

Trull Parish Council

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

Present: Mrs J Wooldridge (Chairman)

Mr G Hewitt, Mr S French, Mrs A Hudson, Mrs D Luke,
Mr P Parris, Mr C Ralph, Mr W Hawkins and Mrs S Khattab
together with five Members of the Public.

In attendance: Mr John White – Footpaths
PCSO Simon Parry
Mrs Becky Howat (standing in for the 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.

127/11 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received and agreed from Mr Hancock.

128/11 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

129/11 **Chairman's Report**

Mrs Wooldridge reported that due to loose gravel near the entrance to the new build house on High Path, Church Road, a lady had recently slipped at the bottom of the slope. Mrs Wooldridge had spoken to the building firm who filled a dip in the surface with tarmac and are sweeping away any loose gravel on a daily basis. They will eventually be putting a grill at the entrance to the drive to drain excess water and prevent gravel escaping onto the path. Mrs Wooldridge asked that Nick Hancock be tasked with contacting the relevant authority to see if something can be done about the pitted state of the path itself.

130/11 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th June 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendments:

An 'h' was added to the final paragraph on point 112/11.

131/11 **Matters for Report**

There was nothing to report on this item.

132/11 **PACT**

PCSO Simon Parry reported on the number of calls to the Police between 1 January and 18 July 2011 which totalled 100. (excluding those from Castleman's Hill Farm)

Top 5 categories were:

Suspicious circumstances – 15; Highway disruption – 12; Rowdy / nuisance behaviour – 11; Concern for safety – 10; Domestic - 7

Crimes recorded between 1 January 2011 - 18 July 2011 (excluding those from Castleman's Hill Farm) totalled 23 split as follows:

Domestic – 5; Other criminal damage – 3; Theft of pedal cycle – 3; Non dwelling burglary – 2; Burglary – 2; Theft from motor vehicle – 2; Vehicle criminal damage – 1; Vehicle theft -1; Fraud – 1; Common assault – 1; Robbery – 1; Assault – 1.

Addressing PCSO Parry, Mrs Hudson said it would have been appreciated if the youths who were moved from her land after being caught drinking, had been made to clear up behind them. Mr French agreed that he could tolerate some youthful exuberance but wished those concerned would show some respect as well. He raised concerns about losing the police station at Taunton when a new one is built at Bridgwater adding that a police presence is the greatest deterrent. PSCO Parry said he had no more information on the proposed relocation of administrative and custodial sections to Bridgwater but assured members that the face of community policing will not change and their office will still be in Taunton.

Mr Ralph highlighted the increased problem of fly tipping since changes to the Waste Recycling centre operating times were introduced. PSCO Parry said people could report fly tipping on the Taunton Deane Borough Council website where it would then be dealt with swiftly.

112/11 **Mill Stream footpath resurfacing**

Mr French reported that he had recently been obtaining quotes for the cost of materials. He had encountered some difficulty locating the preferred Dorset gravel at a good price but had found an alternative Cotswold gravel for £27.50 a tonne. Alternatively, a local Flintstone material at £18 a tonne could be laid and rolled. It was agreed that as time was of the essence, Mr French and Mr Parris should be delegated to find the right material at the right price and commission the work as long as a written quote is obtained within budget.

Mrs Wooldridge took the opportunity to welcome and introduce the newly co-opted member Mrs Susan Khattab and apologised for not having done so earlier.

114/11 **Planning**

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

- 11/0020 - Stapleacre, Staplehay, Trull
- Full - Erection of single and two storey extensions to the side, rear and front.

Mrs A Hudson reported that a privacy issue had been raised by neighbours but talks had led to an agreement that the first floor windows on the north side will now be planned as obscure glass.

- Resolved** - The Parish Council agreed to support the application on condition that the first floor windows facing north are made of obscure glass.

- 11/0022 - Replacement of footbridge on public footpath T21/2 Staplehay Weir, Trull.

Mr Ralph reported that he had contacted Mr Martin-Scott, SCC Councillor, who confirmed that SCC would not finance maintenance of the existing right of way across the weir. He also pointed out that the hedge along Amberd Lane, which had been removed to provide access to the site, would be replanted.

Mrs Wooldridge reported that SCC feel the footpath over the current weir is not sustainable and after consultation with landowners and engineers they agree the proposed site of the new bridge is the only possible position.

All councillors, with the exception of Mr French who abstained, voted to support the application with the following conditions:

- Resolved** -
- a) That the concrete pads for the bridge supports are placed far enough from the edge on both banks so as not to be compromised by any future erosion of the banks.
 - b) That enough of the existing infrastructure over the weir is retained to ensure the stability of the weir itself.

115/11 **Housing and Development**

There was nothing to report on this item.

116/11 **Playing Field**

Mrs J Wooldridge reported that the boarding on the climbing frame had been replaced and painted bright yellow. She expressed her thanks to Mr Parris.

She also confirmed that the application for the new play equipment had gone to the TDBC accountants and that she was expecting to hear back in a few days.

117/11 **Footpaths**

There was nothing to further to report on this item.

118/11 **Highways**

Mrs Becky Howat read out a report from Mr Hancock in his absence:

- Following concerns from a resident of Coplestons, that nettles and brambles along Honiton Road were overgrowing into the footpath, SCC had been contacted and would carry out an inspection.
- SCC had been contacted after the June meeting regarding the unsafe state of the Wild Oak Lane sign at the junction with Church Road and that this had now been repaired

119/11 **Allotments**

There was nothing to report in this item.

120/11 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**

Mrs Wooldridge suggested that the report on the development of the Memorial Hall be put forward as an agenda item in September.

Mrs Wooldridge reported that the lock on the gate at the rear of the Memorial Hall has broken and a bike chain is being used temporarily.

121/11 **Trull School**

Mrs Wooldridge reported that children at the school had done very in their SATs with 90% achieving level 5.

111/11 **Corfe, Pitminster, Blagdon and Trull Almshouses**

Mrs A Hudson presented a report from a meeting of the Almshouses Committee held on June 29th 2011.

- The chimney at No 2 needs relining and the tenant at No 4 wanted to install a gas fire so a plate had to be fitted. Carbon monoxide monitors were also to be installed.
- Prices had been obtained for repairs to the valley on the roof. Lead will cost £3,080 and fibreglass will cost £1,320.
- New double glazed windows are to be installed on the roadside at an estimated cost of £2,045 plus VAT with an extra £100 per unit for fans.
- The total valuation given by Greenslade, Taylor Hunt, should a rebuild become necessary, is £800,000. Quotes are being sought for adjustment to the insurance to meet this valuation.
- The Committee was still waiting for a review of rents.

122/11 **Correspondence**

In the absence of the Clerk Mrs Howat advised of correspondence that may be of interest to the Council:

- Notification from Jeremy Browne, MP of the summer surgery dates and venues.
- Letter from Solicitor Andrew Rugg who is acting for Les Keyte's daughter, Mrs Billington, asking for details of the transfer of land called Carter's Way to the Parish Council.
- Letter from SCC confirming adoption by them of Carter's Way
- Email from Paul Goodman of Wessex Water confirming that £300 was credited to Parish Council water account in April.

123/11 **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved: That the following accounts be authorised: -

The Castle School – photocopying newsletter	£20.00
Parsons Landscapes Ltd- June 2011	£179.60
Mrs A Harding – stamps, newsletter delivery payment to Trull Stores	£20.64
Mr Ray Shattock – June grass cutting on Trull Green	£54.00
Galmington Dragons – return of one third of the Wessex Water credit	£100.00

124/11 **Any Other Business**

Mrs Wooldridge welcomed the opening of the new sausage shop on the corner of Church Road and Honiton Road.

Mr G Hewitt asked members to bear in mind compost for the allotment next month.

Mrs Wooldridge was asked to clarify what Cllr Mark Edwards had said at the weir and gave she a précis of the situation, adding that he is quite positive and should be congratulated on his work so far.

125/11 **Items for the Next Agenda**

Report on Memorial Hall development.

126/11 **Date of Next Meeting**

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

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.25 pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council
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