

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull
on Monday 19th July 2010

Present: Mrs J Wooldridge (Chairman)

Mr G Hewitt (Vice-Chairman), Mr D Archer, Mr S French (part-leaving at 9.10pm), Mrs A Hudson, Mrs D Luke, Mr P Parris, Mr C Ralph together with eight members of the Public.

In attendance: Mr J White - Footpaths
Mrs A Harding – Clerk
PCSO Simon Perry

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

67/10 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs F Drew, Mr N Hancock and Mr M Edwards.

68/10 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

69/10 **Chairman's Report**

Mrs Wooldridge reported that Mr Patel's nephew, who is running the Post Office on a temporary basis, is doing well and the hope is that he will continue.

70/10 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2010 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

71/10 **Matters for Report**

A correction was made to the item in the newsletter regarding a fire in the waste bin opposite Trull Stores. The fire was in fact in the commercial waste bin behind the stores.

It was reported that Mr Sage had cut back the overhanging vegetation on the allotments.

Mr Fawcett of the Mill Stream Improvement Committee had contacted the Clerk giving the provisional date of 5th August for work to commence on the removal of silt from the Mill Stream. The silt will be dumped in the adjoining paddock and a use for it is still to be found.

Mrs Luke reported on the meeting of the Party in the Park Committee – 13th July 2010.

All reports, including feedback from the police, were positive. Over 450 people attended the day, and the range of entertainment and activities was diverse. A few 'behind the scenes' matters needed discussion, and there were suggestions for improvements for the next event. The total amount of the takings could not be given until all money had been received but was better than the break-even point.

The date of the next event was discussed, and it was agreed that this year's date of the 3rd Saturday in June was thought to be successful as it was at a time before most people were away on holiday. If this date is repeated, the 2012 Party in the Park would fall at the time of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations as well as the

London Olympics. This matter will have to be discussed further. The Committee had been approached with requests for the Party in the Park to be run in 2011, but it was felt that this might encroach on Trull School Fete. A suggestion for a non Party in the Park event in the form of a picnic with bands for younger people raised concerns, and it was suggested that this matter be discussed with the Parish Council as owners of the playing field.

72/10

PACT

PCSO Simon Perry informed the Parish Council of incidents reported to the Police between 19th April and 18th July within the parish.

There were 71 in total, with 25 of these coming from Castleman's Hill Farm.

These broke down as follows:

Highway disruption	9
Anti Social Behaviour	5
Criminal Damage	4
Property alarms	8
Concern for safety	5
Suspicious circumstances	4
Violence against a person	3
Theft	2
Domestic	2
Drugs	2
Fraud	1
Animal problems	1
Abandoned calls	4
Missing person	21

The number of crimes recorded during same period was 12:

Theft	3
Vehicle interference	1
Arson	1
Domestic	1
Criminal Damage	3
Violence	1
Assault	1
Drugs	1

Children have been reported jumping off the weir at Three Bridges and lighting fires in the adjoining fields. It was agreed that this is a difficult issue but only a small number of people cause a nuisance. PCSO Parry confirmed that the police will attend and show a presence if requested and that he will monitor this dangerous behaviour, also keeping in mind the issue of anti-social behaviour on the playing fields. He reminded the Parish Council that any incidents should be reported on 0845 4567000.

The Chairman requested that PCSO Parry give a talk to children at the school, who are still not taking due care when crossing the road outside the school. A reminder to parents will be put in the Newsletter. PCSO Parry indicated that he may be able to talk to the children when they return to school in September. He confirmed that the priorities for PACT would be anti-social behaviour at Three Bridges, on the playing field and at Staplehay Weir.

The Chairman enquired if the pavilion could be painted through the Community Pay Back Scheme and PCSO Parry offered to look into this.

73/10

Standing Orders

It was agreed that the Clerk and Mr Archer would meet to consider the format of the new Standing Orders for presentation and adoption at the meeting of the Parish Council in September. A copy will be placed on the website after adoption.

74/10 **Staplehay Weir**

The Clerk introduced an email from Rachel Pearce of SCC ROW which outlined the work and a provisional timescale for the proposed new bridge. Ms Pearce is awaiting quotes and detailed drawings for the work before a planning application is made. An application is required as the bridge is not classed as 'permitted development'. Landowner consent is also required before diversion of the route. The application will go to Committee and it is anticipated that it may take up to three months. Ms Pearce stated that work is not expected to begin before the spring, and that work on the collapsed weir could not commence before the bridge is completed.

In another email Councillor Mark Edwards stated that he felt the planning process would be quicker than that outlined by Ms Pearce, and that the DLO will progress with work on the weir as soon as SCC are in agreement.

Serious concerns were raised at the meeting that a delay over the winter would increase the likelihood of more damage to the weir, and that work would be easier with the present low water levels. It was noted that work on the weir would not interfere with the new bridge, and a suggestion was made Mr Edwards be contacted to voice the concerns of the Parish Council and to ask him to request from the SCC that work on the weir commence before the new bridge is completed.

75/10 **Phonebox at Staplehay**

The agreement with BT to adopt the phonebox at Staplehay was discussed and signed for forwarding to BT. A dual use as notice board and informal book exchange was agreed after repair work and conversion. Mr Archer had obtained quotes from Dennis Mountstephens totalling £137 for the notice board and shelving and from PJ signs for £45-50 for a transparent notice. Additional work required included painting, repairing the door and the removal of an elder tree which is growing behind and around the phone box. It was felt that there would be no problem finding a supply of second-hand books for the book exchange. Messrs Ralph & French offered to tackle the elder tree; and Mrs Luke to act as volunteer librarian.

Resolved: that the Clerk sends the agreement to BT and that the quotes for conversion work and signage are accepted.

76/10 **Planning**

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

- 10/0026 - Sylvan, Daw's Green, Trull,
Full - Erection of two storey extension and detached double garage.
Resolved - To support the application. There were no objections from neighbours and the owner will improve the visibility of the drive.

- 10/0027 - Car Park, Mill Lane, Haygrove
Full - Restoration of car park adjacent to caravan park. Retention of works already carried out.

A resident living near this area spoke at the meeting raising objections to the way the area had been cleared for use as a car park.

- Resolved** - To support the application with the condition that there should be additional planting for screening on the level ground at the top of the bank and that the car park should be for the use of residents of the caravan park only.

Not on the Agenda but also considered:

- 10/0030 - Rose Cottage, Staplehay, Trull
Full - Erection of part two-storey/part single storey rear extension, front porch, covered yard to side and alterations to side garage (revised scheme to application 10/0013).
Resolved - To support the application.

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

- 10/0027 - 8 Bradbeers, Trull
- Full permission granted for the conversion of garage to a library.

Mrs Hudson reported that application 10/0020 for the retention of work already carried out on a children's play area at Little Oaks Trull had been withdrawn after several letters of objections had been posted on the Taunton Deane planning website. She stated that the applicants had considered moving as a result of the bad feeling and the unfounded rumours that the site would be developed for housing.

77/10 **Housing and Development**

There was nothing to report on this item.

78/10 **Playing Field**

The Chairman reported that her inspection of the Playing Field showed all was in good order, and the water reading was 264.3m³. The benches have been moved, but as the grass is not growing in the dry weather Parsons are not cutting the grass so regularly. Parsons will feed and weed the field in the spring. Mr Wintrip is to draw up a design for the BMX humps as they are too severe and need levelling slightly.

The Clerk will obtain quotes for the work to cut back the overhanging lime trees at the top of the playing field.

79/10 **Highways**

There was nothing to report on this item.

80/10 **Allotments**

There was nothing to report on this item except that the grass along the boundary with Ladylawn had been cut by Mr Sage.

The Clerk raised the matter of the allotment rents and suggested that a review was needed in advance of the payment date of 1st October, as costs for water, compost and maintenance were all increasing.

81/10 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**

Mrs Wooldridge reported that at a meeting on 5th July it was unanimously agreed to transfer the Old Village Hall to the Church in advance of the development for the new Community Hall. If work does not commence within five years, ownership of the Hall will revert to the village. The Old Village Hall and the Parish Rooms are to be demolished. At the very well attended meeting Rev Youings assured parishioners that uniformed organisations will be well supported in their use of the new hall.

The issue of ragwort growing around the Hall car park was raised and it was suggested that this poisonous weed should be removed. An item would be included in the newsletter warning residents and asking them to remove this dangerous weed when they find it anywhere.

- 82/10 **Trull School**
Mr French pointed out the dangerous state of the school wall adjacent to the footpath, and the Chairman replied that it had been noted.
- 83/10 **Pitminster, Corfe, Blagdon and Trull Almshouses**
Mrs Hudson reported on a meeting of the Corfe, Pitminster, Blagdon Hill and Trull Almshouses Committee on 7th July, where an update of the ongoing repairs was given. The electrical system has been checked, smoke alarms fitted and a Certificate of Compliance issued. A resident plumber and electrician are to be appointed to deal with any minor problems. The next priority is the inspection and sweeping of the chimneys. The Committee will take over responsibility for having the chimneys swept every year, obtaining quotes for any remedial work needed. Work on the front wall will be put on hold until funds are available.
Letters of appointment and tenancy agreements are to be updated.
Mrs Pam Grimboldy, one of the first members, has resigned and thanks were given for her thirty five years loyal service to the Committee. A replacement is being sought.
- 84/10 **Correspondence**
The Clerk advised of correspondence that was of interest to the Council: -
- A copy letter sent to SCC by a resident who had fallen over in Church Road, together with the reply from Somerset Highways.
- 85/10 **Accounts for Payment**
Resolved: That the following accounts be authorised: -
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| The Castle School – June Newsletter and photocopying | - | £22.00 |
| AP & SM Parris – dismantling climbing frame on playing field | - | £49.94 |
| Parsons Landscapes Ltd – playing field grass cutting June 10 | - | £216.40 |
| Mrs A Harding – photocopying/printer toner/mileage | - | £57.89 |
| Wessex Water – water supply 31/1/10-8/7/10 | - | £271.53 |
| Ian Perry – Carter’s Way maintenance | - | £25.00 |
| Mrs A Harding – salary | - | £395.80 |
- 86/10 **Any Other Business**
The Chairman reported that she had been contacted by the Charity Commission requesting financial returns for the last five years relating to the playing field. As the playing field has no income it may have to be de-registered. The field would still be under the Charity Commission but would no longer have a Charity number. The Chairman will make enquiries and report back to the Parish Council.
- 87/10 **Items for the Next Agenda**
- The Charity Commission
- Allotment charges
- 88/10 **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting will be held on 20th September 2010, in the Pearce Suite, Trull Memorial Hall, Trull at 7.15 pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.35 pm.

Signed.....
Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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