

# **Trull Parish Council**

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull  
on Monday 16th May 2011

Present: Mrs J Wooldridge (Chairman)

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

In attendance: Mr John White – Footpaths  
Mrs Susan Khattab  
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 but there were none forthcoming.

84/11 **Election of Chairman**

Proposals for the election of Chairman were invited. Mr French proposed Mrs Wooldridge for re-election, the proposal was seconded by Mrs Luke and Mrs Wooldridge was duly elected.

85/11 **Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

86/11 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

87/11 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman thanked to Mr Barry Bloxham for all his hard work organising the 'fantastic' festivities held to celebrate the Royal Wedding. All three events were very well attended and everyone had agreed it had been a great day.

Mrs Wooldridge informed the Parish Council that Mr Trevor Smith, former Trull Post Master, had died after a long illness and that the funeral would be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Mrs Wooldridge reported that she had attended the Parish Council election vote counting on 5<sup>th</sup> May and that she had found the process fascinating. She welcomed Mr Will Hawkins who was elected onto the Parish Council following the election to fill one of the vacancies and introduced Mrs Susan Khattab who also stood.

88/11 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

89/11 **Matters for Report**

The Clerk reported on notification from SCC that the adoption of Carters Way would go ahead providing that they receive no objections within one month of the posting of a public notice on 4 May.

Concerns have again been voiced by residents that work is continuing on Fishermans Rest in Staplehay despite no planning application being granted. The retrospective planning application has been withdrawn. The Clerk agreed to contact TDBC Planning Office.

Mrs Wooldridge told the Parish Council that she was to attend a meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> May with Debbie Arcscott of TDBC to run through the application for the play equipment

grant. I was hoped that the order for the equipment would be made before the summer holidays.

Mr Parris reported that a very good job had been made to repair the pothole in Kibbear Lane. He also stated that a more suitable boarding material should be found to repair one of the items of play equipment on the playing field.

The bus shelter on Honiton road had been repainted.

90/11 **Election of Vice-Chairman**

Mr Parris proposed Mr Hewitt for re-election as Vice-Chairman the proposal was seconded by Mr French and Mr Hewitt was duly elected.

91/11 **Appointment of representatives:**

The Chairman requested that representatives be appointed to the respective roles and working groups.

**Resolved:** That the following be appointed for 2011/12: -

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| a) Planning Advisory Group                            | - Mrs A Hudson & Mr C Ralph      |
| b) Housing & Development                              | - Mr C Ralph                     |
| c) Playing Field                                      | - Mr P Parris & Mrs J Wooldridge |
| d) Footpaths  | - Mr J White                     |
| e) Highways   | - Mr N Hancock                   |
| f) Allotments   | - The Clerk/Mr S French          |
| g) Trull Village Memorial Halls                       | - Mrs J Wooldridge               |
| h) Trull School                                       | - Mrs J Wooldridge               |
| i) Tree Warden  | - Mr P Parris                    |
| j) Newsletter   | - Mr W Hawkins                   |
| k) Web Site   | - The Clerk                      |
| l) Trull Relief in Sickness                           | - Mrs A Hudson                   |
| m) Party in the Park/Community Centre Project/Library | - Mrs D Luke                     |

92 /11 **Internal Audit 2010/11**

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

93/11 **Authorised Signatories for 2011/2012**

The Clerk referred to the matter of financial transactions.

**Resolved:** That Mrs J Wooldridge, Mr S French, Mr G Hewett and the Clerk continue as the approved signatories for 2011/12.

94/11 **Planning**

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

- 11/0008 - Charlton Rise, Comeytrove Road, Trull  
Full - Conversion and extension of loft with two dormer windows to the front and erection of conservatory to side and rear.  
**Resolved** - To support the application.

- 11/0012 - Brookside, Amberd Lane, Trull  
Full - Erection of single storey and two storey extension and erection of boundary wall.  
**Resolved** - To support the application on condition that the wall is erected on the correct boundary line.

10/0013      Millers Keep, Lower Sweethay, Trull  
Full          Erection of two storey extension.  
**Resolved**      To support the application.

95/11      **Housing and Development**

There was nothing to report on this item.

96/11      **Playing Field**

Mrs Wooldridge reported that her inspection found all equipment in good order with the exception of the boarding on the climbing frame.

97/11      **Footpaths**

Mr White reported the following:

- The gate at the Amberd Lane end of Poke Lane had been re-instated.
- The cropping issues on 21/12 – Dipford Lane had been resolved
- The stile at the abattoir had been repaired

Mr French informed the Parish Council that following complaints, the bridge at Three Bridges had been altered and that there was now a dog gate at each end of the bridge over the waterfall. Mrs Hudson was concerned that there was still no netting to prevent children falling through.

Mrs Wooldridge reported that she had received a verbal quote of £950 + VAT, excluding the supply of the stone, for resurfacing the Mill Leat footpath. Following a discussion regarding the use of Dorset gravel it was agreed to look into a cheaper alternative.

There was a lively discussion concerning repairs to Staplehay Weir. Serious concerns were voiced over the lack of progress with either the new footpath bridge or the repairs to the weir. The Clerk was asked to contact Mark Edwards and SCC ROW to request an update and to pass on the concerns.

98/11      **Highways**

Mr Hancock stated that he would enquire into the timetable for verge cutting and hedge trimming.

Mrs Wooldridge reported that the 'finger' had dropped off the finger post at Kibbear Lane.

The Clerk introduced a notice from Somerset Highways giving the following dates for surface dressing roads in the Parish. Sweethay Lane in Early May and Stoford Lane, Middle Stoford to Lipe Hill in June

99/11      **Allotments**

The Clerk reported that there had been several additions to the waiting list recently.

100/11      **Trull Village Memorial Halls**

The next Film Night will be in September.

101/11      **Trull School**

There was nothing to report on this item.

102/11      **Correspondence**

- May issue of Clerks & Councils Direct
- Poster 'Trees in the Conservation Area' to inform residents of the regulations surrounding protected trees.
- Somerset Highways leaflet concerning 'surface dressing of roads in Somerset'.
- Details of SALC Councillor and Chairmanship training.

- Letter from Trevor Spurway of Trull Cricket Club outlining plans for a new cricket pavilion and requesting help finding financial help with completing the project.

103/11 **Accounts for Payment**

**Resolved:** That the following accounts be authorised: -

Mr B Howe – Internal Audit 2010/11	£217.70
Parsons Landscapes Ltd	£209.76
Trull Village Memorial Halls	£47.25
Trull Parochial Church Council – Burial Ground grant	£335.00
Mr S Watts – repayment of deposit made in error	£58.00
Mr R Shattock – May Trull Green grass cutting	£36.00
Mr S Hewitt – Gordon Hart, Carters Way boarding	£20.00
Clerk’s salary – May	£395.80

104/11 **Any Other Business**

The Mill Stream Committee are investigating a partial blockage in the culvert under the road possibly due to debris.

The Staplehay book exchange is being very well used and an extra shelf has been added to accommodate additional books. An inventory is being kept and remarks in the comments book are positive.

It was suggested that Western Power could be approached to find the route of the power cable to the pavilion before any contractors carry out any repairs to the water supply pipe.

Mr French proposed that Susan Khattab be co-opted onto the Parish Council to represent Killams. Mr Ralph seconded the proposal.

105/11 **Items for the Next Agenda**

- Millstream Committee update – Steve Fawcett
- Delegated Powers – David Edminton of Pitminster PC

106/11 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011, 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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