

Trull Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held in the East Hall, Trull Church Community Centre,
Church Rd, Trull, Taunton TA3 7JZ.
on Monday 18th of May 2026 at 6.30pm.

26.1 Welcome by the Chairman of Trull Parish Council
Cllr Naughton welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting.

26.2 Notes of the Meeting held on 19th of May 2026.
The minutes of the Meeting held on 19th of May 2026 were noted.

26.3 Annual Village Reports (if available): -

a) Trull Meadow Trust (TMT)

Alan Sawyer gave the following update:

Wildlife Trust survey was conducted in July.

Donation of a bench to the PC

Discussions ongoing about the damaged gate with Somerset Council

Annual meeting to be held on 26th September at 6.30pm

b) Trull Scout Group

The Clerk read the report in the absence of Kim Gapper:

I am delighted to report that the Trull Scout Group has continued to thrive. In fact, we now have 112 young people enjoying scouting in Trull on a regular basis. Covering ages 4 to 18. This means our volunteers are effectively managing everything from pre-school high energy to teenage drama and existential dread.

We have had an incredibly busy year. To give you a snapshot of what 112 children get up to:

- We entered three teams in the Rotary Club's annual Moonraker sponsored hike. Our Explorers actually took the top spot in the long course and second place in the short course. They did it all in the name of charity, and remarkably, they did it using physical maps, proving that the younger generation *can* navigate without Google Maps telling them to 'turn left in 100 yards'
- 65 of our young people, including myself, spent a night at the Plymouth Aquarium for a 'Sleeping with Sharks' event. We can report that the sharks were actually very well-behaved; it was the 65 children and one particularly loud snoring Leader that kept everyone awake.
- Every single section had time in canoes, kayaks, or on paddleboards. Trull is actually one of the few groups lucky enough to have our own qualified volunteer instructors to run these sessions in-house. The older sections also branched out into other adventurous activities like archery, paintball, air rifle shooting, and tomahawk throwing. So, you'll be glad to know the Trull Scouts are fully prepared to defend the parish boundaries as and when needed.
- All sections had their district camps, we held a brilliant group camp at Huish Woods filled with hiking, zip lining, cooking on the fires and pizza making in our now well established pizza oven, and the older scouts braved the elements for a Winter Camp in early January. I went up to visit myself and the Scouts had spent the day preparing venison from scratch (not the shooting part) and then cooking and eating an entire Christmas dinner with each part of the deer roasted, stewed and baked. The evening was then spent by the fire and whilst most other Scout Groups

use wood and old pallets for their fires, we had an old piano that was of no use to anyone anymore unfortunately, so this formed the base of our fire.

- During that freezing weekend, we also hosted our partner German Scouts from Uedem. There is nothing quite like British winter weather to cement international relations.
- **Top Achievements:** Our Explorer Scouts tackled the grueling Ten Tors challenge on Dartmoor and are working hard toward their Bronze, Silver, and Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards. We also had our Scout team come joint first in the district orienteering competition and a massive congratulations to Harry Turner, who has been selected to represent Somerset at the World Scout Jamboree in Poland next year.

Our calendar has been packed with visits and activities arranged with our local community from RAFT, the Owl Sanctuary, local sheep farms, the Trull Tennis Club, All Saints Church, the Taunton Mosque, and we even went fishing in Lyme Regis. We are trying to teach them about everything the world has to offer, or at least ensure they know what a sheep looks like in real life, rather than just on TikTok.

As you can imagine, running all of this is a massive operation. The group is run solely by volunteers, from our trustee level down to the parents and carers who give up their evenings. The more volunteers we get from all walks of life, the more skills we can offer. So, if anyone here knows how to tie a knot that doesn't slip, or just wants an excuse to wear a toggle, please come and see me.

We have the remainder of the summer term before us with camps galore and we are incredibly grateful to be one of the beneficiaries of the Party in the Park 2026. We also hope to run our own fundraising event again this year, the annual fireworks event. The money raised will go directly toward buying and updating equipment, maintaining our camp setup at Huish Woods, and supporting our Scouts and Explorers as they head off on their international trips.

Thank you again for your time and support for your local Scout Group.

c) Trull Memorial Hall

The Clerk read out the report in the absence of Steve Walker:

The charity objective is the provision and maintenance of Trull Village Memorial Hall for the use by the inhabitants of Trull and the surrounding neighbourhood. The trustees and co-opted members are currently as follows: Chair Steve Walker Vice Chair Secretary Treasurer Health and Safety Other Trustees Steve Power Jacky Davey Andrew Stoodley Jennie Rusinek Ryan Nicholson (Co-opted member) All trustees are offering themselves for reappointment at the AGM. The management committee (which met monthly across 2025) includes all trustees plus Michele Weaver (Bookings secretary) and a nominated representative from the identified user organisations along with representatives from All Saints Church and Trull Church of England Primary School. The Trustees would also like to thank Ron Vining and Heidi Milburn who continue to work tirelessly to maintain the Hall in a clean and functioning state. Financial Performance and outlook 2025 was another record year, with hall income increasing 7% to £39,831 compared to £37,067 in 2024. This primarily reflects growth in hirer incomes from increased hall hire charges along with improved fundraising income, including the successful 60th hall birthday party, and the continued success of Trull Cinema. Private bookings fell back on very high comparatives in 2024. Net of cinema and fundraising costs, gross profit was £36,721 compared to £35,421 in 2024. In 2025, maintenance costs totalled £10,752 against a budget of £17,000 with the delayed work re-phased into 2026. We were particularly pleased to receive lottery funding of £19,194 to replace and upgrade the hall heating and insulation. Work commenced in late 2025 and will be completed in Spring 2026. Operating expenditure has been well controlled with expenditure increasing to £31,814 compared to £31,277 last year mainly

due to payroll increases due to the higher national living wage. Due to delays in the timing of planned repairs and maintenance, the trustees are pleased to report a profit of £6,249 in 2025 compared to a £5,596 profit in 2024. The hall had £90,519 of cash and bank funds at 31 December 2025 set aside for planned and unanticipated repair costs (including £13,538 of unspent lottery funding) compared to £70,836 last year. As reported last year, the trustees commissioned a building survey which identified some essential work required on the roof, exterior/interior improvements, security, fire safety and drainage. A schedule of works has now been prepared with the support of an external surveyor and urgent works are currently being put out to tender. This work will commence in 2026 and utilise the funds built up from prior years. Grant options will also be sought and identified where possible.

d) Cricket Club

Andy Barrett gave the following report:

Club is going from strength to strength, now have two over age cricket teams. Womens team is running for third year in a row. Teams finishing high in their leagues. Senior players playing across the country, one of which has been selected for England. Considering running a disability team, but this is going to take some time to set up.

Friday nights are the junior training programmes – currently 110 children enrolled with 25 adult volunteers helping at each event. Roughly 500 people attached to the club.

A new pavilion is required which is likely to cost around £250k, it is being considered that additional pitches need to be found in order to accommodate the growing teams.

e) Trull Garden Club

Martine Naughton gave the following report.

Continues to thrive with 80 members paying an annual subscription. Each meeting attended by around 40 people. Many interesting speakers. The Community allotment team has also been very successful and there are even members from Galmington. The excess veg box will be placed in front of the Hive as it was last year.

f) Corfe, Pitminster, and Trull Almshouse Charity

Ann Hudson gave the following report:

It has been a quiet year. The usual inspections of the properties were satisfactory.

A new bathroom has been installed in one of the houses to update the accommodation.

A gardener has now been appointed to help the residents keep the gardens tidy.

The rents have not been raised for 7 years so the Rents Renew Board has been asked to give an updated assessment.

g) Tree Advisory Group (TAG)

Charles Maddren provided a PowerPoint on behalf of the Tree Advisory Group. included in reports as a separate document.

h) Trull Community Church

Andy Wadsworth gave the following report.

Orchard Grove sits within the Ecclesiastical parish, many members attend Sunday services. The refurbishment of the bells has gone well and the project is mostly finished. Lighting and rewiring has been a success. Car park drainage has been repaired which cost £15,000. Wanting to work with the PC, MH & SC to agree a maintenance programme. The Hive & TCCC serves the village well.

i) Parish Lands Charity

This continues to operate and includes the old ecclesiastical boundary. Trustees in Comeytrowe and Trull. Applications are very welcome, and there is a good amount available.

26.4 Questions on reports

Alan Sawyer– recent developments of Trull Ridge going to Public Enquiry. Will the PC host a meeting?
Cllr Naughton explained that this will be discussed in the PC meeting.

- AMP would have been a good place to discuss the Honiton Road proposals.

Cllr Naughton notes that this is continuing to drive engagement and there will be a plan to discuss in more detail.

-Could there be a hard copy for residents and would the PC consider the return of the notices to the noticeboards?

The meeting was closed at 7.21pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....