

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull
on Monday 18th April 2011

Present: Mrs J Wooldridge (Chairman)

Mr G Hewitt, Mr D Archer, Mr S French, Mrs A Hudson,
Mrs D Luke and Mr P Parris together with five Members of the
Public.

In attendance: Mr John White – Footpaths
Mrs A Harding – Clerk

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting the Chairman invited questions from members of the public that were not related to the Agenda but there were none forthcoming.

66/11 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were received and agreed from Mr N Hancock, Mr C Ralph and Mrs Fiona Drew.

67/11 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

68/11 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that the launch of the Staplehay Book and Information Exchange had taken place earlier in the day, the event had been well attended and the weather had been 'gorgeous'.

69/11 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendments:

Minute 48/11 – should read 'a local school' not 'Trull School'

70/11 **Matters for Report**

The Clerk reported that SCC had agreed to the adoption of Carter's Way as a publicly maintained highway. Notices will be posted on the footpath and if no objections are received the adoption will come into effect after one month.

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that following cuts in the Avon and Somerset policing budget, leadership staffing had been reduced by one sergeant post and the redeployment of three Neighbourhood Beat Manager posts. Trull will now come under the Taunton West policing team led by Neighbourhood Beat Sergeant Tony Crowter.

71 /11 **Planning**

Mrs Hudson reported on the following applications received from TDBC for the Council to consider: -

- 11/0006 - Haygrove Park, Mill Lane, Trull
 - Restoration and laying of car park. (retention of work already undertaken)
- The Parish Council considered that the work had improved the area.

Resolved - To support the application.

- 11/0009/T - Malindi, Trull
 - To carry out management work to one oak tree. (TPO TD909)
Resolved - To support the application

- 11/0007/T - Holmesdale, Wild Oak Lane, Trull
 - Notification to carry out management work of one yew tree within Trull conservation area.
Resolved - To support the application.

Not on the Agenda but also considered:-

- 110010 Dinham, Honiton Road, Trull
 Full Erection of rear and side single storey extension and conversion
 - of garage to living accommodation.
Resolved - To support the application.

- 11/0011 - Trull Primary School
 Full Erection of extension to the classroom to provide disabled facilities.
Resolved To support the application.

- 11/0001 - Orchard House, Gatchell Meadow, Trull
 Full - Application for the erection of a dwelling in the grounds.
 Amendment to original application.
 The amendment proposes raising the roofline of the house by 800mm and modification to the garage.
Resolved - To support the application.

The Clerk advised of the following decisions that had been received from TDBC: -

- 11/0003 - Elanka, Honiton Road, Trull
 Permission granted for the formation of pitched dormer window to rear elevation.
- 11/0004 - 6 Southwell Close, Trull
 Permission granted for the erection of single storey extension to the side.
- 11/0005 - 3 Jubilee Terrace, Trull
 Permission granted for the erection of a single storey extension to rear.
- 10/0046 - Fisherman's Rest, Middle Sweethay, Trull
 The application for work already undertaken has been invalidated and withdrawn.
 Enquiries will be made for clarification of this decision.

72/11 **Housing and Development**

Mr Archer, who is not standing for re election, offered to give a briefing on the Core Strategy and flood prevention to whoever takes over responsibility for Housing and Development on the Parish Council.

73/11 **Playing Field**

Mrs Wooldridge reported that her inspection found all equipment in good order except for the panels on the small climbing frame which require maintenance. It was suggested that replacing the wood panels with plastic would rule out maintenance in the future.

Regarding the installation of the proposed new equipment funded from the earmarked development monies from the Dipford Orchard affordable housing scheme, Mrs Wooldridge informed the meeting that Preludic, the suppliers of the chosen play equipment, were offering three pieces of equipment for the price of two. These can be installed, including the safety surface, for £16,000 following approval by TDBC.

74/11 **Footpaths**

Mr White updated the council on the re-hanging of the gate at the Amberd Lane end of Poke Lane. The gate is with the SCC ROW contractor who is to contact suppliers to ensure that no damage is caused to utilities whilst replacing the gate post.

It was agreed that the boarding in Carter's Way should be extended by approximately twenty metres to contain the soil and chipped bark.

75/11 **Highways**

Mr Parris reported that there were still three or four large potholes in Kibbear Lane and it was also reported that the gullies in Amberd Lane were blocked.

76/11 **Allotments**

There was nothing to report on this item except that the water had now been turned on.

77/11 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**

There was nothing to report on this item.

78/11 **Trull School**

There was nothing to report on this item.

79/11 **Correspondence**

- A copy of the Avon and Somerset newsletter.
- A copy of the Somerset Events advertising leaflet for May.
- A letter from the Charity Commission informing the Parish Council that as the annual income from King George's Playing Field is nil, in future years accounts will not be required but that an Annual Return/update should be submitted.

80/11 **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved: That the following accounts be authorised: -

Trull Memorial Halls – PC contribution to Royal Wedding	£250.00
Mr Brian Lenthall – hedge cutting on allotments and Trull Green trees	£1,080.00
The Castle School – photocopying including April newsletter	£23.78
TDBC – dog bin emptying 2010/11	£745.36
Dennis Mountstephens – shelving/noticeboard for phonebox	£168.06
Sage and Council – painting/repairs to phonebox	£342.00
Innego Taverns Ltd – providing tea after phonebox launch	£120.00
Ray Shattock – grass cutting 20/3, 10/4, 17/4	£54.00
Ian Perry – Carter's Way maintenance	£25.00
PJ Signs – sign for phonebox	£54.00
Clerk's salary – October	£395.80

81/11 **Any Other Business**

The Clerk introduced a quote from TDBC for dog bin emptying for 2011/12 .

Resolved: that the Clerk write to TDBC accepting the quote.

Following several requests for clarification the Clerk explained that the election had come about due to an anomaly that exists in the Parish of Trull namely that the Parish consists of two wards – Trull and Killams. There were no nominations for the one council seat for Killams but ten nominations for the nine council seats for Trull thereby prompting an election for Trull.

Mr French informed the Parish Council that on recycling and refuse collection days cars are often parked in Brookside Close forcing lorries to mount the kerb causing damage to the verges.

The Clerk read a reply to her enquiry from Brian Gibbs of DLO stating that work should commence on repairs to Staplehay Weir when ground conditions are suitable for transporting three hundred tons of stone across the field. He added that the cost, of approximately £22,000, was less than originally stated.

Mr Parris raised concerns that the Parish Council had budgeted £9,000 towards the cost and questioned who was responsible for the balance.

Resolved: that the Clerk write to Mr Mark Edwards to ask where the additional finance would come from.

Mr Hewitt proposed that the Parish Council should mark their appreciation for all the hard work on Planning and Development that Mr Archer had carried out on behalf of the council over a number of years.

The proposal was seconded by the whole council.

82/11 **Items for the Next Agenda**
Parish Council Elections

83/11 **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting will be held at 7pm on 16th May 2011, in the Pearce Suite, Trull Memorial Hall, Trull.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.55 pm.

Signed.....
Chairman of Trull Parish Council
Date.....