

TRULL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7.15pm on Monday 16th of February 2026 in the East Hall, Trull Church Community Centre, Church Rd, Trull, Taunton TA3 7JZ.

Present: Cllrs Naughton, Hancock, Spensley, Clarke, Wooldridge, Barrett, Hudson & Gapper.

In attendance: Mrs S Millard-Jones – Clerk, SC Cllrs Farbahi & Johnson, Simon Collier (Collier Planning), Simon Tannahill (Strongvox) and approximately fifteen members of the public.

Cllr Naughton chaired the meeting and gave members of the public an opportunity to speak.

Key points of public participation:

Cllr Wakefield explained to all in attendance that the article in the Parish Magazine was incorrect and that the Gazette reporter had misquoted her.

Concerns regarding dangerous parking around Lady Lawn (item 7).

02/01 Apologies for absence: Cllr Brimble.

02/02 To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests
None.

02/03 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 19th of January 2026.

The minutes from the Meeting of the Parish Council on the 19th of January 2026 having been previously circulated, were taken as read. It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes.

02/04 Strongvox - Intentions for a site at Honiton Road

Simon Collier gave a detailed overview of the upcoming planning application and explained why the suitability of the site would likely outweigh the importance of the green wedge.

02/05 Somerset Council report – Cllr questions

SC Cllr Johnson gave thanks to the community for the work involved regarding the green wedge allocation.

Cllr Wooldridge asked if there was a way that she could respond to the Green Lane consultation. SC Cllr Johnson asked Cllr Wooldridge to email her about it.

02/06 Planning (R) To consider planning applications

None

Delegated Powers: None

Report on decisions by Somerset Council: None

02/07 Parking (R) To consider measures on Lady Lawn

Lady Lawn residents had gathered a signed petition asking the PC to request double yellows to prevent the dangerous parking that has been taking place.

The Clerk had asked the resident to get a petition together so that Highways can understand the extent of the issue.

It was **resolved** to send the petition to Highways requesting formal traffic measure to be implemented.

The Clerk to write a letter to neighbouring properties asking them to be more considerate with parking.

- 02/08 Planning Department (R)** To consider a response to Somerset Council – misrepresentation of the Parish Council.
Cllr Naughton had circulated a draft letter to be considered by members.
It was **resolved** to approve the letter and send it to Denise Todd and Alison Blom-Cooper. Cllr Gapper voted against the proposal to send the letter as he did not believe that the PC had been misrepresented.
- 02/09 Paddock (R)** Update on transfer of land.
The landowner has completed the relevant paperwork, so the matter is progressing.
Cllr Hancock enquired about the access arrangements. The Clerk has spoken with the landowner, and this will be included in the final document to ensure future issues do not arise.
- 02/10 Comeytrowe Road (R)** to feedback on the proposal
The consultation is online and is for residents to complete.
- 02/11 SCRAPP (Somerset Communities Raging Against Poor Planning (R)** To consider membership
It was **resolved** to not become a member of the SCRAPP group.
- 02/12 Citizens Advice Bureau (R)** To consider a donation
It was **resolved** to donate £100.
- 02/13 Community Safety Grant from Crimestoppers South-West (R)** To consider a donation
Cllr Hancock suggested that he would investigate the Crimestoppers accounts ahead of the March meeting.
- 02/14 Party in the Park (R)** To consider a donation
Cllr Naughton asked if the PC would be willing to purchase some green bins that can be used for recycling glass at the event. These bins can be stored in the pavilion after and can be used for other events.
It was **resolved** to approve the expenditure of £300 for the bins.

02/15 Finance (R)

a) Approval of Payments & Receipts

S Millard-Jones	TPC	Salary/expenses/HMRC/pension December	£ 1,770.50		£ 1,770.50
S Millard-Jones	TPC	Grit bin	£137.93	£27.59	£165.52
HMRC	TPC	Employer Contributions	£354.72		£354.72
Burroughs	TPC	hedge trimming QE2	£125.00	£25.00	£150.00
ICO	TPC	Annual fee	£47.00		£47.00
Somerset Council	TPC	Bins	£253.50	£50.70	£304.20
K Attwell	TPC	Dipford Road	£240.00	£0.00	£240.00

Initial	PFMC	Sanitary bins	£6.68
MaidbyMel	PFMC	Cleaning Dec	£200.00
Creative Play	PFMC	surface repair	£360.00
Otter	PFMC	Service	£193.20

Yu Energy	PFMC	Electricity	£214.48
M Naughton	PFMC	Dogs on lead sign	£29.62
S Holden	PFMC	maintenance	£47.00
S Millard-Jones	PFMC	maintenance materials	£13.97
Coomber Security	PFMC	Fire Maintenance	£182.40
M Naughton	PFMC	Maintenance materials	£30.18
Somerset Council	PFMC	Bins July - Sep inv 775	£304.20
Somerset Council	PFMC	Bins Oct - Dec inv 924	£304.20

Bank interest		£10.31
		£10.31
Hires	PFMC	£1,057.50
	PFMC	
		£1,057.50

b) Approval of the bank reconciliation

Treasurers Account	£23,955.03
Main Account	20,250.97
Unity CIL	£39,257.98
TOTAL	£83,463.98

02/16 Reports on the following (if available):-

- a) **KGv/PFMC** – A budget has been agreed by the PFMC, but funds are low so fundraising is on the agenda, with one idea being a park run style event in October. Ongoing advertising of the venue to hire out. National lottery funding has been awarded for the accessible swing. The ground around the new play forte will need to be levelled and grass seeded.
- b) **Allotments** – No update
- c) **Highways** - The Clerk has requested some flood signs so that they can be used to warn users as soon as the roads become flooded
- d) **QE2** – The footpaths have been washed away due to the heavy rain and the field being flooded. Rather than claim on insurance, the PC is going to try laying some aggregate once the weather improved.
- e) **Trull Village Memorial Hall** – Laurel hedge has been cut, new key box being installed for the main hall, and the committee are considering employing a hall manager.
- f) **Alms Houses** – No report.
- g) **Trull School** – No report.
- h) **Book Exchange** – No report.
- i) **LCN** – Cllr Gapper due to attend the LCN week commencing 23rd February.
- j) **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Gapper gave an update on the meeting with Ann Rhodes.

k) **Footpaths** - No report.

l) **Orchard Grove** – Simon Fox has encouraged the PC to work with developers on a masterplan.

02/17 Road Closures

02/18 Correspondence

A resident had been in touch offering to post the notices on the noticeboards. Cllr Wooldridge agreed to assist with keys.

02/19 Items for the next agenda:

Crimestoppers

02/20 Date for the next Meeting – Monday 16th of March at 7.15pm

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.55pm

Chair Signature.....Date.....