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# Trull Parish Council Newsletter

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June 2007

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## By appointment

The following councillor responsibilities were allocated at the start of May's meeting:

**Chairman:** Geoff Hewett

**Deputy Chairman:** Sid French

**Allotments:** Clerk(Steve Watts)

**Highways:** Nick Hancock

**Footpaths:** John White\*

**Planning (Advisory):** Don Archer & Ann Hudson

**Playing Field:** Jo Wooldridge

**Trees:** Peter Parris

**Trull Action Plan:** Sid French

**Trull School:** Jo Wooldridge

**Trull Village Memorial Halls:**

Jo Wooldridge

**SALC:** Ann Hudson

**Website:** Jo Wooldridge

\*John White, a local member of the Ramblers' Association, has offered to undertake the footpaths role on a voluntary basis, although not wishing to join the Council. He will provide periodic reports when necessary.

When the council is brought up to full strength, some of the responsibilities may be re-allocated.

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## Encampment

Although outside the parish boundaries, Trull Parish Council is lending its support to Pitminster Parish Council in regard to an application to site six gipsy caravans at Fosgrove Paddock, Pitminster.

The present resident had obtained permission for the site for himself some ten years ago, and now seeks change of use to rent out six pitches. Access to the site is poor, and the application appears to contravene TDBC planning policies

## Your Parish Needs You!

Three vacancies exist on the Parish Council, as only 7 Councillors were nominated at last month's election to fill the 10 places. The Parish Council is hoping to co-opt three further Councillors at its June meeting. So please consider putting yourself or another suitable person (with their consent!) forward.

The Parish Council can do its job best if its membership reflects the make-up of the parish. A balance of ages, backgrounds and genders is highly desirable. The Parish Council has important responsibilities in respect of planning, recreation and other aspects of life in Trull. So it's a worthwhile voluntary job – and it's also enjoyable. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, which hopefully will not recur for another four years, please contact the Chairman or Clerk – see contact details overleaf.

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## Up the Poll

It's your chance to state your preference! Everybody on the electoral roll should have received a ballot paper about the reorganisation of local councils in Somerset. Please consider the options, complete the ballot and post it off, as a higher level of return will carry more weight with national and local politicians. Pros and Cons can be viewed respectively on the websites: [www.somerset.gov.uk](http://www.somerset.gov.uk) under "One Somerset"; and [www.tauntondeane.gov.uk](http://www.tauntondeane.gov.uk) under "Team Somerset".

## Regional Spatial Strategy

In June 2006, TDBC Planning Development Officer Ralph Willoughby-Foster attended the Parish Council meeting to discuss aspects of the Strategy with councillors and members of the public. It was a very interesting and helpful occasion. He will be updating us at the June 2007 Parish Council meeting, including the discussion on the plans for the Taunton area at the Examination in Public of the Strategy in Exeter the week before. He is also likely to explain how Trull may be affected by housing, etc. from 2012 onwards, so do come along.

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## Park-ing Usage

The council has agreed to Trull School Head's request for use of the bottom of the playing field to park vehicles for the Annual Fete on 22<sup>nd</sup> June between 2:30 – 7:00 pm.

Party-in-the-Park '08 Chairman, Barry Bloxham, has requested that a member of the Council join the working group to help plan and organise the event and activities. The matter will be considered when the Council is up to full strength.

Following comments from a member of the public, one of the cradle swing seats is to be repaired, and clippings and branches from work to the Wyatt's Field footpath will be removed.

Requests for picnic tables in the playing field have been received, and the Council are considering the type and location of them.

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## Sore Spot

Where do you feel tired and in need of somewhere to rest those weary legs, and have a wonderful vista to gaze over?

In the April 2007 Newsletter we asked for suggestions on where we could site a new bench we had – but received a nil response. Please pass your suggestions to the Parish Clerk now, and we can discuss them on the 18<sup>th</sup> June.

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## Path - ethic

Locals are having difficulties accessing the footpath adjacent to Thatched Cottage on Honiton Road (T 21/30), and the problem has been referred to the SCC Rights of Way team. We are chasing up the team about the agreed improvements to the footpath access into Trull Meadow from Wild Oak Lane.

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## Planning Matters

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

- Farm track from Kibbear Farm to near Brown's Elm
  - Porch & store/workshop at Lower Kibbear Farm
  - Conservatory at 95 Killams Green
  - New house at 4 Patrick's Way
  - Replacement garage and new access at 1 White Lodge Cottages, Dipford Road.
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## Trull Parish

### Council Meeting

18<sup>th</sup> June 2007 @ 7:15 pm

Venue: Pearce Suite,

Trull Memorial Hall

Speaker: TDBC Planning Development Officer Ralph Willoughby-Foster will update us on the Regional Spatial Strategy.

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## A Bridge too far?

The bridge railings in Mill Lane are unsafe, and Somerset Highways has agreed to both repair them and strengthen the bridge. The bridge will be closed whilst work is carried out and SH is currently negotiating alternative car parking facilities for Haygrove residents.

Somerset Highways will be undertaking surface dressing to Daw's Green Road and Little Canonsgrove Lane in early August. Beware of Chips!

Attention has been focused on our narrow roads and difficulties encountered by ever-larger delivery vehicles. If you are taking delivery of goods at home, please let the supplier know of situation, i.e. narrow roads and entrances, lack of turning spaces, school traffic, etc.

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## LAWB

County Councillor Stephen Martin-Scott reported on the progress of the Local Area Working Board. Full details can be seen in the May 2007 PC minutes.

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## Minutes posted

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

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## Local Diary!

**Trull Village Farmers' Market:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June from 10:00 to 12:00 at the Memorial Hall.

**Trull School Annual Summer Fête:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at Trull School – parking available on the playing field 2:30 – 7:30pm

**Trull Short Mat Bowls Club Coffee Morning:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 10:00-11:45am in Memorial Hall. Bring & Buy plus book stall.

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## Footpaths

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