

# **Trull Parish Council**

Minutes of a Meeting held in Trull Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull  
on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Present: Mr G Hewett (Chairman)

Mrs J Wooldridge, Mr D Archer, Mrs F Drew, Mr N Hancock,  
Mrs A Hudson, Mrs D Luke, Mr P Parris and Mr C Ralph,  
together with nine Members of the Public.

In attendance: PC Claire Griffith – Beat Officer  
Mrs A Harding – Clerk

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Prior to the commencement of the Meeting he invited questions or statements from members of the public that were not related to the Agenda, but none were forthcoming.

1/10 **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies for Absence were received from Mr S French and Mr John White.

2/10 **Declarations of Interest**  
There were no declarations of interest.

3/10 **Chairman's Report**  
There was nothing to report in addition to the Agenda items, except for the problem of parked cars blocking access to the playing fields. This had happened on several occasions and Parsons had not been able to cut the field that morning, and on a previous occasion they had been trapped after grass cutting. The Chairman raised the concern that an ambulance would not be able to access the field if needed in an emergency. Mrs Wooldridge reported that she has contacted the residents concerned but to date there has been no resolution. Mrs Wooldridge has also contacted the Police for advice on enforcing the right of access, and PC Griffith stated that this can be enforced.

Mrs Drew cautioned that involvement should initially be low level, with a reminder to residents that cars should be parked on the main road on Mondays when Parsons need to access the field.

4/10 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**  
The Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010 were agreed and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments:  
Minute 174/09 - should read 'Mrs Hudson' not 'Mr Hudson'  
Minute 171/09 - the 4' gate has been erected in Poke Lane and the 3' gate is available.

5/10 **Matters for Report**  
Mrs Luke reported that inconsiderate parking in Wild Oak Lane was forcing pedestrians to walk out in the road.

6/10 **Adoption of the BT phonebox in Staplehay**  
The Clerk reported that BT had revised its policy, and the power would remain connected with BT paying all the bills for the foreseeable future. The Parish Council would be notified of any changes. After discussion it was decided that, following the removal of the equipment, the phonebox should be refurbished as follows:

- Re-painting inside and out – retaining the red colour.
- Changing the 'telephone' sign to 'information'

- Erecting two internal notice boards, on the east and south sides. The notice boards would be monitored to keep any notices current.
- Installing a rubbish bin.

Mr Archer suggested that the initial work should be professionally carried out, and that there were several advertisements in the Parish Magazine for suitable contractors. Mr Hancock reminded the Council that £500 was earmarked in the budget for the refurbishment of the phonebox. (minute 107/09 refers)

**Resolved:** that the Clerk confirms with BT that the Council wishes to adopt the phonebox; and that Mr Archer draws up a specification for the refurbishment work.

7/10

**PACT**

PC Griffith reported to the Parish Council on the two issues that were set as priorities two months ago, namely speeding on Honiton Road and parking in the village.

Community Speedwatch have monitored the traffic over six months with nine sessions outside Bradbeers. 159 people were monitored speeding with an average speed of 37mph – i.e. a percentage of 17% which is not considered high. PC Griffith confirmed that this is not now considered a priority but the situation would continue to be monitored.

On the matter of parking at the school, PC Griffith reported that letters and leaflets had been sent out to parents reminding them about safe parking. Anyone parking illegally or dangerously would be sent a letter and the details added to a database. Any further infringements would prompt a parking ticket. So far only three letters have been sent out. PC Griffith confirmed that the parking bay had been installed and is making a positive difference. Somerset Highways are to renew the white lines.

PC Griffith confirmed that the issue of parking would remain on PACT and suggested that with the summer coming up the issue of anti-social behaviour should be added also. The Parish Council agreed with the suggestion. PC Griffith reported that one mother of a child at the school was trying to set up a crocodile walking group which would accompany children from the end of Church Road down to the school. The Police will supply high visibility jackets if the group is set up.

Mrs Wooldridge requested that the monitoring of parking be carried out during some evenings when the Memorial Hall or the School are being used for events or clubs.

The Chairman thanked PC Griffith for all her efforts on behalf of the Parish Council, and added that it was encouraging that the speeding is not as serious as previously thought.

PC Griffith offered to add more Speedwatch monitoring sites if required.

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**Speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting**

The subject of the speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting was raised and several names were put forward. Consideration was given to the subject of the speech, and it was agreed that it should be of interest to all parishioners. Both the Chairman and Mr Archer offered to contact potential speakers.

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**Planning**

The Clerk advised that the following applications had been received from TDBC for the Council to consider:

- 09/0046 - 2 Trull Green Drive, Trull
- Full - Erection of 1.8m high fencing and pedestrian gate to side and widening of driveway.

**Resolved** - To support the application following no objection from neighbours.

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- Hamwood Farm, Daw's Green, Trull  
Full - Erection of extension to agricultural building and provision of hard standing for access to silage clamp

**Resolved** - To support the application. This is a sizeable building but is within the confines of the farm and away from other dwellings.

10/0005 - 8 Southwell Close, Trull

Full Erection of single storey side extension.

**Resolved** - To support the application. The window overlooking the neighbour is to be frosted and there was no objection to the development.

10/0006 - Restormel, Staplehay

Full - Erection of single storey extension to garage with conversion to pitched roof.

**Resolved** - To support the application.

The Clerk advised of the following planning decisions received:

10/0008 - Full permission granted for the construction of a pitched roof at 4 The Paddocks, Trull

10/0004 - Full permission granted for the erection of a two storey extension to rear and alterations at 17 Church Road, Trull

Mr Ralph reported that he had been contacted by the owners of The Old Vicarage, who are proposing to convert the coach house into a dwelling. Mr Ralph had suggested to them that they attend a meeting of the Parish Council before submitting the planning application.

#### 10/10 **Housing and Development**

Mr Archer referred to the previously circulated draft of an article he has written for 'Thatch' magazine. The subject of the article is Dipford Orchard, from planning to completion. Andy Lehner, the developer of Dipford Orchard, and Sam Southam of Falcon Housing, are keen to advertise its success and to encourage other Parishes to undertake similar affordable housing developments. Mr Archer is contacting the Somerset County Gazette with a view to arranging a photo shoot for the paper and website.

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council should be very pleased that Trull has succeeded with affordable housing, and considering the demand it would be possible to find occupants for many more such houses. However, suitable sites at reasonable prices are very hard to find.

#### 11/10 **Playing Fields.**

Mrs Wooldridge's reported that her inspection showed all equipment to be in a satisfactory condition, that the grass had been cut under the benches, and that the refurbished bench was ready to be re-installed on the playing field. A quote for the two new pieces of play equipment 'Turnfly' and 'Podswing' has come in at £15,656 fully installed, and as one piece is classified as 'sports equipment' by TDBC the Parish Council can claim the whole of the grant. Mrs Drew enquired if TDBC required two quotes to which Mrs Wooldridge replied that it was probably not possible to obtain quotes for comparable equipment, and that she would speak to TDBC to see if they will accept only the one quote.

The subject of the surface under the equipment was raised, and Mr Parris enquired if matting was needed. Mrs Wooldridge replied that TDBC preferred matting, and were not in favour of bark or sand as these need replacing each year.

Several member of the Parish Council queried if £15,000 was too large an amount to be paying for two pieces of equipment. Mr Archer reminded them that it is not the Parish Council's money, and that a working party had identified what was wanted by children and teenagers in the Parish. Mr Parish suggested contacting Wicksteed to obtain a quote from them. In reply to the Chairman's question, Mrs Wooldridge told him that there is a five year limit on claiming the money.

12/10 **Footpaths**

There was nothing from Mr White to report in his absence.

Mrs Hudson reported that she had heard several complaints that people could not get their dogs across the new bridge at Three Bridges.

Mrs Luke thanked Ian Perry for the brilliant job he has made of clearing Carter's Way.

13/10 **Highways**

Mr Hancock informed the Council that:-

- the loose kerbstone outside Trull Stores has been repaired.
- he has been in contact with Ian Titcombe of SCC Highways, and that there can be no immediate change to the boundary of the speed limit in Dipford Road, but he will look into low cost speed reduction measures such as signs and white lines.
- the pothole at Eastbrook has been marked and is due for repair.

Mr Parris informed Mr Hancock that the drain in Eastbrook is again blocked, and the Chairman added that the drains in Comeytrove Road are often blocked.

Mr Wooldridge reported that the road opposite Ladylawn was very pitted.

14/10 **Allotments**

The Clerk informed the Council that she had received a letter from the headmaster Mr Adcock's secretary in reply to her letter requesting that Queen's College reconsider leasing part of Trull Meadow to extend the allotments. Mr Alcock is abroad and unable to return due to cancelled flights.

The Chairman again suggested that a visit be made to the allotments to assess the condition of the plots. Mrs Hudson and Mrs Wooldridge offered to accompany the Clerk.

15/10 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**

There was nothing to report on this item.

16/10 **Trull School**

There was nothing to report on this item.

17/10 **Correspondence**

The clerk advised of correspondence that was of interest to the Council:

- Notification of application from Councillor Martin-Scott to contribute £5,000 from the Community Budget – to be used as a contribution towards repairs to Staplehay Weir.
- Letter from BT informing of changes to the agreement for adoption of the phone box in Staplehay and request to apply online. BT will pay now pay power charges until further notice.

- Draft copy of the new model Standing Orders for Parish Council to customise and adopt. Notification that new model Financial Regulations will be issued soon. The Clerk will summarise the changes and circulate to councillors.
- Quote for dog bin servicing 2010/11. The new rate is £3.32 + VAT per bin per visit.
- Notification from TDBC that the Corporate Strategy 2101-2013 will be available for public viewing at libraries, Deane House and on Council's website.

18/10 **Accounts for Payment**

**Resolved:** That the following accounts be authorised: -

Mrs J Wooldridge – March newsletter plus delivery	£32.00
EDF Energy	£34.75
SALC - Chairmanship Training	£20.00
TDBC – Dog bin servicing 2009/10	£678.44
Wessex Water – part payment of water bill for pavilion	£75.00
Party in the Park 2010 – return of part balance held from 2008	£750.00
Ian Perry – Carter's Way maintenance	£25.00

19/10 **Any Other Business**

With reference to the quote from TDBC for dog bin servicing the Parish Council agreed to accept to quote .

**Resolved:** that the Clerk write to TDBC to accept the quote for 2010/11

The Chairman informed the Parish Council that after consultation it appears that the best way to deal with the trees on Trull Green is to remove the poplars and replace them with a variety of trees. Mr Parris will contact Adrian Morris to obtain costing for removing the old trees and speak to Ian Clark of TDBC for advice on the types of trees to replace them. Mark Edwards had informed Mr Parris that there was no strong wish from the residents of Trull Green to keep the trees, but Mr Archer cautioned that residents had previously voiced their wish to retain the trees.

Mrs Drew stated that she felt strongly that the replacements should be native species.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held before the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May.

20/10 **Items for the Next Agenda**

Annual Parish Meeting:	Trull Trees
Annual Parish Council:	The Old Vicarage coach house conversion
	Annual Audit

21/10 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in the Memorial Hall, Trull at the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.25 pm.

Signed.....  
 Chairman of Trull Parish Council  
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