

TRULL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held at 7.15pm on the 27th of May 2026 in the Central Hall, Trull Church Community Centre, Church Rd, Trull, Taunton TA3 7JZ.

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

In attendance: Mrs S Millard-Jones – Clerk, SC Cllr Johnson, SC Planning Officer Paul Sherman & approximately 40 members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Naughton.

Members of the public were invited to speak.

Summary:

- The PC should do as much as it can. TPC can add local community experience which SC is precluded from. A working Group would be beneficial.
- Expecting costs of £2.5k - £3.5k for initial work. Barrister for £20k and then planning consultant costs. Any person can participate in the inquiry but cannot cross examine. Wishes the PC to participate.
- are there other opportunities to fund raise to protect the land or acquire the land.
- If members of the public wish to comment, are they only allowed to talk around evidence prior to the refusal? Can other objections be submitted. Can the LPA only provide further evidence around the specific grounds. To PC – is it necessary to employ a barrister as opposed to a planning lawyer.
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****Paul Sherman confirms that public can bring new grounds to the table. LPA defends reasons for refusal****

- Rule 6 should be applied for. A word of caution – it will be very demanding and costly. It will be great loss to Trull if it is absorbed into Taunton.

05/01/01 Apologies for absence.
Cllr Hancock

05/01/02 To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests.
None.

05/01/03 To consider applying for Rule 6 Status in respect of APPEAL 6008715 – 42/24/0030 (R)
Cllr Naughton gave a strategic briefing on the appeal inquiry – available on the website.
Rule 6 Status establishes the Parish Council as a main party in the public inquiry, granting the right to control the defence, introduce local expert data, and cross-examine the developer's legal team.
Executing a robust legal case requires an independent professional team.

*****Cllr Spensley joined the meeting*****

It was **resolved** to apply for Rule 6 status in respect of APPEAL 6008715 – 42/24/0030.

05/01/04 To consider a budget for initial legal advice, preparation of Statement of Case, and potential to crowd-fund to support these costs (R)
It was **resolved** to support PC expenditure of £3,000 on initial advice.
It was **resolved** to set up a Crowd Justice fundraising page with an aim to raise £27,000 based on quotes obtained.

Submission of a Statement of Case will be based on the crowdfunding total raised. An extraordinary meeting will be arranged following the 5th of June 2026.

Meeting closed 8.25pm.

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