
Trull Parish Council Newsletter

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Swept Away!

Why, when the footpath from the Crown Inn to Trull Stores is lined with trees and other vegetation, and is subject to litter louts, does it remain clear for parishioners to use?

Trull Parish Council wishes to thank Stephen Cox for his weekly sweeping of the main road footpath from Staplehay to Dipford Road.

On the Beat

Police Sgt. Mark West attended the January Council meeting to explain the new local policing policy. Both he and PC Polly Livingstone are available through the telephone numbers below during duty hours, but please use the normal contact numbers in an emergency or if Mark and Polly are unavailable.

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For emergencies call 999.

To report crime call 0845 456

7000 (Force Service Centre).

Minutes posted

Trull Village Stores, Trull Post Office and the website each hold a copy of the draft minutes of Parish Council meetings.

Not up to scratch

Councillor John Guy advised that a section of Pokes Lane was difficult to pass due to an overhanging hedge. As this particular area was a repetitive problem, the matter had been reported to the SCC Rights of Way Team (ROWT) for action.

The Team considers that the footpath linking Wyatt's Field with the playing field is not in a bad enough state to require resurfacing. As there have been numerous complaints from parishioners, the Parish Council decided to do the work itself. It has obtained two fixed price quotations for resurfacing the footpath, and the work has been awarded at a cost of £2200. More details of footpath closure for this work will be announced when dates are known.

John Guy said there had been only four replies to his request for information about the use and state of footpaths in the January Newsletter. He undertook to complete and return the questionnaire on the most regularly used footpaths in the area, and those that needed regular maintenance, in consultation with Don Archer.

A number of sections of the Cotlake Hill footpath were reported to be in a poor condition, and it was suggested that scalplings should be laid to repair the damage. A decision on the repairs was postponed to the July meeting.

Magic Roundabout

Quotations of £150 and £130 for the preparation and painting of the playing field roundabout and climbing frame respectively were accepted. The sub-contractors would prefer to remove the equipment and spray off site. This might provide an ideal opportunity to improve the safety surfacing around the roundabout in order to comply with the June 2004 RoSPA recommendations. The Council is going to make enquiries regarding the available options and costs. It also agreed to install a wooden stile to enable access to the playing field near the roundabout.

The Charity Commission had recently confirmed that the King George V playing field is designated as a charitable trust and would remain on the Register of Charities. The Parish Councillors are the Trustees.

Gardeners' Question Time

Trull Allotment Holders had been recently surprised to receive a questionnaire from TDBC, which is undertaking a survey of the provision and management of plots, specifically looking at distance travelled, age, gender and the use of organic methods.

The Parish Council also provided TDBC with minutes of the last Allotment Holders' Meeting, to reinforce ongoing concerns, and provide information about projects and improvements.

Planning matters

The Parish Council decided to:

- recommend **approval** for a two-storey extension at Cherry Orchard Lodge
- **object** to two two-storey extensions and replacement garage at The White House, Amberd Lane.

“OH, YES it is!”

The January “Cinders” Pantomime put on in the Memorial Hall by the Trull Players Drama Group was both well attended and well received by villagers, who had not see this type of event in the village since ham was first invented. Our thanks to front of stage actors, singers, dancers and back stage helpers alike.

The Parish Council is to consider the Players’ application for a pump-priming grant at its February meeting.

This new group are planning to put on more shows in the future. If you would like to join the group, please contact Sam Allen (Tele: 01823 322600).

Local Diary!

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February 2007: Main Hall of the Memorial Hall will be closed for refurbishment.

The Village Memorial Halls AGM will be held in the Pearce Suite at 7pm on Monday 12th March. All welcome.

Trull Parish Council Meeting 19th February 2007

7:15 pm

Venue: Pearce Suite, Trull
Memorial Hall

It’s a Draught!

Follow a poor response to an article in November’s Parish Newsletter, the Trull and Staplehay Flower and Produce Show Committee has decided not to go ahead with the 2007 Show. They are sorry to disappoint their few loyal supporters.

“Your views for a healthy future”

This is the title of a Consultation Document from Taunton and Somerset NHS Trust about the future of Musgrove Park Hospital. The Trust is intending to apply to the Secretary of State for Health for Foundation Status for MPH. This would change the way that the hospital is governed – it would be owned by ‘Members’ (of the public and staff employed by the trust) not by the Government. It would give the organisation greater freedom to control and manage its own priorities and budgets. A number of public meetings have been held, and the document poses specific questions for individuals and organisations to answer.

The consultation period has now closed, and the submission will be made on 16th February. Clearly if it is successful we will all be affected. So Mark Wall from the Trust has kindly agreed to come to the next Parish Council meeting (see below) to explain what is involved and to answer questions from Councillors and from members of the public.

200 Club Renewal

Trull Memorial Halls 200 Club annual memberships of £6 for 2007/08 are now due. Please contact Jo Wooldridge at the address opposite. New members welcome.

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