

# Trull Parish Council

Notes of a Meeting held with the Allotment Tenants in the Pearce Suite,  
Memorial Hall, Trull on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 6.45 pm.

Present: Mr. G. Hewett (Chairman)

In attendance: 14 Allotment Tenants  
5 Parish Councillors  
Mr. S. Watts – Clerk

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

## Notes of Previous Meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2007 had been previously circulated and were agreed.

## **Water Supply**

The Chairman confirmed that problems had recently occurred with the water supply and that it had now been turned off. The union to one of the three taps was leaking and the Clerk had made arrangements for the connection to be repaired, but it appeared that this had not been entirely successful. However, the main issue was that Mr. Coombs had advised that there might be an underground mains supply leak due to clean water being present in the adjacent ditch. Mr. Mervyn Underhill had carried out the original installation of the pipe and Mr. French offered to contact him to clarify how the pipe was laid. It was agreed that in order to establish if there was in fact a mains supply leak, it was imperative that the tap repair was completed in order to monitor the water meter. When this exercise had been completed, a further decision could be made.

## **Overhanging Trees**

The Chairman acknowledged that overhanging trees from the Ladylawn development was an ongoing issue and had not been satisfactorily resolved. Despite previous efforts by Mr. Archer and the Clerk, the residents concerned had not given their permission to lay the hedge and/or trees. It was agreed that this method, when undertaken by a competent person, was the best overall option and that the matter should be pursued. The Chairman stated that he would obtain a quotation for the work from Mr. Brain Lenthall and would ensure that the Parish Council considers the issue at the November meeting.

## **Waiting List**

The Clerk advised that all plots were currently taken and that there was a waiting list of six people.

## **Badgers & Rabbits**

Mr. Curl advised that badgers and rabbits were an increasing problem and offered to reduce the number of rabbits by using an air gun. It was noted that this approach would need written approval from the Clerk. Although it was initially indicated that this was acceptable, discussions subsequent to the meeting considered it necessary to obtain consent from the Parish Council due to the potential publicity and Health & Safety issues.

## **Dogs**

It was reported that some owners continued to walk their dogs through the allotments without a lead and failed to remove dog waste. It was agreed that there were sufficient warning signs and that a reminder would be included in the next Newsletter.

## **Report by Mr. David Marks**

Mr. David Marks reported on the following items: -

- The offer of a bulk purchase of seeds made at the October 2007 meeting could not be processed by the company and was therefore withdrawn.
- The plots were, in general, being maintained to a high standard and it was appreciated that particular mention had been made in the Newsletter regarding Mr. Simon Moore (plot 10A).
- The quantity of fleece that had been recently donated was very welcome and would be used for frost protection.
- There were sufficient quantities of organic waste to consider constructing a composting area and Mr. Marks offered to lead on the project. He proposed that a number of compost heaps could be made from discarded pallets and the final material shared amongst the tenants. Mr. Sage stated that the heap should be regularly turned and a good quantity of fibrous material included in the mix. Mrs. Wintrip offered to donate a purpose made compost bin to start the process off.

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

## **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 6.45 pm in the Pearce Suite, Memorial Hall, Trull.