer a better service with a three year warranty and a management IT system that sees the provider paid for electricity consumed at a tariff it sets. Of the two sites, the one in front of the Memorial Hall would be slightly easier to install and is likely to be used more frequently. Mr Kent is aware that the car park is jointly owned by the Memorial Hall and All Saints Church Trull, and is planning to have detailed talks with them. The Clerk advised that discussions were also needed over who would own the equipment with responsibility for the three-year maintenance contract, and who would benefit from any money generated through use of the points, given that electricity would have to come from the Memorial Hall. Councillors were happy for Mr Kent to discuss the project in greater detail with both the Memorial Hall Committee and the Parochial Church Council, and to return with a proposal for consideration at the March meeting.

Resolved: Mr Kent will have discussions with the Memorial Hall Committee and the PCC to see how a charging point could be facilitated.

- 18/19 **Report from the Village Field Working Group**
Mrs Brierley had received one quote for maintenance of the grass in the village field and was awaiting two more. She had taken advice from local farmer Mr Ralph who said the land was not suitable for grazing sheep and that selective weed killer or not cutting around the base of the trees was the best way forward. He had also raised concerns about neighbouring Poplar trees whose suckers were extending into the village field and whose overhanging branches needed maintenance. The Clerk said a full tree condition report was being undertaken and the tree surgeon had previously flagged up the same issue. Mr Langham was keen to ensure that the Parish Council would write to landowners who had created access from their properties into the village field in order to maintain the position of ownership, access and liabilities. The Clerk was still awaiting details of the title deeds of those properties from the solicitor and a view should be taken after receipt of these.
- 19/19 **To consider nominations for the Buckingham Palace Garden Party**
The Somerset Association of Local Councils had been given an allocation of places at the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 29th May this year and was seeking nominations of people to attend from member Councils. Nominations had to be for long serving Chairman who have just retired, or are just about to, and that have given exceptional service to the Parish. Councillors felt that no-one matched the criteria at this time.
- 20/19 **To consider nominations for the Citizenship Awards**
Nominations are being sought for the Taunton Deane Citizenship Awards for people that make a real difference to the community. Nominees cannot have been recognised in the past for their services and must not earn their nomination from service given through their trade or profession. Councillors have until 22nd February to suggest nominees.
- 21/19 **Neighbourhood Plan**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 22/19 **KGV Field/Pavilion**
Mrs Hudson said the Pavilion manager was still having problems with the heating system despite several visits from the engineers. The Pavilion had also been left muddy and untidy, and a key was missing from the key box. The Chairman said this should be reported to the Clerk, who would take appropriate action.
- 23/19 **Footpaths**
Mr Kent would be looking at the SCC consultation on footpath maintenance.
- 24/19 **Highways**
Vehicles parked at Fairlawn, in the layby in Amberd Lane, and on the verge at Staplehay Cross had been causing concern.
Two temporary road closures had been notified:-
1) The northbound carriageway of the M5, between junctions 26 to 25 (West Buckland to Orchard Portman) would be closed overnight for resurfacing from 14 January to 28 February. The overnight lane closures will be in place from 8pm to 6am Monday to Thursday and 8.30pm to 6am on Friday. Additionally there will be no overnight access/egress to and from Taunton Deane Services between 8pm to 6am on the following dates: January 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 and February 4, 5 and 6.
2) Amberd Lane would be closed on 11 February for five days from the junction with Amingford Mead, eastwards for 75 metres to enable Wessex Water to carry out service disconnection works in the road.
- 25/19 **Allotments**
There was nothing to report on this item.

- 26/19 **Open Spaces**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 27/19 **Open Spaces Working Group**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 28/19 **Flooding**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 29/19 **Trull Village Memorial Hall**
The quiz taking place on 1st February is sold out.
- 30/19 **Alms-houses**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 31/19 **Community Planning Working Group**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 32/19 **Trull School/Pre-School**
The Pre-School was pleased with the proceeds received from this years' bring and buy sale in the Memorial Hall.
- 33/19 **Book Exchange**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 34/19 **SALC**
There was nothing to report on this item.
- 35/19 **Parish Lands Charity**
Mrs Clark had attended her first meeting as the Parish Council representative. John Guy was standing down as administrator. A new signatory had been chosen. The Charity was hoping to attract more applications for student grants.
- 36/19 **Correspondence**
The Clerk introduced items of correspondence which may be of interest to councillors:-
Avon & Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner – Winter Newsletter.
- 37/19 **Accounts**
- Payments:**
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| Trull Village Memorial Hall
(17/12/18)..... | £18 |
| All Saints Trull PCC
Newsletter printing..... | £20 |
| Mrs R Howat
Stamps/ink..... | £42.71 |
| Citizens Advice Taunton
Grant | £200 |
| HMRC
NI Oct, Nov, Dec..... | £90.72 |
| <u>Salary</u>
Mrs R Howat
Minus NI and Pension contributions)..... | £912.65 |

Receipts:

None

38/19 **Matters to Report from Parish Council for inclusion on the next Agenda**

None.

39/19 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 18th February 2019, at 7.15pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.19pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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