

TRULL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Trull Parish Council held via Zoom
on Wednesday 17th June 2020, at 7.15pm.

Present: Mr A Kent, Mrs J Wooldridge, Mr B Pretty, Ms T Dean, Mr L Forgham, Mr N Hancock, Mrs A Hudson, Mrs A Clark, Mr S Keen and Mr D Lindfield together with 1 member of the public.

In attendance: Mrs S Millard-Jones - Clerk
Cllr M Hill – SWT

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the clerk asked all members to mute their microphones and to raise hands when wanting to speak.

- 06/01 Election of Chairman/Vice.**
Mrs J Wooldridge commenced the meeting by explaining that due to Mr A Kent resigning as Chairman, an election would need to take place for a new Chairperson. Mr L Forgham offered to take the post. Unanimous support was pledged for Mr L Forgham. Declaration of Office was 'virtually' signed.
There was unanimous support for Mrs J Wooldridge to remain in post as Vice-Chair.
- 06/02 Apologies for Absence.**
Apologies of absence received from Cllr S Wakefield and PCSO L Smith.
- 06/03 To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests/to review Register of Interest.**
Mr S Keen informed all that the planning notice concerned his trees and that he would step out during that matter.
The Clerk informed the council that all updated Register of Interests are with the SW&T Monitoring Officer and that once she has placed them on the SW&T website, then a link will be created to share on the Trull Parish Council website.
- 06/04 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th March 2020**
RESOLVED: Edited Minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2020 that had been previously circulated be taken as read, agreed and an accurate record of what had taken place. These were agreed and signed by the Chair.
- 06/05 Matters Arising.**
- a. Hedge cutting allotments (min 359/19)**
The hedge was cut in May
RESOLVED: To contact the landlord if there are further issues in the Autumn.
- b. VE Celebrations (min 361/19)**
The 75th anniversary of VE Day saw many houses in the village dressed with bunting and a number of people enjoyed tea and champagne whilst maintaining their social separation. It is not clear how the Pageant master wants to celebrate VJ Day in August but we have a piper booked if Parish Council decides we should join in the celebrations.
- c. Human Resources Committee (min 388/20)**
It was agreed that this matter would be postponed until the July meeting.
- d. Any other matters arising not covered by agenda items below;**
Electric Car Charging Point.
We have been asked by the charging point provider to ask the Memorial Hall for an energy report from the electricity supplier so they can check the peak power for the design of the charging point interface. Mr A Kent has spoken to Mick Clark and is following this through with him.
- 06/06 Chairman's Report.**
No report.
- 06/07 Police Report.**
PCSO L Smith sent a report in her absence;

Calls logged between 15th May – 17th June;
- 1 x Assault
 - 2 x criminal damage
 - 1 x RTC
 - 3 x Road related incident
 - 10 x Covid Breaches
 - 2 x abandoned 999
 - 4 x suspicious incidents
 - 1 x theft
 - 2 x missing persons
 - 4 x Anti-social behaviour
 - 1 x harassment
 - 1 x Public Order
 - 1 x burglary
- There was a distraction Burglary in Trull on Friday 12th June – the victim is an elderly male. The offenders got away with a large quantity of cash. The police are asking all residents to be vigilant and to report any vehicles acting suspiciously in the area. This type of burglary is very rare, however West Somerset have seen a small spate of dwelling burglaries.
- 06/08 SCC Report.**
No report.

- 06/09** **SWT Report.**
 Cllr M Hill summarised the developments since the March meeting. Key points were;
 The Council have responded well to the Covid emergency and many staff have been re-deployed to other areas to keep services running.
 Over 100 vulnerable people have been contacted to establish if they need extra help.
 The town centre has been re-opened with East Street temporarily pedestrianised.
 Coal Orchard development is progressing.
 Most services at the recycling centres are in operation.
 The Council are looking at how they can further support the Canonsgrove project which has been very successful.
- 06/10** **Planning**
- a) Applications for decision:**
42/20/0032 - Notification to fell three birch trees and to carry out management works to one yew tree within Trull Conservation Area at Holmesdale, Wild Oak Lane, Trull.
- Mr S Keen left the meeting.
- RESOLVED: Unanimous support to approve the application.
- Mr S Keen returned to the meeting.
- b) Report on applications considered under delegated powers.**
 No report.
- c) Report on decisions by SWT.**
 No report.
- 06/11** **Comeytrove/Trull development.**
 There have been a number of developments with the Comeytrove/Trull Housing Scheme since planning permission was granted for the infrastructure work back in March this year. Work is just starting on that, which will put in part of the spine road, essential services and access. The first planning application to build 70 houses has also been submitted [42/20/0006] but there is no date yet for when it will go to the planning committee. There have been a number of objections and new plans and drawings have been submitted this month, but the Local Flood authority has objected on the grounds that the revised SUDs plan still fails to properly address the need for surface water drainage and is incomplete. The District Council also feels the design does not meet the requirements for a 'Garden Town' with over-use of red bricks, lack of sensitivity for local building styles and the lack of provision for climate change measures. The developer has argued he has gone as far as he can without detracting any more from the viability of the scheme and last week issued a revised Design Planning Statement. In addition, the developer has submitted an application to build a further 75 houses adjacent to the first 70 with a planning decision expected in September. Finally, the developers submitted an application to build a booster/pumping station near Horts Bridge on land that is prone to flooding. There were a large number of objections and some aspects fell outside reserved matters so the application was withdrawn for further discussion.
- Trull parish Council objections to the development have centred on the interface of the spine road with the Dipford Road and the negative impact of the roundabout on the Honiton Road and the village, inadequate flood alleviation measures, the lack of any infrastructure improvements to cater both for the size of the community and the increased traffic generated that will impact on the Trull Community. A meeting was held with the developers in December where this was aired. They maintained there were no plans to complete the spine road or the Honiton Road roundabout before the 1200 house is built, some ten years hence, but none of our other concerns were addressed and none of the additional information they promised has yet been delivered. When pressed the developers have agreed to another meeting with all the parishes that are affected, but no date has been set and we are pushing for the meetings to be parish specific.
- RESOLVED: There was unanimous support to request a parish specific meeting with the developers.
- 06/12** **Conduct– King George V Playing Field and the Weir**
 A letter had been sent to the Parish Council and distributed to all councillors prior to the meeting from a resident concerned about the conduct of individuals in the King George Playing Field. There have also been many concerns with large groups of people at the Weir.
 RESOLVED: To respond to the letter sent to the Council and to contact the PCSO to request further help.
- 06/13** **Reports on the following (if appropriate):-**
- a) Neighbourhood Plan**
 Nothing to report.
- b) KGV Pavilion**
 A lot of work has been done with the Geoff Hewett Pavilion during lockdown. A working party is needed in order to get rid of the old tables and excess chairs. A date will be sent out soon for request of help. Lots of documentation has been put together to support the re-opening of the pavilion with regards to hirers and paying a deposit for keys as there have been issues historically with keys not being returned. Trull Primary School have asked for permission to paint white lines on the field for Sports Day.
 RESOLVED: Unanimous support to give Trull Primary permission to paint the white lines.
- c) Allotments**
 All pitches full and looking fantastic.
- d) Footpaths**
 There have been a few issues raised, but a great rapport has been built with SCC who have been helping to get everything sorted.
- e) Highways**
 Many concerns have been raised with regards to speeding on Honiton Road.
 RESOLVED: Clerk to contact PCSO for guidance.
 The fir trees are overgrown and are obstructing the pavement outside the front of Trull Green Farmhouse.
 RESOLVED: Clerk to write a letter to the landowner.
- f) Open Spaces**
 The picnic bench has been repaired.
- g) Village Field**
 Concerns with the gate being left open after the grass had been cut.

- RESOLVED: Clerk to contact the grass cutting company to request that the gate is never left open or unlocked.
- h) **Flooding**
No report.
- i) **Trull Village Memorial Hall**
Chompies chip van has returned to the Memorial Hall car park every Thursday. Pizza van starting next Tuesday.
- j) **Alms houses**
No report.
- k) **Parish Charity Lands**
A lot of people have been identified as 'in need' but no applications within the last 3 months. No payments have been made.
- l) **Trull School**
Consideration was given regarding providing toilet facilities for the school.
RESOLVED: Mr S Keen to contact the school and establish if help could be provided.
- m) **Book Exchange**
Nothing to report. Waiting for Lockdown to ease further.
- n) **OS Working Group**
No report.
- o) **SALC**
No report.

06/14

Matters of Correspondence for Report.

Request have been made for use of the King George Playing Field for church and rugby use.

RESOLVED: Clerk to respond to emails and request information on their Risk Assessments and insurance for use.

06/15

Finance

- a) **Accounts for Payment** The following were approved for payment;

To whom	Account	Description	Total	
S Millard-Jones	TPC	Salary	£852.00	
S Millard-Jones	TPC	Homeworking & Expenses	£40.64	
HMRC	TPC	PAYE & NI	£10.12	
NEST	TPC	Pension	£24.94	
SALC	TPC	Audit Training	£25.00	
SALC	TPC	Essential Clerk - Part 1	£30.00	
Parsons	TPC	2 visits – Trull Green	£110.71	
Go Pak	TPC	Tables for GHP	£1002.20	
Abacus Construction	TPC	Re-surfacing	£2566.80	
Jill Larcombe	TPC	Internal Audit	£181.60	
PFMC Account	TPC	Re-surfacing deposit	£855.60	Paid from the PFMC Account 09/03/2020 in error
				£5699.61
J Wooldridge	CVD-19	Face masks	£60.00	
J Rusinek	CVD-19	Community Helpline	£12.88	
				£72.88
B Pretty	PFMC	Duct tape	£1.99	
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Coombers	PFMC	Fire panel service	£66.90	
Coombers	PFMC	Key cylinder and 25 keys	£403.75	
Parsons	PFMC	3 visits – Playing Field	£570.40	
Foxwell Window Cleaning	PFMC	Window cleaning 12 th February	£50.00	
DC Home & Garden	PFMC	Main hall decoration	£450.00	
DC Home & Garden	PFMC	Changing rooms and Lobby decoration	£600.00	
TPC Account	PFMC	Re-surfacing deposit reimbursement	-£855.60	Paid from the PFMC Account 09/03/2020 in error
				£1289.43

- b) **Receipts Received**

Bank Interest	TPC	£1.66
VAT refund	TPC	£1132.60

	TOTAL	£1134.56
Pavilion Hire	PFMC	£54.00
	TOTAL	£54.00

c) Bank Reconciliation to 31st March 2020.

The year- end accounts had been forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting for examination.

d) To note and approve Increased homeworking £26 from 01/04/2020.

Due to this being a remuneration matter Mr N Hancock proposed that this matter be taken to the HR Committee for discussion.

RESOLVED: Mr N Hancock, Mrs A Hudson and Mrs A Clark to form the HR Committee, to adopt the Terms of Reference circulated ahead of the meeting and to discuss ahead of the next Parish Council Meeting. There was unanimous support for this motion.

e) 20/21 Budget onto website

Further to the auditor noting that the monies held by Trull Parish Council are too high, it is important that expenditure is reviewed and this may affect the precept request for 2021/2022.

f) Bank account interest rate reduction

Lloyds Bank unable to confirm new interest rate

g) To approve Statement of Internal Control

It was noted that the Annual Governance Statement was in order and was approved for the Chair to sign.

It was noted that the Accounting Statements were in order and were approved for the Chair to sign.

06/16 To note the Register of Assets – updated for insurance purposes.

These were noted and approved

06/17 To consider playing field rubbish bin collection quotes.

RESOLVED: To take the discussion regarding bins to the next PFMC meeting.

06/18 To consider and confirm that the Council is insured with Came & Co: (three-year policy review 2021)

RESOLVED: Unanimous decision to approve this payment. To note that an alternative provider to be considered ahead of next June.

06/19 Speeding on Honiton Road

Resolved in item 06/13 e).

06/20 Residents at Canonsgrove

A discussion took place regarding a letter from a member of the public concerned that the Canonsgrove site is to remain as a permanent fixture.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Simon Lewis (Head of Customer- SW&T) to establish more detail on the proposal of Canonsgrove.

06/21 Date of next meeting;

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th July at 7.15pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.12.

Chair Signature.....

Date.....