

# Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull  
on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Present: Mrs J Wooldridge (Chairman)

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

In attendance: Mr John White – Footpaths  
Mr Steve 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.

1/11 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were received and agreed from Mr S French and Mr D Archer.

2/11 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3/11 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that the three new grit bins had been a great success and were now empty. Enquiries will be made regarding refilling them if the cold weather returns.

The Chairman had been contacted asking that landowners be thanked for allowing children to toboggan in their fields during the snowy weather.

4/11 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

5/11 **Matters for Report**

Mr Archer was unable to attend the meeting and will report on progress with the conversion of the Staplehay phone box at the February meeting.

The Chairman updated the Council on the maintenance work which is required on the Lime trees on the Playing Field. After a site meeting with Mr Parris and Parsons Landscapes it was agreed to lift the crown to fifteen feet and remove the brushwood around the base of all trees. Parsons will review their quote and the work should be carried out before March.

The Black Poplars on Trull Green were also inspected and Parsons Landscapes will submit a quote for the maintenance work.

Mr Parris suggested that adding two strands of high tensile wire along the bottom of the fence between the Playing Field and Poke Lane would solve the problem of dogs getting under the fence.

The Clerk reported that Dave Grabham of SCC had been contacted to request that consideration be given to providing Speed Indicator Devices on Honiton Road. SCC will monitor the road and produce a report before a decision is made.

6/11 **PACT**  
PCSO Parry was unable to attend the meeting but will attend in February. The next 'Have your Say' meeting will take place at 7pm on May 13<sup>th</sup> at Burton Place.

7/11 **Allotment Hedge**  
The Clerk reported that letters had been sent to residents of Ladylawn informing them of the proposed work to cut back the hedge bordering the allotments. TDBC had been contacted for advice and a quote for the work had been sought from Mr Brian Lenthall. The work should be carried out before March.

8/11 **Report by Councillor Stephen Martin-Scott**  
Mr Martin-Scott was unable to attend the meeting.

9/11 **Planning**  
Mrs Hudson and Mr Ralph reported on the following applications received from TDBC for the Council to consider: -

10/0053 - 31 Killams Green, Taunton  
Application for the erection of first floor to side and ground floor extension to rear.

**Resolved** - To support the application.

10/0054/T - Canonsgrove Halls of Residence, Staplehay, Taunton  
Full Application to fell one Oak, one Birch and one Pine and to carry out management work to 3 Poplar, 3 Sweet Chestnut, 4 Beech, 12 Hornbeam, 3 Oak, 6 Horse Chestnut and to crown lift all trees in TPO groups G15 and G20.

**Resolved** - To support the application.

42/10/0055/T - Hillbrook House, Trull  
Application to fell and replace (with Oak trees) 5 Horse Chestnut trees included in TDB (Trull No 1) TPO order 2010.  
- To support the application

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

10/0045 - Land adjoining Dipford Road, Trull  
Full permission granted for the erection of two affordable dwellings.

10/0047/T - Westbrook, Church Road, Trull  
Permission granted to carry out management work to one Field Maple tree included in TDB (Trull No1) TPO 1995.

42/10/0052 - The Old Rectory, Wild Oak Lane, Trull  
Full permission granted for the erection of two dwellings together with parking and turning area on adjoining land. (application to replace extant permission for application 42/07/0011)

42/10/0051/LP - 23 Killams Green, Taunton  
A Certificate of Proposed Lawful Use or Development issued for a replacement rear extension.

Also received from Taunton Deane:

- Taunton Deane Borough (Trull No 1) Tree Preservation Orders (PD22/892/TD1075) on numerous trees on land at Lipe Hill Lane and Galmington Stream.

- Taunton Deane Borough (Trull No 2) Tree Preservation Order (PD22/893/TD1076) on numerous trees on land between Dipford, Trull and Sweethay.

10/11 **Housing and Development**

There was nothing to report on this item.

12/11 **Playing Field**

The Clerk reported that contractors had been approached to quote for the work to replace the water pipe between the water meter and the pavilion.

13/11 **Footpaths**

Mr White reported that on the T21/30 from Higher Dipford Farm to Eastbrook following problems with members of the public leaving the gate open, a 'Please Close the Gate' sign has been erected.

On the T21/1 SCC have confirmed that an extra sleeper will be added to the bridge and a handrail installed on the Park Homes side. The footpath will have to close for a short time when the work is carried out to allow the concrete to harden.

SCC had contacted Mr White for clarification of the type of surface that the Parish Council were proposing to use for the footpath past the Winchester Arms. They advised that any gravel surface would have to be well compacted and that the work could be carried out at the same time as the repairing of the steps to minimise disruption. Mr Hewitt suggested that enough gravel be purchased to complete this work and to make repairs to the footpath at the bottom of the Playing Field.

14/11 **Highways**

Mr Hancock reported that SCC had been informed of the problem of standing water in Amberd Lane and that they would hopefully attend within twenty eight days. The potholes in Church Road and the leak in Eastbrook had also been reported to SCC.

15/11 **Allotments**

Mr Parris informed the Council that he had been able to use the posts and wire originally purchased for the extension to the allotments and that he had reimbursed the Council. There is still a gate available if a use can be found for it.

16/11 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**

The Chairman informed the Council that the Bring & Buy Sale was very well attended and raised over £1,300.

Mr Hewitt and Mrs Luke will attend the next meeting of the Memorial Halls Development Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> February.

17/11 **Trull School**

There was nothing to report on this item.

18/11 **Correspondence**

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

- A report by Mr Barry Bloxham on the meeting of the committee organising celebrations for the Royal Wedding.
- A brochure from Royal British Legion encouraging individuals and groups to celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> with a 'Poppy Party' over the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June.
- Details of the Localism Bill.

19/11 **Accounts for Payment**

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

Charles French & Son – materials for allotments	£32.20
The Castle School – January newsletter & photocopying	£30.40
Mrs A Harding –newsletter delivery x 2	£24.00
Clerk’s salary – October	£395.80

20/11 **Any Other Business**

Mr Fawcett of the Mill Stream Improvement Committee addressed the meeting and expressed their gratitude for the support they had received. Mr Hewitt has joined the Committee as a link with the Parish Council. The formation of a trust to continue the work of the Committee is being considered and one suggestion was that the Committee become a sub-committee of the Parish Council. This suggestion would require a great deal of consideration of the legal and financial implications for the Parish Council and would require another Parish Council member on the Committee. David Greig, SALC County Officer, has advised Mr Fawcett that a link with the Parish Council would strengthen any request for funding. Mr Fawcett stated that the Mill Stream would require continued monitoring and maintenance but he did not want this to put a financial burden on the Parish Council.

Mr Hancock requested that Mr Fawcett set out exactly how he saw the function of the Committee continuing in the future and the expenditure needed once the present work is completed.

The Chairman informed the Parish Council that she had been approached by Councillor Alan Paul who asked to address the February meeting regarding the threatened closure of the Trident Youth Club due to lack of funding. The Council questioned whether anyone from Trull attended the Trident as there was a youth club attached to the Church in Trull.

21/11 **Items for the Next Agenda**

PACT  
Mr Stephen Martin-Scott  
Staplehay Phone Box

22/11 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2011, in the Pearce Suite, Trull Memorial Hall, Trull at 7.15 pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.45 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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