

# **Trull Parish Council**

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Church Road, Trull  
on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Present: Mrs J Wooldridge – Chairman

Mr G Hewitt, Mr D Archer, Mr N Hancock, Mr S French (part - arriving at 8.40), Mrs A Hudson, Mrs D Luke, Mr P Parris, Mr C Ralph (part - leaving at 9pm) together with five members of the Public.

In attendance: Mr J White - Footpaths  
Mrs A Harding – Clerk  
PCSO Simon Parry

The Vice-Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Prior to the commencement of the Meeting she invited questions or statements from members of the public that were not related to the Agenda.

110/10 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs F Drew.

111/10 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

112/10 **Chairman's Report**

Mrs Wooldridge informed the Parish Council that a poppy wreath has been ordered from the Royal British Legion and that Mrs Luke had offered to lay it at the Remembrance Day Service in November.

Mrs Luke reported that the accounts for the Party in the Park 2010 had now been completed, and that after all expenses have been paid the profit amounted to £182.70 which would be distributed locally.

113/10 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

114/10 **Matters for Report**

The Clerk reported that BT had returned a signed copy of the contract for the adoption of the phone box at Staplehay. The next step is the removal of the telephone equipment, on confirmation of this the phone box will be transferred to the Parish Council and conversion work can commence.

In the absence of Mr Mark Edwards, the clerk read an email from him outlining progress with the repairs to Staplehay Weir. The contract for the new bridge has been awarded, and the contractor will commence work as soon as permission is given for diversion of the footpath. The Clerk informed the Parish Council that a diversion order has been received and would be displayed on the Parish notice board. Any representations or objection must be received by SCC before 18<sup>th</sup> November. The first stage of the work on the weir itself is to repair the leak and once the bridge works have been completed the second stage – repairing the weir – can commence.

Members of the Parish Council raised concerns that there has been no confirmation of the Parish Council contribution. £9,000 was earmarked for this contribution.

**Resolved:** that the Clerk request written confirmation that the contribution required from the Parish Council will not exceed £9,000.

Mr Hewitt reported that estimates have been received for cutting back growth around the base and raising the canopy of the lime trees at the top of the playing field. These estimates had come in at £585+VAT from Adrian Morris and £620+VAT from Parsons Landscapes Ltd. It was suggested that as this was a considerable cost the work could be postponed until leaves had fallen and a site meeting could be arranged with the contractors to better assess the work.

Mr Parris offered to supply daffodils for planting in the village and Mrs Wooldridge will organise their planting.

115/10 **Annual Playing Field Equipment Report**

Mr Parris gave a brief summary of the Somerset Playing Fields Association annual inspection report of the play equipment on the playing field which was carried out in June 2010. With the exception of the climbing frame all repairs were reported as being of low or medium priority. On the recommendation of the report the climbing frame was removed last summer.

116/10 **Adoption of new model Standing Orders**

The Clerk referred to a previously circulated draft copy of the new Standing Orders and consulted the Parish Council on several points. The Clerk will produce a final copy of the Standing Orders.

Mr Ralph proposed adoption of the new Standing Orders and the proposal was seconded by Mr Parris.

117/10 **Planning**

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

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| 10/0035         | - | 1 New Road, Trull   |
| Full            | - | Erection of detached self-contained annexe to replace garage.   |
| <b>Resolved</b> | - | To support the application.   |
| 10/0042         | - | The Old Vicarage, Trull   |
| Full            | - | Demolition of outbuildings and erection of 3 bed dwelling and detached garage workshop including new access driveway in the garden. |
| <b>Resolved</b> | - | To support the application.   |

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

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| 10/0031 | - | Little Oaks, Staplehay, Trull  |
|         | - | Full permission granted for the change of use of part of paddock to form extension of domestic garden for children's play area. Amended to include a temporary period of five years. |
| 10/0032 | - | Grassy Rivets, Higher Comeytrowe   |
|         | - | Full permission granted for erection of an agricultural building.  |
| 10/0034 | - | 12 Barton Green, Trull   |
|         | - | Full permission granted for the erection of a 1m wooden fence and gate and planting of hedge to front.   |
| 10/0037 | - | 8 New Road, Trull  |
|         | - | Full permission granted for the erection of a single storey extension to side and rear.  |

118/10 **Housing and Development**

Mr Archer informed the Parish Council that there had been far more applications than dwellings for the first phase of development at Dipford Orchard, and that a planning application would shortly be submitted for an additional pair of semi-detached houses on the affordable housing site. He added this may be seen as a new development and not an enlargement of the existing site, and therefore the number of houses would be too small to apply for an additional grant for play and recreational equipment.

Mr Archer reported that he had informed the Community Council for Somerset that the Parish Council identified the provision of public toilets as a priority. He added that he had also written to Rev Youngs to ask if public toilets were being considered as part of the Parish Rooms / Old Village Hall development.

A sign which was erected at the Crown at Staplehay has caused some debate and concern in Trull. The sign read 'Your Business Here' and this had been interpreted in several different ways. Mr Archer gave an explanation stating that it was advertising the business for sale. Mrs Hudson confirmed that the business is now under new management.

119/10 **Playing Field**

The Chairman reported that the water meter reading on the playing field was 424.3. The Clerk has been in correspondence with Wessex Water regarding the large water bill from January 2010, and will contact them again to obtain an update regarding their monitoring the meter readings after confirming to them that the pavilion has not been used during the period of monitoring.

The Chairman informed the Parish Council that following enquiries about using people on the Pay Back Scheme to paint the outside of the pavilion she had had a site meeting. PCSO Parry, Mrs Hudson and the Chairman met with a supervisor of the scheme who gave details of the costs involved. He estimated that the work would take 6-8 weeks on one day a week at a cost of £20 per day. The Parish Council would have to provide materials and lunches for those doing the work. The Parish Council felt that this was relatively expensive and it was decided that the Clerk should obtain two quotes for the work from local decorators.

A request was made for an update on the sourcing of play equipment to be purchased with the developers grant from the affordable housing at Dipford Orchard. The Chairman apologised for the delay but reported that she would be considering the quotes and reporting back to TDBC. It was suggested that someone may be found to help the Chairman with the administration.

Plans for the BMX humps have been received from Jon Wintrip and the work will be paid for with money from the play equipment grant.

120/10 **Footpaths**

Mr White reported the following:

- On the T211 from Church Road to the Mill Pond there are problems with the sleeper bridge over the sluice gully and the brick steps at the end of the path are broken. RoW will get a contractor to repair the steps. They also agree the need for one handrail on the caravan park side but have been unable to contact the owner.
- Stile on T2135 Honiton Road to Sweethay Lane is in disrepair and RoW agree to contribute 25% of the cost when it is repaired.

121/10 **Highways**

It was reported that that SCC gully clearing would take place between October and December.

Following concerns that the footway in Dipford Road from Dipford Orchard was becoming overgrown, the Parish Council was informed that the developer of Dipford Orchard, Andy Lehner had already carried out the work. Under the conditions of the Dipford Orchard development he is only responsible for the work in the first year. After this time the landowner takes over responsibility for keeping the footway cut back and it is anticipated that this would be necessary annually.

Although SCC are aware of the need for drop kerbs in Honiton Road, Mr Hancock reported that there is no money available for the work, which will be put on their 'to do' list. Mr Hancock will arrange for SCC to come out and price the work.

122/10 **Allotments**

There was nothing to report on this item.

123/10 **Trull Village Memorial Halls**

It was reported that the handover of the Old Village Hall to the PCC is in progress.

124/10 **Trull School**

The Parish Council was informed that the school had now moved into the new classroom.

125/10 **Correspondence**

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

- An invitation for the Chairman to attend the Mayor's Remembrance Day Service.
- A letter from a resident in Carter's Way thanking the Parish Council for its prompt response to his request for a solution to the problem of drains blocked by bark chippings.

126/10 **Accounts for Payment**

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

Parsons Landscapes Ltd - September grass cutting	-	£69.69
The Castle School - photocopying	-	£5.80
Mrs J Wooldridge – newsletter photocopying and delivery	-	£32.00
Mrs S Hewitt - payment to Gordon Hart - work at Carter's Way	-	£25.00
Mrs A Harding – salary	-	£395.80

127/10 **Any Other Business**

PCSO Parry reported that the number of calls received by the Police and crimes recorded were considerably down on the previous month. He asked the Parish Council which issues they wanted the Police to concentrate on for the next few months, and the main issue identified was that of antisocial behaviour especially with Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas coming up.

Mrs Luke expressed concerns that fireworks were on sale at Trull Stores for the first time in twenty years and that there appeared to be no information on their handling given at point of sale. PCSO Parry replied that the packaging included instructions and that there were laws on the type of fireworks that can be sold to different age groups. He added that the Police have the power to seize unauthorised fireworks from youngsters.

PCSO Parry was asked if Community Speed Watch was continuing. He replied that it was but due to the lack of a co-ordinator and a shortage of volunteers in Trull the scheme was being run by the co-ordinator from Bishop's Hull. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact PCSO Parry direct on 07917 529465.

The Chairman reminded the Parish Council that they had offered to contribute to the calibration of the speed gun used by Bishop's Hull. PCSO Parry added that it is important to ensure calibration is carried out so that any readings are accurate and can be used in cases taken to court. Mr Archer proposed that the Parish Council make a contribution of up to £50 and the proposal was seconded by Mrs Luke.

Mr Parris questioned whether flashing speed warning lights would be more effective and asked if these could be hired. PCSO Parry offered to make enquiries.

128/10 **Items for the Next Agenda**

- Update on Staplehay Weir
- Wessex Water bill
- BT phonebox

129/10 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010, in the Pearce Suite, Trull Memorial Hall, Trull at 7.15 pm.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.50 pm.

Signed.....  
Chairman of Trull Parish Council

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