
Trull Parish Council Newsletter

August 2007

New Estate?

Mr. Felix Marsh, Housing Enabler for the Community Council for Somerset, gave a presentation on Affordable Housing to the July PC meeting.

The project has been running for 5 years, with 150 groups nationally, and 25 projects currently running involving 90 affordable houses. The reason for the low number of homes completed to date is the 3-year lead from conception to start of the build. They are gradually gaining momentum, but one can see where delays occur in the following process stages:

- Meetings with PC.
 - Assessing local needs by survey.
 - Survey analysis and report back to PC.
 - Location of suitable building sites (either **expansion sites**: close outside existing building limits, where only affordable housing would be permitted; or **infill sites**: affordable mixed in with other housing projects).
 - Obtaining district council support for project.
 - Negotiating land purchase.
 - Obtaining planning permission.
 - Securing funding.
 - Providing homes to let, or in co-ownership, to local people so they can reside in their village.
- Further information in leaflet form can be obtained from Rural Housing Project, Victoria House, Victoria Street, Taunton TA1 3JZ, tel. 331222.
- The Parish Plan, drafted by TAP (Trull Action Plan) and adopted by the Parish Council two years ago, committed us to initiating “a housing needs

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feasibility study in the Trull and Staplehay area”. This would be the next stage in the process described above. We will be considering this further at our September PC meeting.

In the meantime, **Summerfield Developments (SW) Ltd is holding a meeting at Trull Memorial Hall between 2:00 and 6:30 pm on Thursday 9th August to enable interested parties to view the plans for its proposed Comeytrove Road development** (in the field to the west of the road, immediately past the stile and 90° bend at the end of the present development going from Trull to Comeytrove). This is outside the present settlement limits, and designated as agricultural land in the Local Plan. The developers are hoping that TDBC would regard it as an “expansion site” (see first column), on the condition that the housing was sold only to local people at a discounted rate, which would legally be imposed on any subsequent resales to prevent profiteering. Neither the Parish Council nor TDBC had been made aware of these proposals prior to the announcement in the latest copy of the County Gazette.

The meeting is for the developers to ‘test the water’, to see how acceptable the proposal would be locally. So please go along, ask your questions and state your views. Or phone Summerfield on 01823 257961. Although no formal planning application has been made, the Parish Council will be considering its response to this early consultation at its September meeting.

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“Party-on”

Barry Bloxham extends many thanks to those people who kindly completed questionnaires, the result of which were considered by the organising committee at its recent first meeting for ‘Party in the Park 2008’ (PiP08).

Some helpful comments came forward which the committee would like to implement, if possible. Some suggestions involved additional expenditure. Currently, no entry fees are charged, and PiP08 are reliant only on programme advertising /sponsorship and a proportion of the stalls’ takings in order to meet their budget. If anyone can assist in helping raise additional funding please let them know, as some of these other ideas could then be considered. PiP08 is planned for Sat. 12th July 2008.

Castles in the Sky?

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

- rear conservatory at 46 Killams Green
 - amended scheme for replacement dwelling at 34 Church Road.
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Trull Parish Council Meeting

17th September 2007 @ 7:15

Venue: Pearce Suite,
Trull Memorial Hall

If an additional meeting is needed to consider urgent planning matters, this will be at 7.15 pm on Monday 20th August. It will be advertised on posters and the website.

Minutes can be viewed at the Post Office and website.

Up-beat?

How is everyone? I'm Kelly Browning (7309), the new PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) on the Trull beat, and I hope to keep you in touch regularly with topical things from the Police.

Getting on with the gardening chores I hope, including casting a critical eye over your home security at the same time. At the moment it appears that domestic burglary has taken a down turn in the last six months. Now we, the law-abiding citizens, are getting a grip with prevention and detection we MUST maintain an upper hand. **Please don't get complacent.** It would be a dreadful thing if the reason crime returns to your conversations is because we made it easy. **Help us to help you help yourselves.** It's free advice about a costly problem. Now you've had your rest reading the newsletter, get back to the thoughts about tidying the garden. Add a prickly plant to that list of how to enhance that low wall or fence. You know it makes sense.

Remember that I am here to be contacted. My mobile phone number is 07917529465 or 01823 363657 ext 97309. I will always get back to you. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kids Recycled

Trull School has signed up to a recycling programme called 'Recycocool', which turns old mobile phones, PDA handsets and used printer cartridges into cash as a fund raising activity. So please save these until September.

Local Diary!

Trull Village Farmers' Market,
Saturday 18th August from 10:00 to 12:00 at the Memorial Hall.

T-Way

John White, who leads on footpaths for the PC, has received responses from last month's newsletter request for assistance. A number of footpaths have been "adopted" by people who regularly walk them, and who are prepared to report problems. He hopes to have most footpaths regularly covered like this in due course. He also reported that:

- An email from SCC confirmed that repairs to two stiles and a step on T29/21 (Chilliswood Farm to Sellicks Green) are in hand.

- He is meeting with Sid French and a member of the SCC Rights of Way team (ROWT) for on-site discussions about T29/1 (Trull Meadow), to follow up the proposal for a more accessible entrance, a new fence line and an all-weather surface into the field. But we were warned that budgetary constraints may delay any work.

- John has reported problems with footpath signs on T21/5 (Cotlake Hill) and T21/7 (Brown's Elm – Kibbear) to the ROWT.

- On footpath T21/2 (Amberd Lane to Pitminster) there has been difficulty accessing the footpath from the first stile, and passing through the second gateway, because the ground is waterlogged through recent heavy rain. Sid French has dealt with the gateway problem, and the stile access is in hand. Our thanks to him for making this popular walk to Three Bridges more accessible.

Footpaths

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