
Trull Parish Council Newsletter

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Location, Location

A location has been agreed in principal for the siting of a new notice board to the east of the telephone box at Staplehay.

The manufacturer, Notice-it Ltd, would install the board to the mounting posts, but not excavate the necessary holes due to potential damage to underground service or utility supplies. So a qualified contractor would be sought for this work.

The council will find out if planning permission or an advertising licence is required, together with any requirements from the County Highways Department, before proceeding further.

Playing Safe

Work is complete on repairs to the slide and see-saw, and the equipment will be reinstated as soon as possible. Replacement swings are also ready for collection, and should be in place soon.

Meanwhile, following changes to safety legislation, the council is considering the best surface to use around the roundabout, including the possibility of matting with sand.

Further to recent discussions regarding more community involvement in the playing fields, the council is hoping to engage with members of the public at the next Party in the Park event on 12th July 2008. It hopes to staff a stall giving information on the relevant issues, and offering interested people a chance to comment.

Highways

Despite recent excavations along Eastbrook Terrace and Eastbrook Hill, the Council is still concerned about the possibility of excess water on the road surface during heavy rain. The ditch on the left hand side of the road from Brown's Elm towards Eastbrook is retaining stagnant water and any overspill runs down Eastbrook Hill, causing deterioration of the road surface. Following a suggestion from a member of the public, they are keen to identify the network of drains which have been hidden over the years and may be contributing to the problem. The best results would be achieved if they were uncovered manually rather than by machine.

Planning

The Parish Council decided to make **no objection** to

- 2 Southwell Close, Trull.
Erection of first floor extension and single garage to side.
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Forward Planning

Outline planning applications for two affordable housing schemes are due to be heard at the next PC meeting, which will take place in the School Hall to accommodate interested members of the public.

West of England Developments, in association with Falcon Housing, is seeking support for 8 affordable houses on a disused orchard site opposite Dipford Cottage in Dipford Road. Summerfield Developments is bringing forward a scheme for 58 such homes on land to the west of Comeytrove Road, immediately beyond the present row of properties on the left as you leave Trull.

The Parish Council will be submitting its recommendations to

Taunton Deane BC, whose Planning Committee will make the final decision, subject to appeal to a Government Inspector in the event of refusal.

Get Involved

Local citizens are invited to attend a free residential training course in Community Involvement at the Cleve Hotel, Mantle Street, Wellington, on Wednesday and Thursday: 23rd & 24th April.

Community Involvement includes things like setting up an out of school club, standing as a local councillor, becoming a school governor, being a member of a tenants' association, being part of a sports or arts club, running an environmental group.

The training course is for anyone who has thought they would like to become more involved in what goes on in their community, but have not known how to set about it; or is involved in their community and would like to improve their skills.

The course includes overnight accommodation at The Cleve and places will be limited. Support will be available for childcare, travel and for any other kind of help that may be needed to enable people to participate.

Application forms can be obtained from Val Saunders 01458 253224; Email:

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Trull PC Meeting

17th March 2008 @ 7.15 pm

Trull Primary School Hall

Minutes of February's meeting can be viewed at the Post Office and on the website.

Efforts Fail

Attempts by the parish council to resolve the problem of tall hedges and trees shading out light to the allotments on Wild Oak Lane have drawn a blank. Residents in Ladylawn were invited to consider having their trees pruned and hedges laid, but none are in favour of such measures.

Home and Dry

A meeting of the Trustees of the Corfe, Pitminster and Trull Almshouses reported that £5,000 has been spent on roof and drainage work to the properties. Advice is now being sought on whether the poor condition of the render may be contributing to dampness, which might call for more radical work to be undertaken.

Orderly Conduct

The Trull Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) has remarked on the subject of antisocial behaviour which is topical at the moment. The police or other agencies can apply to the courts for an Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) to be imposed on persistent offenders, and failure to comply with these orders can see individuals being sent to prison. Fortunately there are very few situations in our area that warrant such an approach. The police also work closely with local youth services and the Youth Offending Team to deter youths from causing anti-social behaviour. If you want more information or to find out ways to report anti-social behaviour telephone Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator, Kate Rollinson on 01823 363210. The usual number is 0845 456 7000 for requests for assistance.

Off Road News

John White, our Footpath Liaison Officer, has reported that two trees which were blown down across footpaths leading up to Cotlake Hill have been removed; and a number of new finger posts have been installed around the parish. Access to the footpath T29/12A from Comeytrove Road has been made safe by building new steps and removing the stile. Although the standard of work was complimented it has been requested that a new stile is put in place, as it forms an entrance to farmland. The Council is considering the possibility of making it safer for pedestrians crossing Pokes Lane at the bottom of the drive to The Bell House and Bell House Cottage. It has decided to look into the options after hearing a request for the gates either side of the drive to be replaced or repaired, in order to stop children on cycles and scooters crossing the drive at speed. However, there are fears that closing gates could hamper access for wheelchair users.

Local Diary

Trull Scout Group Jumble Sale: Saturday March 8th, Trull Memorial Hall, 2pm. Entry 20p.
Trull Village Memorial Halls AGM: Monday March 10th, Pearce Suite, Trull Memorial Hall, 7pm. Everyone welcome. Vacancies exist for new members.

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