
Trull Parish Council Newsletter

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Poorly Polled

Although you will have the opportunity to cast your vote on the 3rd May, it will only be for our representative on the Taunton Deane Borough Council.

Disappointingly, there were only 7 nominations for 10 Trull Parish Council seats, all from existing Councillors – see list at the end. These seven have been automatically elected for a period of four years. Officers will be elected for the next year, and responsibilities apportioned, at the May Council meeting.

People willing to be co-opted to the remaining 3 places will shortly be invited to express an interest. The new Councillors will be deciding who to co-opt at their June Meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting

This was brought forward to April this year, as the present Parish Council would cease to hold office from the date of the local elections on 3rd May.

The Chairman, Geoff Hewett, gave a **résumé of the year's decisions, events and activities** including:

- adoption of new paths
- renovations to pavements, footpaths & stiles
- Memorial Halls feasibility study grant (finalised)
- improvements to the playing fields
- grant to Trull Players
- successful Party in Park '06
- and other events.

Fencing off the footpaths at either end of the playing field

had greatly reduced dog fouling within the main play area. Remedial work on the muddy lower footpath is under review. Trull, Pitminster & Corfe Almshouses Charity reported that, after the expenditure on new windows, they were rebuilding funds for further improvements. The Parish Lands Charity report will be given at a later date.

The chairman also gave a warm vote of thanks to the three retiring Parish Councillors who did not seek re-election – see list at the end – and thanked them for their various contributions over the past few years, which were much appreciated.

The Parish Clerk, Steve Watts, gave a **financial report**.

PC Outgoings:

- Playing field & open spaces £4,161.05
- Allotments £449.23
- Footpaths £917.50
- Gen. admin., incl. Clerk's salary £6,927.70
- Trull Players £250.00
- Website £132.95
- Total** £12,838.43

PC Receipts:

- Precept 06/07 £10,000.00
- Allotment rents £434.00
- TDBC Grant £1,210.00
- Party in Park 06 £1,868.03
- P-in-P insurance £341.25
- VAT refund £1,204.06
- SCC CA Grant £760.00
- NALC bursary £138.75
- Gross interest £173.39
- Total** £16,129.48

Minutes posted

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

Guided Ways

Don't get caught out because you did not know how the law applies to you and your pet! Somerset County Council's Rights of Way team have produced a guide for Dog Owners and Walkers, which gives useful tips, current legislation, some details of Open Access Land and contact details for both Dog Wardens and Somerset's Rights of Way team. Tel: 0845 345 915 or website: www.somerset.gov.uk/somerset/rightsofway

Party Planner

Very soon the Party in the Park Committee 2008 will commence planning for next year's event. Your views would be "welcomed" in assisting the committee in putting together the 2008 programme. For this purpose, a questionnaire is available from the Church Office, Trull Post Office or Trull Stores. Please help by completing a form and returning it to Trull Stores by Friday 15th June 2007.

Planning Matters

The Parish Council decided to recommend **approval** of:

- side extension (subject to amendment) and new dormer windows at Saltdean, New Road
- conversion of garage to private gymnasium at Cutsey Grange.

At its May meeting it will be considering the resubmitted application for an access track between Kibbear Farm and the lane near Brown's Elm.

Local Government Reorganisation

The Parish Council has received an invitation for Councillors and the Clerk to attend one of the County's four Unitary Proposal meetings, at which suggested changes to the structure of local government will be explained, following the short-listing of the proposals by the Government. This is part of Stage 2 – Stakeholder and Public Consultation.

At Stage 3 in early July, those areas that will be restructured into new Unitary Councils will be announced; with Stage 4 Election to New Councils in May 2008, and these Councils “up and running” by April 2009.

Trull Parish Council Meeting

14th May 2007

7:15 pm

Venue: Pearce Suite,
Trull Memorial Hall

Local Diary!

**Trull Village Farmer's
Market:**

Saturdays 12th May and 16th
June from 10:00 to 12:00 at the
Memorial Hall.

Stalls available at £5 from Val
Granger: Tel. 01823 421237 or
Email

val@woollyshepherd.co.uk

Bells, Sticks & Hankies

Tuesday 22nd May at 8 pm
Taunton Deane Morris Men's
Annual Dance outside Trull
Church at junction of Wild Oak
Lane and Church Road.

Polly 'n' Sue

Our Police Community Support Officer, Polly Livingstone, now has an assistant, Police Community Support Officer Sue Thompson (9273). She can be contacted by emailing susan.thompson@avonandsomers.et.police.uk or Mobile Number 07825125108.

Wasteful?

With the Government looking for more recycling of waste, and local councils looking to increase the times between waste collection and reduce the amount collected, I have recently experienced longer queues at the local waste disposal sites. Only four cars at a time were allowed into a new, large complex and the skips were full. I had to take my building waste home again - some people might have been tempted to consider fly tipping. If you need to dispose of gardening waste, you might consider a bargain Compost Bin from “Recycle”. For details, contact them on Tel: 0845 0770757 or email

www.recyclenow.com/compost.

Quote ref. HCA1

Retiring Councillors

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Biased

The Taunton Bowling Club at Vivary Park are offering free bowling to prospective new members on their Open Weekend Days of Sat/Sun 19/20 May and 28/29 July between 2:00-6:00pm. Contact Mike Clarke on 01823 461468 for details.