

TRULL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7.15pm on Monday 20th of April 2026 in the East Hall, Trull Church Community Centre, Church Rd, Trull, Taunton TA3 7JZ.

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

In attendance: Mrs S Millard-Jones – Clerk, SC Cllrs Johnson & Farbahi, and approximately thirty-five members of the public. Andrew Preston Greenslade Taylor Hunt.

Cllr Naughton chaired the meeting and gave members of the public an opportunity to speak. It was noted that the order of agenda items would be changed in the public interest: 1,2,3,4,7,6,5 and onwards

Key points of public participation:

- *42/26/0009/NMA issues with planning procedure. No updated surface water detail for the site.
- *Spine road – outline plan will destroy plantation.
- *Communications policy – concerns raised that social media posts are not led by the Parish Council.
- *GTH item. Galmington Stream has not been fully considered in the Orchard Grove development and asks that measures are taken to alleviate the risk of flooding when designing the development on land south of Hillbrook House.

04/01 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Wooldridge & Barrett.

04/02 To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests

04/03 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16th of March 2026.

To note amendments: A member of the public expressed their view that recent social media posts and parish magazine articles, were more personal in tone than the official position of the Parish Council, to Note Cllr Gapper voted against item 03/05. A Trull and Comeytrowe Ward Councillor requested the removal of the plural 's' in item 03/05 when referencing the Ward Councillor. The minutes from the Meeting of the Parish Council on the 16th of March 2026 having been previously circulated, were taken as read. It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes.

04/04 Greenslade Taylor Hunt - Proposed residential development on land South of Hillbrook House, Dipford Road.

Andrew Preston presented the proposals ahead of submitting the planning application. 2-5 bed homes along with affordable housing and wheelchair accessible properties.

It was felt that a public consultation would benefit the community. The PC would favour full planning permission over outline planning permission so that there is full visibility of the developments' proposals.

There were concerns raised that the cricket club will require 20m nets along the road at a cost to the cricket club.

Allocated parking is property dependent, but GTH confirmed that this will be compliant with Somerset Parking Strategy.

Cllr Hancock suggested that the development will straddle both Taunton Town Council and Trull Parish Council.

There has been dialogue with SC and initially a smaller development was considered and GTH were told that it was an inefficient use of land, so it is larger than initially proposed.

GTH confirmed there will be more dialogue with SC and then it will be decided whether or not there will be a public consultation.

Item 7 moved

04/07 Orchard Grove (R) To review proposed infrastructure and aesthetic changes to the junction of the new spine road and the Honiton Road. To discuss a plan for a public consultation, and to consider financial implications to the Parish Council.

Following a meeting with SC Planning Officer Simon Fox, Cllr Naughton shared the discussions and visual representations, she explained that none of the designs were confirmed and suggested that this was a good time for the community to get involved to help shape the plans if it can.

Cllrs were in support of Cllr Naughton putting some packs together so that the community can feed into the designs.

Item 6 moved

04/06 Planning (R) To consider planning applications

42/26/0008 Replacement of dwelling at The Spinney, Chilliswood Farm, Chilliswood Lane, Trull.

It was **resolved** to support the planning application.

38/26/0068 Installation of access gate for Padel Centre at Queens College, Taunton.
Decision of Conditional Approval announced 17/04/26.

42/26/0009/NMA Application for a Non-Material Amendment to application 42/23/0016 for the Hortsbridge Park parcel of land for consolidation of allotments provision across the wider development, inclusion of a community building, parking and raised beds within allotment area, enhancement of play area to a nature led design incorporating level changes and a natural amphitheatre introduction of a raised polymer boardwalk and bridge, minor earthwork adjustments, provision of an adoptable footpath, amendments to off-site Lloyds Close footpath link and minor amendments to the proposed drainage system on land at Orchard Grove, Comeytrowe. Due to this being out of TPC boundary, it was agreed not to comment.

Delegated Powers: None

Report on decisions by Somerset Council: None

Item 5 moved

04/05 Somerset Council report – Cllr questions.

Report available on the website.

Green Lane consultation will be determined by June.

04/08 Paddock (R) Update on transfer of land.

Some issues have been flagged by the solicitor including access which could cost the PC an additional £1,500 for a deed of release covenant. These issues have been raised with the landowner, and she has explained that the developer is still responsible for the road and does not think this would be something that the PC should pay for. The landowner is awaiting an update.

It was noted that there are some trees that need attention and this has been communicated to the landowner, along with a quote for the work.

The Clerk suggested that ahead of completion, a tree condition survey of the paddock would be beneficial.

04/09 Memorial Hall Lease (R) To consider

The MH have been working to get the registration with the Land Registry. As part of the investigations, it is thought that there was an 'agreement in principle' from Trull Parish Council to 'gift' the land concerned to the Memorial Hall, rather than lease it to them. Unfortunately, following the letter from Becky Howat dated 14th April 2014, there is no information to support this. The MH have requested the PC to consider the offer to 'gift' the land that was first presented in 2013.

The Clerk to go back to the MH and discuss a swap of land to maintain access to the KGV.

04/10 Audit (R) Statement of Internal Control, Risk Assessment & Asset Register

The Statement of Internal Control, Risk Assessment & Asset Register were reviewed and approved. It was resolved to include an RPI index link to cover current cost of items.

04/11 Communication Policy (R) To review and adopt

Cllr Gapper had put together an additional document for consideration and in addition to the policy circulated by the Clerk and suggested further that a Working Group should be put together to review.

Cllr Naughton proposed that the Cllr Gappers documents should not be adopted due to them being unenforceable, over-complex for a parish council, and impossible to police. Cllr Naughton stated that AI is not a suitable tool to create policies for the Parish Council without context.

After much debate it was agreed to refer to SALC for advice and guidance.

SC Cllrs Johnson & Farbahi & several members of the public left

04/12 QE2 (R) To consider maintenance and costs

The Clerk explained a potential option to prevent the footpath getting moved when the stream floods.

Clerk to ask Simon to rejig the path with a digger, it was suggested that the removal of two trees on either side of Amberd Lane may help, with a review to consider the necessity of a ditch next year. Manage public attitude in the meantime.

It was **resolved**

04/13 PFMC Annual Report (R) To review

The Clerk presented the accounts for 2025-2026.

It was agreed to review PFMC accounts periodically by the Parish Council.

04/14 Finance (R)

a) Approval of Payments & Receipts

To whom	Account	Description	Net	VAT	Total
S Millard-Jones	TPC	Salary/expenses/HMRC/pension	£ 1,774.36		£ 1,774.36
HMRC	TPC	Emp Contributions	£ 188.61		£ 188.61
M Naughton	TPC	Printer ink	£47.15		£47.15
Somerset Council	TPC	Bins	£253.50	£50.70	£304.20
TCCC	TPC	Room hire Jan/Feb/March	£90.00		£90.00
S Holden	TPC	Allotment/QE2 maintenance	£473.00		£473.00

SALC	TPC	Affiliation fee	£891.48		£891.48
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To whom	Account	Description	Total
Initial	PFMC	Sanitary bins	£6.68
MaidbyMel	PFMC	Cleaning March	£160.00
YU Energy	PFMC	electricity	£155.36
Somerset Council	PFMC	Bins	£304.20
Hallmaster	PFMC	Annual charge	£279.00
Parsons	PFMC	Grass cutting	£882.81
M Naughton	PFMC	Dogs on leads sign	£29.62
TCCC	PFMC	Feb meeting	£12.00
MaidbyMel	PFMC	Cleaning April	£160.00

Receipts		
Bank interest	TPC	£5.75
		£5.75
Hires	PFMC	£834.17
	PFMC	
		£834.17

b) Approval of the bank reconciliation

Treasurers Account	£43,577.99
Main Account	£1,810.87
Unity CIL	£14,798.98
TOTAL	£60,187.84

04/15 Reports on the following (if available):-

- a) **KGv/PFMC** – Quotes are being sourced for damaged trees near the play area – broken branches have been removed. Additional work is required along the stream for storm damaged trees. GHP light under repair along with surfacing where old play forte was. South West in Bloom award? Funding application for tables & chairs. Gravel dragon – heating issues
- b) **Allotments** – Two plots have come available this week. Hawthorne tree trimmed back.
- c) **Highways** – Following up a visit to Ladylawn with Cllr Farbahi, highways would only consider installing parking restrictions where there is clear safety or congestion issue and in this case to back up the highway code which states no parking within 10m of a junction. Rob Haynes (traffic engineer) had agreed the situation was not acceptable and had other proposals to extend the restrictions further. A response is awaited from Kate Brown. Wessex Water have been chased re Amberd Lane. A request for signage for flooding and business as usual for the PC to use.
- d) **QE2** – Vandalised posts and panels have been replaced around the waterfall, some were rotten.
- e) **Trull Village Memorial Hall** – No report.
- f) **Alms Houses** – No report.

- g) **Trull School** – No report.
- h) **Book Exchange** – No report.
- i) **LCN** – A deck of photos has been shared with LCN chair as requested. Highways LCN taking place regarding Enhanced Highways Maintenance Scheme 23rd April.
- j) **Neighbourhood Plan** – Meeting taken place and reviewed sections 1,2 &3.
- k) **Footpaths** – Footpath sign damaged and reported. To report bridge damage.
- l) **Orchard Grove** – Item 04/07

04/16 Road Closures

None

04/17 Correspondence

Citizens Advice have thanked the PC for the donation.

04/18 Items for the next agenda:

- Communications policy

04/19 Date for the next Meeting – Monday 18th May – Annual Meeting of the Parish at 6.30pm followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.15pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.26pm

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