

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull
on Monday 6th December 2010

Present: Mrs J Wooldridge (Chairman)

Mr G Hewitt, Mr D Archer, Mr S French, Mr N Hancock ,
Mrs A Hudson, Mrs D Luke, Mr P Parris and Mr C Ralph,
together with three Members of the Public.

In attendance: Mr John White – Footpaths
Mr Stephen Fawcett – Millstream Improvement Committee
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 none were forthcoming.

152/10 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were received and agreed from Mrs F Drew.

153/10 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

154/10 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that the three new grit bins were in place, and although originally full were rapidly emptying. She thanked Councillor Mark Edwards for organising their supply.

155/10 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2010 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

156/10 **Matters for Report**

Mr Archer reported that repairs and conversion of the phonebox at Staplehay would soon be starting.

157/10 **Presentation to Trevor and Janice Smith**

The Chairman welcomed Trevor and Janice Smith to the meeting, and thanked them for 13 years service to Trull whilst running the Post Office. Following donations from the residents of Trull, Mr & Mrs Smith were presented with a cheque and a bouquet of flowers.

In reply Mr Smith thanked the Parish Council and Trull for the gifts and all their kind thoughts.

158/10 **Budget Set 2011/2012**

The Clerk introduced a working paper for discussion, and explained the projected position for 2010/11 and the proposed base budget for 2011/12.

The Chairman referred to the announced wedding of Prince William in April 2011. She stated that on the occasion of the wedding of Prince Charles, children in Trull were presented with a mug. She reported that there had been a large increase in the number of children in the village in recent years and providing a mug for each child would involve an unreasonable cost. Mr Hewitt suggested that the Council donate a sum of money to an event for the village to mark the occasion. The sum of £250 was agreed.

Mr French re-introduced the suggestion that Poke Lane be resurfaced along its whole length and requested that the work be carried out if finance permits. He praised the work which has been carried out on the Mill Stream and added that laying scalplings on the path past the Mill Leat would add to an already very attractive amenity.

Resolved: That the following main items be approved: -

- (1) The Parish Precept 2011/12 be set at £14,000.00.
- (2) Provision of £250 be made as a contribution to the cost of an event to mark the Royal Wedding in April 2011.
- (3) £9,000 be set aside as the maximum Parish Council contribution to repairs to Staplehay Weir.
- (4) A sum of £500 be designated for conversion and repairs of Staplehay phonebox (minute 107/09 refers).
- (5) The agreement with Media Kitchen to host the village website be renewed for 2011/12 at a cost of £50 + VAT.
- (6) £1,000 be set aside to cover costs incurred during the prospective Parish Council elections in May 2011.
- (7) The sum of £250 be designated for maintenance work on the pavilion on the playing field.
- (8) A sum of £1,250 be designated for maintenance work on the poplar trees on Trull Green and the hedge bordering the allotments.

159/10 **Comeytrove Urban Extension Workshop**

Mr Archer reported on a Comeytrove Urban Extension Workshop that he attended. He reported that the Secretary of State had abolished the Regional Spatial Strategy but that an appeal is to go to the High Court. The basis of the appeal is that the Secretary of State does not have the authority to abolish the Regional Spatial Strategy therefore it is still valid. The government is bringing in legislation to enforce the abolition which planners will have to take into account.

TDBC is resisting piecemeal development of the Comeytrove / Trull area, stating that an infrastructure including transport, sewers and drainage has to be put in place before development can take place. Consultations, which will include the Parish Council, will take place over the next year and before a new Core Strategy in 2012. The first review will be in 2017 and any development here will be included in this review, in the light of a major study in the interim of the infrastructure needs, particularly focusing on transport.

Plans for development 2012–17 will mainly be based at Monkton Heathfield and Priorswood. The proposed number of houses has now been reduced and the figure discussed was 16,000 for Taunton up to 2027, but this is dependent on the state of the housing market.

160/10 **Pitminster, Corfe, Blagdon and Trull Almshouses**

Mrs Hudson reported on the following from a meeting held on 24th November.

- 1 Advice is being sought as the wording of a new tenancy agreement to bring it into line with legal requirements.
- 2 The valuation for insurance was £350,000 in 2008 and this is now considered to be too low. A new quote is being sought on a valuation of £400,000.
- 3 Approved firms have been retained for repairs to the almshouses:
 - a. Charlie Baker – building repairs
 - b. Geoffrey Acreman – electrical repairs
 - c. Mark Haydon – plumbing repairsElectrical systems are to be inspected every 5 years or when a new tenancy is taken up.
- 4 Chimneys have been inspected and this shows that Nos 1-3 are in reasonable repair, No 2 has been condemned and No 4 is in need of repair.

- 5 Tottle's plans for a business park were considered and objections to Plan 1 were raised on the grounds that a great deal of noise would be generated. A letter of support for Plan 2 will be sent.
- 6 A replacement for Mrs Grimboldy is being sought and several names have been put forward.
- 7 Repairs to the roof will be carried out as and when required.

161/10 **Planning**

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

10/0052 - The Old Rectory, Wild Oak Lane, Trull
Application for the erection of 2 dwellings with parking and turning area (application to replace extant permission for application 07/0011)

Resolved - To support the application.

10/0043 - Hamwood Farm, Taunton
Full Application for a permanent agricultural worker's dwelling.

Resolved - To support the application.

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

10/0035 - 1 New Road, Trull
Full permission granted for the erection of a detached self contained annexe to replace garage.

10/0044 - 6 Southwell Close, Trull
Full permission granted for erection of a two storey extension to the side.

162/10 **Housing and Development**

There was nothing to report on this item.

163/10 **Playing Field**

Mrs Wooldridge reported that her inspection found all equipment in good order. Mr Archer reported that dogs were getting in where the netting does not extend fully down to the ground, on the gate nearest the pavilion and on the fencing to the south of that to the field boundary.

The water meter reading is 000.523. The suggestion was made that the whole length of the water pipe running from the meter to the pavilion should be replaced. The Clerk will contact contractors to obtain two quotes for the work.

164/10 **Footpaths**

On T21/30 from Higher Dipford Farm to Honiton Road problems have been reported. The gate has to remain unlocked even if a stile were to be installed, and members of the public are reminded not to leave gates open.

The flooding on Poke Lane between The Bell House and Amberd Lane has been alleviated by digging a channel through the bank to allow drainage. Mr Ron Vining is to be thanked for his work.

165/10 **Highways**

Mr Hancock reported that grit bins were now in place in the village for the use of residents during icy or snowy weather. Residents were asked to bring their own shovels.

166/10 **Allotments**

It was suggested that the best time to provide compost for the allotments would be in the spring.

167/10 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**

Mr Archer informed the Parish Council that the Pantomime was excellent and generally regarded as the best yet.

168/10 **Trull School**

There was nothing to report on this item.

169/10 **Correspondence**

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

- An email from Mr Mark Edwards giving an update on progress with Staplehay Weir repairs.
- A quotation from Parsons Landscapes Ltd for grass maintenance 2011/2012.

170/10 **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved: That the following accounts be authorised: -

The Castle School – newsletter photocopying	£26.30
Parsons Landscapes Ltd – October grass cutting	£69.39
Mrs A Harding –newsletter delivery x 2	£24.00
EDF Energy – changing room supply	£13.23
Mr R Vining – 2 nd payment	£130.00
Clerk’s salary – October	£395.80

171/10 **Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

172/10 **Items for the Next Agenda**

PACT
Allotment hedge
Mr Stephen Martin-Scott

173/10 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 17th January 2010, in the Pearce Suite, Trull Memorial Hall, Trull at 7.15 pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.30 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman of Trull Parish Council

Date.....