

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull
on Monday 15th June 2009 at 7.15 pm.

Present: Mr G Hewitt (Chairman)

Mrs J Wooldridge, Mr S French, Mr D Archer, Mrs A Hudson, Mr C Ralph, Mr N Hancock, Mrs D Luke, and Mr P Parris (part), together with three Members of the Public.

In attendance: Mrs A Harding – Clerk

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, the Chairman invited questions from members of the public but none were forthcoming.

103/09 Apologies for Absence

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

104/09 Declarations of Interest

The following declaration of interest was advised: -

<u>Name</u>	<u>Minute No:</u>	<u>Personal/Prejudicial</u>	<u>Reason and Action Taken</u>
Mr P Parris	109/09	Personal/Prejudicial	Owner of Lower Kibbear Farm. Spoke but was absent for voting.

105/09 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reminded the Council that the probationary period for Mrs Harding, the new Clerk, finished at the end of June. Mr French proposed that her employment be made permanent; the proposal was seconded by Mrs Wooldridge, and agreed unanimously.

Parish Lands Charity Report

In the absence of the Treasurer of the Charity, Mr Hewitt read the report. £3,800 has been passed to the Parish Church, £3,800 to the Primary School and £8,300 to Relief in Need for which there were 43 beneficiaries. A balance of approximately £6,000 has been carried forward, which is an increase in the region of £500 on last year.

The Staplehay and Trull Flower Show will not take place this year due to falling numbers. A cheque for the balance of £257.95 was passed to the Clerk for banking for safe keeping. The Chairman will write a letter of thanks to the Flower Show Committee.

The Chairman reported that he had received a phone call from Steve Walker with a reminder of the Scouts' Annual General Meeting with a Jamboree at the weekend. It was hoped that a Barbeque could be held to raise funds.

106/09 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th May 2009 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

107/09 Financial Report 2008/9

The Clerk referred to the Financial Report, copies of which would be circulated. The Chairman signed the Annual Return; and it was noted that the accounts would now be submitted to the External Auditors, Moore Stephens of Bath, on 22nd June.

108/09 **Matters for Report**

Parish Newsletter

Mrs Wooldridge reported that in future Mr Hayes, proprietor of Trull Stores, would be charging £10 per month for the distribution of the Newsletter. This money would be passed to the paperboys who deliver it with the papers. The Council agreed that this was a fair charge.

109/09 **Planning**

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

- 09/0014 - Amberd House East, Amberd Lane, Trull
Full Erection of a single storey garden room extension, porch and verandah as amended by drawings nos. 0902/08 & 0902/09
Resolved - To support the application.
- 09/0020 - Lower Kibbear Farm, Trull
Full Construction of a steel framed agricultural portal building for the storage of straw, with a lean-to on one side for the storage of machinery.
Resolved - To support the application.

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

- 09/0011 - 1 Park Close, Trull
Full permission granted for the erection of a single detached garage with adjacent covered car port amended by revised block plan.
- 09/0014 - Amberd House East, Amberd Lane, Trull
Full permission granted for the erection of a single storey garden room extension, porch and verandah as amended by drawings nos. 0902/08 & 0902/09.
- 09/0015/T - Canonsgrove Halls of Residence, Staplehay
Consent granted for the felling of one pine tree and management work to one pine tree.
- 09/0016 - The Forge, Georges Farm Lane, Trull
Full permission granted for the erection of first floor extension to provide a bathroom and erection of a ground floor extension to form a kitchen and enlarged porch.
- 09/0017 - 2 New Road, Trull
- Full permission granted for erection of single storey extension to the rear.

110/09 **Housing & Development**

Mrs Wooldridge reported that there had been some speculation that the Government had 'called in' the Dipford Road Affordable Housing application. Mr Archer informed the Council that this was contrary to information he had received from the developer; but that he would contact Tim Burton at TCBC to check, and report back.

Mrs Hudson queried why the Council did not receive amended plans for planning applications, particularly if the Council had objected to the original application and TDBC has granted permission based on the amendments. Mr Archer agreed to include this in his enquiries of TDBC.

Mr Archer reported on enquiries he has made regarding the money for play and outdoor leisure facilities from developers of the Dipford Road Affordable Housing Scheme, totalling £16,848. Projects for consideration can be proposed by the Parish Council as it is the present provider of play facilities in the parish, and is in the best position to know what present residents and new residents of Dipford Road need. The money is paid to TCBC by the developer when the 5th unit on the site is occupied, and held until the proposed scheme is approved. Priority is given by TDBC to schemes for teenagers, or 'all-age', with the overriding criteria that community consultation takes place. Mr Archer suggested a multi use facility (MUSA) such as a smaller version of the site at French Weir. Mr Hewitt raised concerns that this would take up too large an area of the playing field but Mr Archer considered that it could be sited without interference to the football pitch. Mr French suggested that some money could be channelled in the form of a grant for a cricket scheme for teenagers. Mrs Wooldridge will contact the Cricket Club to enquire if they have an interest in such a scheme; and also put an item in the Newsletter on two consecutive months asking for suggestions for the use of the money with a deadline for feedback.

Mr Hewitt reminded the Council that the idea of the scheme was for facilities to be provided nearer to the Dipford Road site than the playing field, if there are enough children (including those who will live in the new housing) to use them. Trull Green was also suggested as a potential site on the western side of the village; and Mr Parris identified a piece of land at Comeytrove Green that might be suitable for the scheme. Mr Parris also suggested that Mr Maunder, the owner of land adjacent to the playing field, is contacted with a view to allowing the Council to rent part of his field for use as an extension to the playing field.

The setting up of a consultation group, wider than the Parish Council, was discussed. It was agreed that the group would be led by Mr Parris, Mrs Wooldridge, Mr Archer and another co-opted councillor; and include interested youth workers such as Fran Ewings, young people's representatives and Debbie Arscott from TDBC. The group would report back to the Parish Council, which would then make a formal proposal to TDBC.

111/09 **Playing Field**

Mr Hewitt reported that the bonfire at the Scout Jamboree would involve taking up and then replacing the turf in the goal area. Mr Parris raised concerns that this was the most used area and suggested that a position approximately 5m behind the goal would be more suitable. Mr Hewitt will contact Mr Walker with this suggestion. Mr Hewitt also informed the Council that the scouts had offered to paint the railings that ran from the end of the playing field to the bridge in the scout colours of red and green. The Council agreed to the scouts painting the fence, but requested that black paint be used and care taken to keep paint off the wall. The scouts will bill the Council for the paint, and Mr Hewitt suggested that the Council add a small additional sum for scout funds.

Mrs Wooldridge reported that the playing field check found all was in order with the exception of cracks that had appeared in the rubber seats of the toddlers' swings. Mr Parris will contact Wickstead to effect repairs. Mrs Wooldridge informed the Council that the new picnic benches were due to be delivered in the second week of July.

The Clerk reported that the ROSPA inspection had taken place but the report had not yet been received.

112/09 **Highways**

Mr Hancock reported on the following:

- Hedge trimming is in progress in Poundisford.
- Gatchell Green – the patching of the pavement has been completed.
- The pavement outside the shop has been repaired.
- A resident of New Road has raised concerns about motorists speeding out onto Comeytrowe Road. This is a private road; Mr Hancock will make enquiries.

Mrs Luke reported that although hedges had been trimmed from Claremont Lane up to Littlefields, only the lower level had been cut and branches at eye level posed a danger to people using the route.

Resolved: That Mr Hancock write to request re-cutting of the hedges.

Mrs Wooldridge reported that the potholes past Eastbrook had reappeared and that there was a 'groove' in the road in Church Road.

113/09 **Footpaths**

Mr Ralph reported that the contractors were ready to start on the improvements to Poke Lane and that the Jubilee Gate would be open during the work. If access via Poke Lane is required pedestrians may ask the contractors.

Resolved: That the Clerk print and put up warning signs.

Mr French informed the Council that the bridge at Three Bridges has now been repaired. Mrs Hudson raised concerns over the large gap between the handrail and the bridge but Mr French replied that this was standard and would be monitored. He had also enquired if the DLO could carry out the work at Staplehay Weir. Mr Parris reported that at Staplehay Weir the rails had been pulled off and thrown into the river. Mrs Wooldridge requested that he report the damage to PCSO Perry.

114/09 **Allotments**

There was nothing to report on this item.

115/09 **Trull Memorial Halls**

Mrs Wooldridge reported that on Tuesday 28th July the access drive leading from Church Road to the Memorial Hall will be closed for resurfacing; and on Sunday 23rd August there is to be a Village Barbeque starting at 12.30 with tickets at £5 each.

116/09 **Trull School**

There was nothing to report on this item.

117/09 **Correspondence**

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

- Notification from TDBC of the Affordable Housing Open Day on 11th June at Belvedere House between 11am and 7pm.
- An email from Richard Dixon, County Organiser for Calor Village of the Year Competition, inviting Trull to enter the 2009 competition.
- Heart of Somerset, May Events publication.

118/09 **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved: That the following accounts be authorised: -

EDF Energy – changing rooms	-	£13.40
The Wyvern Club – wine for Parish Meeting	-	£51.30
Mrs. J. Wooldridge – May Newsletter	-	£19.00
Parsons Landscapes – May grass cutting	-	£207.62
Clerk's salary - May	-	£395.80
Zurich Insurance – insurance premium	-	£1,349.13
Benchmark Ltd – picnic tables for playing field	-	£584.00

119/09 **Any Other Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

120/09 **Items for the Next Agenda**

Mr Steele – Community Speed Watch update.

Affordable Housing play equipment project update.

121/09 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting will be held on Monday 20th July 2009, in the Pearce Suite, Trull Memorial Hall, Trull at 7.15 pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.00 pm.

Signed.....
Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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