

Trull Parish Council

Notes of a Meeting held with the Allotment Tenants in the Pearce Suite, Memorial Hall,
Trull on Monday 17th October 2005 at 6.45 pm.

- Present:
- Mr. G. Hewett (Chairman),
Mr. S. French.
 - 18 Allotment Tenants,
Mr. S. Watts (Clerk).

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mr. Stephen Martin-Scott.

The Chairman welcomed all those present and stated that it was very encouraging to see such a good attendance again.

The Chairman referred to the notes of the previous meeting and stated that a number of actions had not been carried out. Further comments and/or complaints were invited and the following were raised: -

Comment	Action
<u>Compost</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was requested if the annual delivery could be made as soon as possible, ideally before the onset of winter. 	Mr. French advised that he was having difficulty in locating a suitable trailer at the present time but would endeavour to meet the request.
<u>Water Supply</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Chairman requested a suitable date to turn off the water. 	It was agreed that the water supply would be turned off from 1 st November until early March.
<u>Gate</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There were some difficulties with delivering the compost due to the size and configuration of the gate and this was an outstanding item. Funding to rectify the problem had been agreed at the 2004/5 Parish Council budget meeting. 	To be reconsidered at the budget set meeting on 5 th December 2005.
<u>Maintenance</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There were numerous comments regarding the general condition of a number of plots that were unkempt, contained weeds, an ash tree and assorted debris. 	The situation was acknowledged. It had been previously agreed that the requirements within the Agreement to maintain plots to a satisfactory standard would be enforced. The Clerk will advise the Tenants concerned during the course of the year.
<u>Sheds</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was noted that a number of sheds had now been erected. 	N/A

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<p><u>Bonfires</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was noted that some Tenants are making bonfires on their plots and this could lead to the possibility of the sheds catching fire. 	<p>Although bonfires are permitted within the current Terms and Conditions, use of plot 16A for this purpose was encouraged.</p> <p>Mr. Hampshire thanked Mr. Ron Coombs for his efforts in dealing with the combustible waste.</p>
<p><u>Waiting List</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Clerk advised that four plots were currently available and five names were on the waiting list. All were under consideration by the interested parties. A number of Tenants had failed to return their cheques and it was likely that further plots would become available after the revised deadline of 26th October. 	<p>N/A</p>
<p><u>Overgrown Hedge</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The previous Tenant of plot 1 had made the comment that the hedge of the adjacent property was overgrown and affecting the quality of the plot. 	<p>The Chairman will establish if the property is still owned by Mr. Ron Vining. If this is not the case, permission will be asked to reduce the height and width of the hedge. It is, however, a requirement for Tenants to ensure that the boundary hedges to their plots are maintained.</p>
<p><u>Shared Plots</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was apparent that a number of Tenants had asked for permission to share or rent half of a plot. The Chairman advised that this was not something that the Council wished to encourage and, indeed, was contrary to the signed Terms and Conditions. 	<p>N/A</p>
<p><u>Rubbish Removal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reference was made to the various articles left near the kissing gate entrance. This was unsightly and posed a danger to grazing cattle in the adjacent field. It was further suggested that this could facilitate a general removal of unwanted articles from the whole site. 	<p>It was agreed that if Tenants placed the waste near the gate, Mr. French and Mr. Hampshire would arrange for the transfer of the material to a mini-skip at Mr. French's farm. The Clerk will obtain quotes for a skip.</p>

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<u>Tree Cutting</u>	- It was stated that the trees adjacent to Ladylawn were overhanging the footpath and badly needed cutting back. This was an issue raised at the last meeting but had not been addressed. It was suggested that the trees now required laying in order to preserve their shape and improve the overall density.	The Chairman offered to deliver a letter requesting that the owners of the properties concerned agree to the work. The issue of how it will be funded was not determined and would be dependant on the response.
<u>Payment</u>	- The Clerk thanked all those present for making payments on the due date as it made the process much easier.	N/A

The Chairman thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 7.10 pm.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 16th October 2006 and will be held at 6.45 pm in the Memorial Hall, Trull.

S. Watts
Parish Clerk