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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull  
on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010

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