

TRULL PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: Mrs S Millard-Jones – Clerk, SC Cllr Johnson, and approximately six members of the public.

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

Key points of public participation: A member of the public expressed their view that recent social media posts and parish magazine articles, were more personal in origin rather than representing the official position of the Parish Council.

03/01 Apologies for absence: Cllr Clarke & SC Cllr Farbahi.

03/02 To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests
Cllr Naughton declared an interest in item 5.

03/03 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16th of February 2026.
The minutes from the Meeting of the Parish Council on the 16th of February 2026 having been previously circulated, were taken as read. It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes.

03/04 Somerset Council report – Cllr questions.
Report available on the website.
Cllr Johnson added that there will be a parking review consultation in Galmington, Sherford & Wilton working across a radius of a mile of the hospital. In house sessions available for paper responses.

03/05 Review of Communication Protocols and Member Support (R) To consider and resolve

Cllr Naughton left the room

Cllr Hancock Chaired item 5

Cllr Gapper explained that he had reviewed the policies and protocols for communications but came across a social media policy that he believes to be out of date and requires a review. As a result, drafted some documents to the Clerk.

A concern was raised regarding emails directed towards the Chair by a Ward Councillor by Cllr Barrett.

Cllr Gapper reminded Cllrs that there is a need to review the communications policy and channels. It was **resolved** to fully endorse the feedback provided by the Chair following the February public meeting as a fair reflection of the observations from others at the meeting. To accept that Cllr Naughton, is entitled to her own view as Chair of the Parish Council. To ask the Clerk to write to the Ward Councillor and, if necessary, the Somerset Council Monitoring Officer to state that Trull Parish Council expresses support for the Chair, considers this specific matter closed, and requests that all future dialogue be directed through the Clerk.

It was **resolved** to review the communications policy and channels.

Cllr Naughton returned to the room

03/06 Scouts (R) To consider support for a community project

Alex Peach came along from the Trull Scouts to explain his plan to map out his Himalayan Balsam project. He will return in September with an update.

03/07 Planning (R) To consider planning applications

38/26/0068 Installation of access gate for Padel Centre at Queens College, Taunton.

It was **resolved** to make no comment.

42/26/0007/NMA Application for a Non-Material Amendment to application 42/23/0016 to amend the description of development to: Variation of Condition No. 02 (approved plans) of application 42/14/0069 which permitted outline planning permission with all matters reserved (except points of access) for a residential and mixed-use urban extension at Comeytrowe/Trull to include up to 2000 dwellings, up to 5.25 hectares of employment land (Use Classes B2, B8 and E), 2.2 hectares of land for a primary school, a mixed use local centre (including Use Classes E and F2 and sui generis uses comprising a public house, hot food take away and launderette), and a 300 space park and bus facility to remove 0.58ha of land from the approved employment area on land at Comeytrowe, Taunton.

It was **resolved** to make no comment.

Delegated Powers: None

Report on decisions by Somerset Council:

42/25/0036 & 37/LB Conversion of barn into 1 No. dwelling at Chilliswood Farm, Chilliswood Lane, Trull. Decision of Conditional Approval.

42/25/0040 Demolition of garage and erection of a single storey extension to the rear and a two-storey extension to the side of Woodcroft House, Comeytrowe Road, Trull. *Decision of Refusal.*

42/25/00043 Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of 1 Fairview Terrace, Wild Oak Lane, Trull. *Decision of Conditional Approval.*

03/08 Dipford Road (R) To review signage

Cllrs were in support of the initial draft. Clerk to contact Highways and inform of the 30mph sign which sits in the 20mph on Church Road.

03/09 Paddock (R) Update on transfer of land.

No update.

03/10 Community Safety Grant from Crimestoppers South-West (R) To consider a donation

Cllr Hancock had looked at the accounts and suggested that donations would be better served to local charities.

It was **resolved** to not make a donation.

03/11 Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Life-Saving Equipment Appeal (R) To consider a donation

Cllr Hancock had looked at the accounts and suggested that donations would be better served to a local cause.

It was **resolved** to not make a donation.

03/12 Internal Auditor (R) To appoint

It was **resolved** to appoint Jill Larcombe

03/13 Audit (R) Statement of Internal Control, Risk Assessment & Asset Register.

To include on April agenda.

03/14 Grass Cutting Contractor (R) To review and approve quote for Trull Green

It was **resolved** to re-appoint the current contractor. To review schedule with Cllr Clark.

03/15 QE2 (R) To consider a donation of a bench

The Tree Advisory Group (TAG) have been discussing the donation and location of a rare double pink flowering variety Crataegus 'Rosea Flore Pleno.

It was **resolved** to support the request for a bench in the QE2 and the tree donation.

03/16 Finance (R)

a) Approval of Payments & Receipts

S Millard-Jones	TPC	Salary/expenses/HMRC/pension December	£ 1,739.86		£ 1,739.86
HMRC	TPC	Emp Contributions	£ 188.61		£ 188.61
Citizens Advice Bureau	TPC	Donation	£100.00		£100.00
Creative Play	TPC	Play tower	£15,379.17	£3,075.83	£18,455.00

Initial	PFMC	Sanitary bins	£6.68
MaidbyMel	PFMC	Cleaning	£160.00
Creative Play	PFMC	Accessible swing	£3,685.00
YU Energy	PFMC	electricity	£167.67
Somerset Council	PFMC	Bins	£228.70
M Kavanagh	PFMC	Cleaning	£891.00
David Pope	PFMC	Wedding refund	£500.00
S Millard-Jones	PFMC	Key copy	£12.65

Receipts		
bank interest		£9.15
		£9.15
Hires	PFMC	£1,147.50
Lottery Grant	PFMC	£3,685.00
		£4,832.50

b) Approval of the bank reconciliation

Treasurers Account	£21,532.52
Main Account	£20,260.12
Unity CIL	£39,251.98
TOTAL	£81,044.62

03/17 Reports on the following (if available):-

- a) **KGV/PFMC** – The dragon will be re-painted by Sarah (local artist) with the help of the primary school. Dog walking sign to be put up. End of Year finances to be included on April agenda.
- b) **Allotments** – Inspections have been carried out and feedback has gone back. Water troughs to be followed up.
- c) **Highways** – Highways schedule of works was shared with Cllrs. Clerk to inform Highways about the lines at the junction of Church & Honiton Road, causing poor parking. There will be an increase of the jetting of gullies in the next financial year. There is still a leak on Amberd Lane, Clerk to follow up.
- d) **QE2** –
- e) **Trull Village Memorial Hall** – The heating has been fixed. Wine tasting on Friday 20th of March.
- f) **Alms Houses** – No report.
- g) **Trull School** – All year 6 pupils wishing to go to Castle have been given a place. From September Bishop Foxes will also take pupils from Trull.
- h) **Book Exchange** – No report.
- i) **LCN** – Youth Parliament – to engage young people in politics. Wessex Water willing to engage with the parish council. Police – at least one person phoned the 999 3000 times in one year. Presentation by EVAG. HM Prison service – get involved in community payback. Next meeting the 18th of May and parish councils have been asked to share pictures of what has been going on in the LCN parishes.
- j) **Neighbourhood Plan** – Report circulated.
- k) **Footpaths** – No reports or issues raised.
- l) **Orchard Grove** – Next meeting Tuesday 20th of March.

03/18 Road Closures

None

03/19 Correspondence

Greenslade Taylor Hunt requested a private meeting with the parish council to review a proposed residential development on land south of Hillbrook House, Dipford Road. Clerk has invited them to the April meeting.

03/20 Items for the next agenda:

Communications & Social media policy
Statement of Internal Control, Risk Assessment & Asset Register
PFMC accounts

03/21 Date for the next Meeting – Monday 20th of April at 7.15pm

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.37pm

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