

TRULL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7.15pm on Monday 18th of May 2026 in the East Hall, Trull Church Community Centre, Church Rd, Trull, Taunton TA3 7JZ.

Present: Cllrs Naughton, Hancock, Wooldridge, Barratt, Hudson & Gapper.

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

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

Tony Smith (05/07) neither the model SO's or the code of conduct state time to speak. Thinks that speaking during the meeting should be permitted as he considers the current method discourages public participation.

Item (05/12) comments on the age of the document and questions why it has not been updated since 2015.

Item (05/20) raises concerns regarding the communications policy & SALC advice.

05/01 To elect a Chair & Vice Chair (R) Declaration of Acceptance of Office

It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Naughton as Chair and Cllr Hancock as Vice Chair. Declaration of Acceptance of Office were signed.

05/02 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Clark, Brimble, Spensley. SC Cllr Farbahi.

05/03 To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests

None

05/04 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 20th of April 2026.

The minutes from the Meeting of the Parish Council on the 20th of April 2026 having been previously circulated, were taken as read. It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes.

05/05 Somerset Council report

Honiton Road surfacing has been postponed due to works that Wales & West will be done.

05/06 Planning (R) To consider planning applications

42/26/0014 Demolition of garage and car port and erection of a two-storey extension to the side, installation of dormers to the front and rear, erection of single storey extension to the front and erection of detached single garage at Richmond, Honiton Road, Trull.

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

42/26/0016/LB Replacement of 2 No. windows to the front of Spearcey Farm, Spearcey Lane, Staplehay.

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

Delegated Powers:

42/26/0010/T Application to carry out management works to two cypress trees included in Taunton Deane Borough (Trull No.2) Tree Preservation Order 2016 at The Bell House, Honiton Road, Trull. To support the tree officers' recommendations. Bell House, Honiton Road, Trull (TD1126).

Report on decisions by Somerset Council:

42/25/0045/NMA Application for a Non-Material Amendment to application 42/25/0012 for minor alterations to foot print of extension at Brookdale, 11 Sweethay Close, Staplehay. Decision of Conditional Approval.

05/07 To review and adopt current Standing & Financial Orders (R)

It was **resolved** to adopt current Standing & Financial Orders. Clerk to review regarding allocated public speaking.

05/08 To re-adopt the LGA Somerset Code of Conduct and to confirm that summons, agendas and other documents will be accepted by email as proper service (R)

It was **resolved** to re-adopt the LGA Somerset Code of Conduct and to confirm that summons, agendas and other documents will be accepted by email as proper service

05/09 To consider & confirm that the Council is insured (R). To review quotes

It was **resolved** to continue with existing provider.

05/10 To consider & confirm continuation of annual subscriptions to SALC & SLCC(R)

It was **resolved** to continue annual subscriptions to SALC and SLCC.

05/11 To note that all policy documents are published on the Trull Parish Council website: To include Document Management, IT, Freedom of Information, Vexatious Complaints, Grants, Privacy Notice, Dignity at Work, Safeguarding, Scheme of Delegation, Scheme of Delegation, Equality & Diversity, Data Protection, Reserves, Social Media, Model Publication Scheme, Annual Leave, Training & Development, Anti-Fraud & Corruption, Audio Visual Recording, Disciplinary, Grievance, Absence Management, Training & Development, Advertising.
All noted to be available on the website

05/12 Complaints Procedure (R) To review & adopt

To note amendment from 'District' to Unitary Council.

It was **resolved** to adopt the Complaints Procedure & to amend the date.

05/13 To approve the Terms of Reference for Working Groups: Large Development Planning, HR, Tree Advisory Group, Footpaths, Grants, Safe Speed, Footpaths, QE2 & Neighbourhood Plan.

It was **resolved** to approve the Terms of Reference for Working Groups.

05/14 To note that Clerk passwords are held in a sealed envelope accordance with TPC Financial Regulations 6.11.

The Chair was given the envelope.

05/15 General Power of Competence (R) To note that TPC has the GPC until 2027 elections

It was **resolved** that TPC has the GPC.

05/16 Asset Register (R) To note

It was **resolved** to approve the Asset Register. To note to get assets re-valued.

05/17 Paddock (R) To consider the cost for a Deed of Release

To arrange a walk around the site to understand the implications further. Clerk to speak with landowner and explain that the PC is seeking further clarification.

05/18 Boundary Review (R) To consider support for the requested amendment

Mr Sowler has made a request for a minor boundary adjustment to keep his property within Trull, Electoral Services have informed him that he needs the Parish Council's support to fix the boundary anomaly.

It was **resolved** to respond to Mr Sowler that the PC will not be able to comment until the Community Governance Review.

05/19 Memorial Hall (R) To consider response

No response received from the MH – to include on June agenda.

05/20 Communication Protocol (R) To review and adopt

It was **resolved** to adopt the Communications Protocol that had been circulated in conjunction with the Civility & Respect Social Media Policy.

05/21 Illegal Traveller Encampment (R) To review existing preventative measures & policy for action.

In July 2025, the PC resolved to approve an emergency expenditure of £8,000 should there be a need to employ the services of bailiffs due to an illegal encampment on the KGV or QE2. The Clerk asked the PC to re-approve this expenditure should it be required.

It was resolved to approve an emergency expenditure of £8,000 should there be a need to employ the services of bailiffs due to an illegal encampment on the KGV or QE2.

05/22 PFMC request for funds (R) To consider financial support

Fundraising Teas for Trees raised £90. A fun run is being planned for September.

It was **resolved** for the PC to take on the grass cutting costs for the financial year 2026-2027. To include on budget review in November.

05/23 CIL return (R) To consider & approve

To include Tennis club grant on the CIL report

05/24 Finance (R)

a) Approval of Payments & Receipts

Payments

To whom	Account	Description	Net	VAT	Total
S Millard-Jones	TPC	Salary/expenses/HMRC/pension			£ 1,809.02
HMRC	TPC	Emp Contributions			£ 389.52
J Wooldridge	TPC	printing costs			£6.00
SALC	TPC	Planning for parish & town councils			£80.00

Initial	PFMC	Sanitary bins	£6.68
MaidbyMel	PFMC	Cleaning May	£160.00
YU Energy	PFMC	electricity	£113.25
S Millard-Jones	PFMC	Watering can & seed	£32.25
PPL PRS	PFMC	Music licence	£175.20
Thrive	PFMC	Community Building Subscription	£48.00
Parsons	PFMC	Grass cutting	£609.44
Property Paramedic	PFMC	Glass replacement deposit	£53.62
Property Paramedic	PFMC	Invoice	£125.11

It was resolved to approve the payments & receipts.

Receipts

Precept		£30,000.00
Allotments		£20.00
bank interest	TPC	£0.77
		£30,020.77
Hires	PFMC	£1,540.50
	PFMC	
		£1,540.50

b) Approval of the bank reconciliation

Treasurers Account	£69,587.73
Main Account	£1,811.64
Unity CIL	£14,791.98
TOTAL	£86,191.35

05/25 Reports on the following (if available):-

- a) **KGv/PFMC** – Potentially include the Trull Meadow in the fun run event. Residents would like some additional benches.
- b) **Allotments** – All plots are occupied.
- c) **Highways** – No report.
- d) **QE2** – Discussions are ongoing regarding drainage
- e) **Trull Village Memorial Hall** – No report.
- f) **Alms Houses** – No report.
- g) **Trull School** – Statutory inspection taking place this week. There will be an intake of 30 pupils in September and there is a waiting list. Mr Bottomley was invited to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on May 6th.
- h) **Book Exchange** – No report.

- i) **LCN** – LCN taking place at the same time and date as the PC meeting, so no update.
- j) **Neighbourhood Plan** – Data has been received from Ann Rhodes regarding Housing Needs. Further information is being sought.
- k) **Footpaths** – No update
- l) **Orchard Grove** – Meeting with Simon Fox scheduled for tomorrow?

05/26 Road Closures

None

05/27 Correspondence

- Wessex Water: Maintenance will be carried out on the sewage pipes in QE2 and KGV in June. We
- Planning appeal 42/24/0030 – An extraordinary meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th of May at 7.15pm.
- Community Policing Officers will be present at the Hive on Saturday 23rd of May 10-11am.

05/28 Items for the next agenda:

- Advertising Policy
- Standing Orders – public speaking time allocation. Clerk to review.
- Paddock
- Memorial Hall

05/29 Date for the next Meeting – Extraordinary Meeting Wednesday 27th of May at 7.15pm.
- Monday 15th of June at 7.15pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.02pm.

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