

# **Trull Parish Council**

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull  
on Monday 8th August 2011

Present: Mrs J Wooldridge (Chairman)

Mr G Hewitt, Mr S French, Mrs D Luke, Mr P Parris  
and Mr C Ralph.

In attendance: Mr Mark Edwards – Taunton Deane Councillor  
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.

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## **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and agreed from Mr N Hancock, Mr W Hawkins,  
Mrs A Hudson and Mrs S Khattab.

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## **Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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## **Chairman's Report**

There was nothing to report on this item.

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## **Repairs to Staplehay Weir**

Addressing the meeting, Councillor Mark Edwards gave a brief outline of how funding for the repairs to the weir were to be raised. In addition to the £4,000 pledged by the Parish Council a further £5,000 has come from the Community Fund and £5,000 from a SCC grant. It is hoped that following the application process the Water Courses Group will grant a further sum of £5,000. These sums, totalling £19,000 are £4,000 short of the estimated £23,000 required to complete the work. Ways to reduce spending and fund future maintenance were also being considered. The Parish Council were asked to agree to underwrite the shortfall which could be split over two years with the agreement of the DLO who are carrying out the work. The invoice may be held by DLO and not presented to the Parish Council until February 2012.

Mr Edwards reported that SCC ROW were insisting on the temporary closure of the footpath before work could commence and that a fee of £145 for this is payable.

The Environment Agency are happy with how the work is to be carried out as long as river sediments are not excessively disturbed. They would require the installation of an eel pass if additional work were to be carried out in future.

The SCC Structures Team are liaising with the consultant engineer Mr Andrew Wilcox regarding the plans.

Mr Edwards reported that the gabion baskets were ready and it was hoped that work would start by 19<sup>th</sup> August. Brian Gibb of DLO was happy that the work could be completed in approximately ten days and within the twenty one day window of the footpath closure notice. The Parish Council formally thanked Mr Edwards for all the hard work he has put in towards bringing this project to completion. The work of other residents who had started the work on the Mill Stream was also acknowledged. Mr Edwards told the meeting that he was grateful to the Parish Council for all that he had learnt in the last few years and for their dedication to retaining this valuable amenity for future children adding that he remembered it as a child.

Mr Edwards cautioned that this was a short term solution and that future funding would need to be secured to maintain the weir. He also added that the ownership of the weir would need to be formalised to make further grant applications possible.

**Proposal:** Mr Ralph proposed that the Parish Council agree to underwrite the work on Staplehay Weir and to authorise the DLO to carry out the work.

The proposal was seconded by Mrs Wooldridge and all councillors present voted in favour of the proposal.

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**Planning Applications**

Mr Ralph reported on the following applications received from TDBC for the Council to consider: -

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| 42/11/0024      | -    | The Old Vicarage, Trull   |
|                 | Full | Demolition of outbuildings and erection of 3 bedroom dwelling and detached garage/workshop. (resubmission of 10/0042) |
| <b>Resolved</b> | -    | To support the application  |
| 42/11/0027      | -    | Comeytrove Manor West, Comeytrove Lane, Trull   |
|                 | Full | Erection of detached garage   |
| <b>Resolved</b> | -    | To support the application  |

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**Accounts for Payment**

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

Parsons Landscapes Ltd – July 2011	£173.04
Kitson Recycling Ltd – panels for climbing frame	£53.40
Somerset County Council – fee for footpath closure – Staplehay Weir	£145.00

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**Any Other Business**

Mr Steve Fawcett of the Trull Weir and Mill Stream Group addressed the meeting and reported that the condition of the culvert under Church Road was now causing serious concern. He proposed sending a letter to SCC informing them of the situation and requesting that they give the matter urgent attention. Mr Fawcett asked the Parish Council for their support. All present agreed to support the sending of such a letter but Mr Hewitt added that all that the Parish Council could do at this stage was to support the TWMSG and that the matter was up to SCC.

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**Items for the Next Agenda**

- Ownership of Staplehay Weir

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**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011, in the Pearce Suite, Trull Memorial Hall, Trull at 7.15 pm

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.15 pm.

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