

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull
on Monday 17th May 2010 after the Annual Parish Meeting

Present: Mr G Hewett (Chairman)

Mrs J Wooldridge (part), Mr D Archer, Mrs F Drew (part - left at 10.15), Mr S French, Mr N Hancock, Mrs A Hudson, Mrs D Luke, Mr P Parris (part), Mr C Ralph together with eight members of the Public.

In attendance: Mr S Martin-Scott – SCC District Counsellor
Mr J White - Footpaths
Mrs A Harding – Clerk

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Mr Hewett, as outgoing Chairman of the Council, invited questions from members of the public, but none were forthcoming.

22/10 **Apologies for Absence**
There were no apologies for absence.

23/10 **Declarations of Interest**
The following declarations of interest were advised:

Name	Minute	Personal/Prejudicial	Reason and Action Taken
Mrs Jo Wooldridge	31/10	Personal	Employee at Trull Primary. Spoke at meeting but was absent during the Councillors' comments and voting.
Mr Peter Parris	31/10	Personal & Prejudicial	Owner of Kibbear Farm. Spoke at meeting but was absent during the Councillors' comments and voting.

24/10 **Chairman's Report**
Mr Hewett stated that he had nothing further to add to his report to the Annual Parish Meeting.

25/10 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th April 2101 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

26/10 **Matters for Report**
There were no matters to report.

27/10 **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**
Mr Hewett announced that he was standing down as Chairman after twenty three years. With Parish Council elections due in 2011 he felt that it would be in the best interests of his successor and the Council to step down this year. He thanked the Council for all their hard work over the years, adding that it had been a pleasure to work with them all and to chair the meetings. Mr Hewitt proposed Mrs J Wooldridge

as Chairman, this was seconded by Mr French. Mr Hewitt handed over the meeting to the new Chairman, Mrs Wooldridge.

The Chairman asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman and Mr Hewitt was proposed by Mrs Luke. The proposal was seconded by Mrs Hudson and unanimously agreed by the Council.

Resolved: that Mrs Wooldridge be elected as Chairman and Mr Hewitt elected as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Mr Archer thanked Mr Hewitt for all his work for the people of Trull and asked that the appreciation of the Parish Council be minuted.

28/10 **Appointment of Representatives**

The Chairman requested that representatives be appointed to the respective roles and working groups. Mr Parris proposed that the current representatives be re-elected en bloc. This was seconded by Mr Hewitt.

Resolved: That the following be appointed for 2010/11: -

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| a) Planning Advisory Group | - Mrs A Hudson & Mr C Ralph |
| b) Housing & Development | - M. D Archer |
| c) Playing Field | - Mr P Parris & Mrs J Wooldridge |
| d) Highways | - Mr N Hancock |
| e) Footpaths | - Mr J White |
| f) Allotments | - The Clerk |
| g) Trull Action Plan (TAP) | - Mrs F Drew |
| h) Trull Village Memorial Halls | - Mrs J Wooldridge |
| i) Trull Community Centre
Development Group (TCCDG) | - Mr S French |
| j) Trull School | - Mr D Archer |
| k) Tree Warden
Asst. Tree Warden | - Mr P Parris
- Mrs F Drew |
| l) SALC | - Mrs A Hudson |
| m) Newsletter | - Mrs J Wooldridge |
| n) Website | - Mrs F Drew |
| o) Trull Relief in Sickness | - Mrs A Hudson |
| p) Party in the Park | - Mrs D Luke |

29/10 **Authorised Signatories for 2009/10**

The Clerk referred to the matter of financial transactions and informed the Council that three signatures were need for cheques in future to comply with NALC requirements.

Resolved: That Mrs J Wooldridge, Mr S French, Mr G Hewett and the Clerk be the approved signatories for 2010/11.

30/10 **Internal Audit 2009/10**

The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit had been carried out by Mr Bryan Howe and that all was in order. The Annual Audit would now be forwarded to Moore Stephens.

31/10 **Planning**

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

- 10/0009 - Lower Kibbear Farm, Trull
Full - Erection of steel framed agricultural building.
Mr Parris left the room for the voting.

Resolved - To support the application.

- 10/0010 - Orchard Cottage, Staplehay, Trull
Full - Erection of single storey extension.

Resolved - To support the application.

10/0011LB - The Dairies, Chilliswood, Trull

Full - Erection of satellite dish.

Resolved - No comment on the application.

10/0012 - Trull VA Primary School, Trull

Full - Erection of new classroom by conversion of swimming pool.

The Vice-Chairman chaired this item in the absence of Mrs Wooldridge.

Several objections were raised regarding this application:

The proposed development would result in the reduction of the play space per child, and Mr Hewitt pointed out that Trull could not meet its statutory requirement for play space for children as it is now. Mr Hancock enquired if the swimming pool was used on a regular basis. The Chairman informed him that only years 1, 2 and 3 used the pool, with one session each per week from after May half-term to the autumn, and that the cost of maintenance and heating was increasing.

The main objection was that the increase in children on roll would also mean an increase in the already difficult traffic and parking problems at the school. Many parents insisted on picking up and dropping off children outside the school. Mr French questioned if the school could release some land for parking, but Mr Bloxham replied that the school was already underscaled with the ratio of children to play space, and he felt the school would not be receptive to the idea of releasing land for parking or a footpath.

The application was put to the vote with five in favour, two against and one abstention.

Resolved - to support the application but to raise the concerns regarding parking and loss of play space.

10/0013 & - Rose Cottage, Staplehay, Trull

10/0014LB

Full - Erection of part single storey/part two storey rear extension, front porch, covered yard to side and alterations to existing side garage. There are no objections from neighbours.

Resolved - To support the application.

10/0015 - 31 Church Road, Trull

Full - Erection of part two storey/part single storey side extension partly on footprint of existing single storey extension.

There are no objections from neighbours. The Parish Council supports the Conservation Officer's conditions that the exterior stonework should be retained in keeping with the street scene.

Resolved - To support the application

10/0016 - 93 Killams Green, Taunton

Full - Erection of conservatory.

Resolved - To support the application

Not on the Agenda but also considered:

10/0022 - Cartref, Amberd Land, Staplehay

Full - Erection of single storey side and rear extension.

Resolved - To support the application.

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

- 10/0002 - Hamwood Farm, Daw's Green, Trull
Full permission granted for the erection of extension to agricultural building and related works to provide additional hardstanding for access to silage clamp.
- 10/0003 - Hamwood Farm, Daw's Green, Trull
Full permission granted for the erection of extension to agricultural building.
- 10/0005 - 8 Southwell Close, Trull
Full permission granted for the erection of a single storey side extension.
- 10/0006 - Restormel, Staplehay
Full permission granted for the erection of a single storey extension to garage with conversion to pitched roof.

Mr A Sawyer of The Old Vicarage, Trull Road, attended the meeting seeking observations from the Parish Council, prior to applying for a planning application to demolish an old stable block, divide the garden and build a three bedroom house. The Old Vicarage would then be sold with a half acre garden. Neighbours of the property have been informed and those with shared access have no objections. Mr Sawyer added that he is proposing to develop but not design the house and that he is consulting architects. Mr Sawyer was advised to consult fully with architects and neighbours.

32/10 **Housing and Development**

There was nothing to report on this item.

33/10 **Playing Field**

The Chairman reported that the water meter reading for the pavilion was the same as last month. She added that the welding on the roundabout was in need of repair; Mr Parris will carry out an inspection.

Mr Hewitt raised the matter of the Wessex Water bill for the pavilion on the playing field. He reported that he had been in touch with Steve Walker of the Scouts who could not confirm that the Scouts had used the pavilion during their bonfire display. Mr Hewitt advised that the balance of the bill should be paid to avoid legal consequences, and the Clerk confirmed that Wessex Water had given a final date of 19th May for payment. The Clerk also reported that she had received an email from Simon Trump, Development Officer for the Dragons, and that consideration should be given to the points raised by him before the next meeting.

Resolved: that the outstanding Wessex Water bill be paid in full; and that the offer of the Galmington Dragons to contribute towards it be accepted in principle and explored further.

34/10 **Footpaths**

John White reported that one of the stiles from Kibbear Lane to Cotlake Hill is being replaced and the other modified to make it more accessible.

The Chairman reported that she had been contacted by a disabled lady who requested that the latch on the gate on the Amberd Lane end of Poke Lane be lowered.

Mr Archer reported that flooding above Haygrove Barn, T295 (minute 09/169 refers), still makes the footpath impassable in wet weather. Mr White informed him that there is the possibility of a duct being installed to divert the water but that it would be necessary for this to be strong enough to bear farm traffic. He added that another possibility would be the provision of stepping stones.

35/10 **Highways**
It was reported that the verges along the field adjacent to Canonsgrove were overgrown. Mr Hancock will report to SCC.

Mr Hancock informed the Parish Council that if there are issues regarding potholes then the best method to report these is on the SCC pothole website.

36/10 **Allotments**
There was nothing to report on this item.

37/10 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**
Mrs Wooldridge reported that new chairs had been purchased for the Memorial Halls and that the old chairs are now stored in the pavilion for use for outside events.

38/10 **Trull School**
There was nothing to report on this item.

39/10 **Correspondence**
The Clerk advised of correspondence that was of interest to the Council: -

- A letter from Balfour Beatty Mott MacDonald informing of the postponement of the proposed closure of Killams Lane & Shoreditch Road for work on the motorway bridge.

The Clerk also reported on a phone call from Wessex Water giving notice that Carter's Way would be closed from 24th May for five days for work to be carried out. Mr French raised concerns regarding the reinstatement of the surface and requested that the Clerk contact Wessex Water to ensure they are aware of the concerns. The Clerk offered to take photographs of the lane before the work is carried out.

40/10 **Accounts for Payment**
Resolved: That the following accounts be authorised: -

Mr R Shattock – grass cutting 4/4/10 & 18/4/10	-	£32.00
Wessex Water – balance of charge for pavilion	-	£681.76
Parsons Landscapes Ltd – March/April grass cutting	-	£216.40
Mr R Shattock – grass cutting 2/5/10 & 11/5/10	-	£32.00
Mrs J Woodridge – April Newsletter & delivery	-	£32.00
EDF Energy – changing pavilion electricity	-	£34.75
Mrs D Luke – refreshments for Annual Parish Meeting	-	£7.84
Mrs A Harding – April salary	-	£395.80

41/10 **Any Other Urgent Business**
There was nothing to report on this item.

42/10 **Items for the Next Agenda**
- New Standing Orders
- Pavilion water bill
- BT phonebox: proposed use as informal book exchange.

43/10 **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting will be held on 21st June 2010, in the Pearce Suite, Trull Memorial Hall, Trull at 7.15 pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 10.25 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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