

Trull Parish Council

Notes of a Meeting held with the Allotment Tenants in the Pearce Suite,
Memorial Hall, Trull on Monday 15th October 2007 at 6.45 pm.

Present: Mr. G. Hewett (Chairman)

In attendance: 15 Allotment Tenants
Mr. D. Archer - Parish Councillor
Mr. S. Watts - Clerk

The Chairman welcomed all those present, and thanked the tenants for their attendance. It was advised that the meeting was intended to be informal and an opportunity for tenants to report any issues and exchange their views.

Notes of Previous Meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 16th October 2006 were distributed and agreed.

Matters Arising

Compost

- Mr. French had recently delivered a small quantity of compost but the main delivery of six tonnes would be made early in the New Year.

Access

- The works to replace the main gate had now been completed and was considered to be a worthwhile improvement. However, it was advised that the spring latch to the middle gate needed considerable force to operate.
- It was noted that the Council had not been successful in diverting the footpath that ran through the allotment; and the proposed improvement works at the entrance into Trull Meadow from Wild Oak Lane was still under discussion with Somerset County Council.

Maintenance

- Mr. French had now removed all of the discarded waste material near the kissing gate.
- The matter of overhanging trees in the hedge bordering Ladylawn had not been resolved. After some discussion, Mr. Archer proposed that he, together with Mr. Ron Coombes and the Clerk, arrange to meet the appropriate residents of Ladylawn and endeavour to reach agreement on reducing the height of the trees and/or laying of the hedge. It was agreed that this work would improve the density of the hedge over time, although the main issue was the height as it affected plots on the south side of the site. How the work could be funded would need to be determined when the outcome of the meeting was known.

Plots

With a few exceptions, the plots were generally in good order.

Purchase of Seeds

Mr. David Marks stated that he could obtain advantageous rates for seed deliveries from Thompson Seeds Ltd. This could be as much as 50% on a bulk order and he offered to coordinate orders on behalf of other tenants if they so wished. This would ideally be in the Spring of 2008 and he agreed that his contact details be listed as follows: -

Mr. & Mrs. Marks Tel: 289866 E-Mail: kyalamitrull@tiscali.co.uk

Fruit Trees

Mr. Moore queried if it was permissible to plant fruit trees, particularly pear trees, on the plots. It was advised that this was in order provided that they were the dwarf variety and did not affect adjacent plots.

Dogs

Mr. Coombes advised that dogs were not always on a lead and there had been incidents where they had been permitted to foul the footpath. He stated that the sign at the kissing gate requesting dogs to be on leads at all times was probably not big enough to have an effect. The Chairman advised that he had a larger version spare and Mr. Coombes agreed to fix the sign to the gate.

Conclusion

A vote of thanks was again proposed for Mr. Ron Coombes and Mr. Fred Sage for their invaluable assistance during the year.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be on Monday 20th November 2008 at 6.45 pm in the Pearce Suite, Memorial Hall, Trull.