

# **Trull Parish Council**

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull  
on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011

Present: Mrs J Wooldridge (Chairman)

Mr G Hewett, Mr S French, Mr W Hawkins, Mr N Hancock, Mrs S Khattab, Mrs D Luke, Mr P Parris and Mr C Ralph, together with eighteen Members of the Public.

In attendance: Mr Mark Edwards – TDBC Councillor  
Mr Stephen Martin-Scott – SCC Councillor  
PC Charles Gear – Community Beat Officer  
Mr John White - Footpaths  
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.

177/11 **Apologies for Absence**

There were no Apologies for Absence.

178/11 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

179/11 **Chairman's Report**

Mrs Wooldridge reported that:

- The surface of the path along the Mill Leat had been compacted with thanks to John White.
- The Scouts firework display had been very well organised and was a great success marred only by youths who knocked over the beacon.
- The salt bins were now full, additional bags have been collected and are being stored by Mr Hewett. The grit is for use on public highways and not private driveways and paths. SCC advised that only a light sprinkle of grit should be used.
- A grit bin to be sited at Killams is being sourced.
- Work on the new bridge over the waterfall had started and should be completed by Christmas. A grand opening is planned for January.
- Both information sessions in connection with the proposed development at Amberd Lane and Eastbrook were well attended.

180/11 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

181/11 **Matters for Report**

It was reported that the footpath along the front of Gatchell Cottages had been re-surfaced making it safer for pedestrians.

Beat Officer Charles Gear introduced himself stating that he had been in the Taunton district for fifteen years and now covers Comeytrowe, Wilton, Trull, Bishop's Hull, Vivary Park and Tangier along with three PCSOs. Although he lives in Trull he does not live in a police house and requested that residents do not call at his home but instead contacted the Police on 999 for emergencies or the new 101 number for non-emergencies. He reported on crime figures in Trull where only three crimes had been reported in the last thirty days, making Trull a very safe place to live. These crimes were all burglaries and there had been no calls relating to anti-social behaviour. When asked if there was anything that needed drawing to the attention of the police the issue of motorcyclists riding dirt bikes in the fields adjoining Comeytrowe Road was raised.

182/11 **Staplehay Weir Finance – Mr Mark Edwards TDBC Councillor**

Mr Edwards addressed the Parish Council outlining the financial position regarding the work carried out on Staplehay Weir. The total cost of the work is £22,240 + VAT of £4,448. The Parish Council had allocated £4,000 in the 2011/2012 budget and Councillor Martin-Scott made a £5,000 grant. Councillor Mark Edwards had been able to obtain further funding of £5,000 each from the TDBC Rights of Way budget and from the SCC Water Courses budget which would be paid directly to the Parish Council. The Parish Council would be invoiced by The DLO which had agreed that payment could be spread over two years. The first payment of £19,000 would cover all the VAT and part of the cost with the balance being deferred until the 2012/2013 financial year. The VAT will be claimed back and used towards settlement of the invoice leaving a balance £3,240 for payment in 2012.

Mr Hewett extended the thanks of the Parish Council for all their hard work getting this project to completion.

183/11 **Neighbourhood Plan – Mr Mark Edwards TDBC Councillor**

Mr Edwards told the Parish Council that it was becoming increasingly important for the Parish Council to have a Neighbourhood Plan. Such a plan could give an overview of what the local community want and need and give them the opportunity to have a say in future development. With Comeytrove earmarked as a broad location for growth the issue is how this will impact on Trull. Any development needs to be carried out in a planned and structured way. Mr Edwards warned that it was inevitable that there *would* be new housing in Comeytrove and that Trull needed to look at how they fitted into any future development and had an influence on any decisions taken .

A Neighbourhood Plan for Trull would cost in the region of £15,000 - £20,000 as it would be a full and structured plan of what is wanted, how it links with other areas and the number and types of houses needed. There is money in Whitehall and Mr Edwards was working towards getting some of this funding. Help can be bought in from TDBC and once drawn up and gone to a referendum the Plan would have 'teeth'.

The Parish Council would need to set up a committee with expertise, ensure that the Plan is community not Parish Council led and that a broad approach to future planning is taken. The timescale for having the Plan in place is approximately eighteen months. If the Parish Council agree to go ahead they would be one of the first in the country to do so.

It was proposed that the Parish Council agree in principle to put a Neighbourhood Plan in place.

A vote was taken and all ten members of the Parish Council voted in favour.

184/11 **Proposed Adoption of a Section of the River Bank adjoining Staplehay Weir.**

Following an offer from the daughter of the late Mr Keyte to transfer ownership of a section of river bank to the Parish Council, consideration was given to the offer and it was agreed that this matter would be researched further before a decision was made.

185/11 **Schedule of Meeting 2012**

The Clerk circulated copies of the proposed Schedule of Meeting for 2012 and it was agreed.

186/11 **Planning**

- (i) **Delegated Powers** - Mr Ralph suggested that this item be postponed to the December.

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

- 11/0036** - The Old Rectory, Trull  
**Full** - Approval of reserved matters for the erection of one dwelling together with parking and turning area.  
The applicant attended the meeting and outlined the amendments to the original application. The house would be timber framed and cream rendered to fit into the surrounding area.

**Resolved** - To support the application

- 11/0042/T** - The Old Rectory, Trull  
**Full** - Application for tree management work on one sycamore.  
**Resolved** - To support the application

- 11/0040** - Higher Comeytrowe Farm.  
- Application for installation of solar photovoltaic array and associated equipment with a maximum installed capacity of 50KW.  
No objections to this application had been received and there would be no visual impact on neighbours of the development.  
**Resolved** - To support the application.

The Clerk reported on the following decisions received from TDBC:

- 11/0033 & 11/0038LB** - Little Kibbear, Kibbear, Trull,  
- Permission granted for the conversion of outbuilding/garage and extension to form residential annex and erection of new garage.

- 11/0035** - 2 Church Road, Trull  
- Permission granted for erection of wooden garden shed.

- 11/0037/T** - 1 Southwell, Trull  
- Permission refused for the felling of one western red cedar tree. But permission granted to crown-raise the tree to approximately 2 metres.

187/11 **Housing and Development**

There was nothing to report on this item.

188/11 **Playing Field**

The Chairman reported that:

- Following the firework display the condition of the field was essentially in order.
- More seed was needed for several bare areas.
- There was a large puddle forming at the bottom gate that requires attention.
- The water meter reading was 854 following use by the scouts.

189/11 **Footpaths**

There was nothing to report on this item.

190/11 **Highways**

The following items were reported:

- Cars were being parked on Honiton Road towards Staplehay just past the Dipford Road turning. This obstructs the traffic and the view for drivers coming out of Dipford Road. Mr Hancock will contact SCC Highways.
- There would be a one day road closure at Cutsey House Lane, Trull on 9<sup>th</sup> December.

191/11 **Allotments**  
There was nothing to report on this item.

192/11 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**  
The Chairman had received a request for the use of the pavilion to store some of the old Memorial Hall tressle tables and this was agreed.

At the last meeting of The Memorial Hall Committee discussed the possibility of linking their insurance with that of the Parish Council in the hope that this would lead to a discount for both parties. Mr Hawkins agreed to look into the matter.

193/11 **Trull School**  
There was nothing to report on this item.

194/11 **Correspondence**  
The Clerk advised of correspondence that may be of interest to the Council:

- SCC Highways 'Your Guide to Winter Service in.
- Flyer for the 'Santa Stroll' in aid of Age UK. On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December starting on the Grand Pier, Weston-super-Mare at 11am.

195/11 **Accounts for Payment**  
**Resolved:** That the following accounts be authorised: -

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| Trull Village Memorial Halls – hall hire July-Oct     | £47.25  |
| Mrs A Harding –photocopying/stamps/newsletter         | £49.47  |
| RBL Poppy Appeal – wreath and donation                | £40.00  |
| Parsons Landscapes Ltd – Playing Field grass cutting  | £74.72  |
| Mr John Paddick – resurfacing of Mill Stream footpath | £935.00 |
| Trull PCC – photocopying                              | £23.30  |
| Clerk's salary  | £395.80 |

196/11 **Any Other Business**  
After consideration The Trull Weir and Mill Stream Restoration Group had agreed that the newly re-surfaced path along the Mill Leat should be named 'Millers Walk'.

Concerns were raised that irresponsible dog owners were allowing their dogs to foul this new footpath and residents are reminded to use the bins provided or take the waste home.

The Chairman reported that following enquiries regarding a larger venue in the event of a further meeting to discuss the proposed development at Amberd Lane, the school hall would not be available.

197/11 **Items for the Next Agenda**  
Budget set 2011/12  
Planning - Delegated Powers  
Plans for new Memorial Halls car park.  
Queen's Jubilee beacon

198/11 **Date of Next Meeting**  
The next meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011, in the Pearce Suite, Trull Memorial Hall at 7.15pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.55 pm.

Signed..... Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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