

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull
on Monday 21st March 2011

Present: Mrs J Wooldridge (Chairman)

Mr G Hewitt, Mr D Archer, Mr S French, Mrs D Luke, Mr P Parris
and Mr C Ralph, together with eight 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.

The issue of parking on Honiton Road at the junction with Dipford Road, which causes an obstruction to passing traffic, was raised. The Chairman pointed out that as there were no yellow lines parking was permitted, but offered to contact the local PCSO to discuss.

46/11 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were received and agreed from Mr N Hancock, Mrs A Hudson and Mrs Fiona Drew.

47/11 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

48/11 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman thanked Mr French for collecting a load of compost, and Mr Criddle who supplied two loads of horse manure, for the allotments. All was used by allotment holders within two days.

The Chairman reported that the Trull Green trees had been cut but most were found to be almost completely hollow. The trunks have been delivered to Trull Primary School for the use of children in the play area.

On the playing field the maintenance work has been carried out on the Lime trees.

49/11 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendments:

Minute 25/11 – a wooden rail was added to the fence on the playing field not wire

Minute 26/11 – Mr French not Mr Ralph was absent from the meeting.

50/11 **Matters for Report**

Mr Fawcett informed the Parish Council that the next meeting of the Mill Stream Improvement Committee would be held on 6th May. He added that the Mill Leat had been cleared allowing more water to flow through. Mr Fawcett had received a message from Mr Mark Edwards to the effect that the DLO were to commence work on the weir when soil conditions were good.

Mr French voiced frustration that the 'slippage' at the weir had still not been dealt with.

Resolved: that the Clerk write to Mr Brian Gibb at the DLO to request a start date.

The Clerk reported that a quote for £2,400 + VAT (with an additional £1,300 + VAT for the supply of self binding stone) had been received from Abacus Ltd for work on the Mill Stream footpath. On consideration the Parish Council felt that it was unnecessary to complete the work to such a high specification, and additional quotes would be sought to a lower specification.

Mr Archer reported on progress with the conversion of the phone box at Staplehay Cross. Painting would be completed soon by Sage & Council, leaving only the staining of the shelving and installation of the notice board by Dennis Mountstephens outstanding. PJ Signs will produce and install signage, and internal notices will inform of the change of ownership and use and contact details in the event of queries. Books will be added, and a visitor invited to undertake the official opening, which would hopefully coincide with the Annual Parish Meeting on 18th April. It was noted that following the work clearing around the phone box, it became evident that the wall behind the box was in disrepair and the box was holding it up.

In the absence of Mrs Hudson the Clerk read her report from the meeting of the Corfe, Pitminster, Blagdon and Trull Almshouses on 23rd February. Certificates have now been filed for three of the cottages following the completion of the chimney sweeping; one is still outstanding. The blown plaster and loose tiles and the putty lifted by frost have yet to be repaired. Rents are to be raised by an average of £5 per month. Mrs Whatmore is to be co-opted onto the board to replace Mrs Pam Grimoldby.

51/11 **Parish Council Nominations**

The Clerk distributed nomination forms for completion to members of the Council who wished to stand for re-election.

52/11 **Provision of Playing Field Equipment**

Mr Archer proposed: "that this Council, as a matter of urgency, implement its earlier decisions to propose to Taunton Deane Borough Council a play and recreation scheme for the provision of equipment for older children and young people on its Playing Field, funded from the earmarked development monies from the Dipford Orchard affordable housing scheme". The proposal was seconded by Mr Hewitt.

Mr Archer stated that the Parish Council as trustees were charged with forming a scheme to identify priorities for spending the money made available through the Dipford Road development under the section 106 agreement. £16,848 from the original development was lodged with TDBC and the developer, Mr Lehner offered to make the £3,300 from the additional houses on the site available before occupation if it was needed to form part of the planned scheme. Mr Archer urged that a plan be submitted to TDBC before the end of the term of office of the present Parish Council, and the equipment installed before the summer so that young people can get the full benefit from it.

The Chairman replied that a major cause of delay was that TDBC required three quotes but that this is now in hand. The equipment identified by consulting with young people can be seen at French Weir.

53 /11 **Planning**

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

- 11/0001 - Orchard House, Gatchell Meadow, Trull
- Full - Application for the erection of a dwelling in the grounds. The applicant attended the meeting and spoke to the Council stating that the design of the proposed house had taken neighbours into account with a low pitched roof to retain the view. She added that she wanted to continue to live in Trull but

that the main house was now too large. A local builder will be used and residents of Gatchell Meadow had no objections.

- Resolved** - To support the application, and that the Clerk write a comment on the form to show TDBC the reasons for their support.

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

- 10/0049 - Westbrook, Church Road
Permission granted for the erection of gabion basket wall as flood protection works (retention of works already undertaken).
- 11/0002/T - Holmesdale, Wild Oak Lane, Trull
Permission granted to fell one Western Red Cedar and carry out management work to one Pine and one Sycamore within the Trull Conservation Area.

54/11 **Housing and Development**

Mr Lehner, the developer of Dipford Orchard, reported that the two additional houses on the site were nearing completion and should be ready for occupation by June. The names of five or six potential occupiers had been submitted to TDBC for consideration, and the names of the successful applicants should be released in April.

55/11 **Playing Field**

Mrs Wooldridge reported that her inspection found all equipment in good order.

56/11 **Footpaths**

The Chairman reported that the gate at the Amberd Lane end of Poke Lane had been removed as the post had rotted. This now poses a danger to children who may run into the road. Mr White offered to contact SCC ROW to stress the urgency for repairs to be carried out.

Mr White passed on concerns that the footpath from the top of Eastbrook Terrace to Queens Drive flooded and became impassable in wet weather. Mr White has contacted SCC ROW who informed him that the work was of low priority. Heavy vehicles use the gateway but the landowner, Mr Baker, was happy for the Parish Council to carry out improvement work. The suggestion was put forward that several paving slabs could be placed to provide stepping stones for walkers.

57/11 **Highways**

Mr Parris reported that three or four large potholes had appeared in Kibbear Lane.

58/11 **Allotments**

There was nothing to report on this item.

59/11 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**

Following the Memorial Halls AGM, Mr Ralph informed the Parish Council that an agreement had been signed with the Church regarding the proposals for the car park. He enquired if the Parish Council were aware that they could be asked for funding. The Chairman replied that there was to be one car park for the Hall and one for the Church and that there had been no request for a contribution. She added that SCC do not provide school car parks and would not be contributing to the car parks. School policy was to discourage cars.

60/11 **Trull School**

There was nothing to report on this item.

61/11 **Correspondence**

- Notification from HMRC that Parish Councils must register for and administer all clerks' salaries through PAYE.
- Letter from Somerset Playing Fields Association introducing the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge to mark the Diamond Jubilee.
- Copy of March 'Clerks and Councils Direct'
- Notification from Moore Stephen of the date of the Annual Audit.
- Information from SCC regarding the Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework consultation.

62/11 **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved: That the following accounts be authorised: -

Mrs A Harding – newsletter February/March + delivery, printer ink, paint for bus shelter	£133.68
Charles French & Son – purchase and delivery of compost	£125.26
The Castle School – photocopying including March newsletter,	£22.40
EDF Energy – supply to changing room 24/11/10 – 8/3/11	£18.22
SALC – affiliation fee	£483.57
Clerk's salary – October	£395.80

63/11 **Any Other Business**

There was nothing to report on this item.

64/11 **Items for the Next Agenda**

65/11 **Date of Next Meeting**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7pm on 18th April 2011, in the Pearce Suite, Trull Memorial Hall, Trull and will be followed by the April meeting of the Parish Council.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.15 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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