
Trull Parish Council Newsletter

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No Change

At the May Parish Council meeting, Geoff Hewett was reappointed as Council Chairman with Sid French as Deputy Chairman for the forthcoming year. The other councillors also resumed their individual responsibilities, as set out in the final column.

The Hump

Children have made unauthorised extensions to the BMX humps on the playing field again, and the current situation raised health & safety concerns at the Parish Council meeting. The area needs to be reinstated as quickly as possible and, if the vandalism continues, the council may have to consider banning cycles from the playing field. It was agreed that the first effective approach should be to make local people aware of the situation through the Newsletter, and ask PCSO Kelly Browning (tel. 0791 7529 465) to look into the problem.

Gordon Hart has done an excellent job in restoring two of the older benches in the playing field, reusing the existing seats by turning them over.

RoSPA will be carrying out the annual inspection of the play equipment, some of which is new or has recently been extensively refurbished, during June.

Stoned Again

During this June, Church Road, Eastbrook Terrace, Kibbear Lane, Mill Lane and Brookside Close will be resurfaced. Please keep speeds down and avoid tight turns, which can cause damage both to the road and other vehicles.

Field of Dreams?

The playing field is perhaps the Parish Council's most prominent – and certainly most expensive – responsibility. Much effort has recently gone into bringing the play equipment up to standard, protecting the field from dog fouling, and improving the footpath at the bottom with a better surface and spring flowers. And the field is now regularly used on Saturday mornings during the football season by the Galmington Dragons.

So where do we go from here? The Parish Plan committed us to continuing to consult with local residents of all ages about the development of our parish facilities. So at Party in the Park – see below – there will be an opportunity for you to let us know what you would like to see on the playing field. For instance we have a spare bench: where would it be best placed? We can't promise to provide everything you suggest; but we can promise to listen to your ideas, and to discuss them thoroughly at the Parish Council.

Soggy Under Foot

It was reported at the Parish Council meeting that there were no particular problems with Trull Footpaths at the present.

- SCC ROW team is intending to replace a footbridge at T21/33 near Sweethay Lane.
 - During late June new gates will be installed in Pokes Lane where it crosses the Bell House drive.
 - The blocked drain at Carter's Way is to be examined, hopefully without damage to the path, and a decision made when the exact problem is known.
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Party in the Park

Saturday 12th July
2:00 – 10:30pm

King George V Playing Field

A full and varied programme has been planned to suit all ages. Programmes are available from Trull Stores, Trull Post Office and the Winchester Arms for only 50p. There is also a talk about the early history of our church on Saturday morning, and an exhibition tracing its development over 700 years in the Parish Rooms over the weekend.

As there is limited parking in the Memorial Car Park, there will be overflow parking at the bottom of the Playing Field. Please give priority to disabled people. Why not walk to the Party?

Help is required in setting up on Saturday morning. Please contact Barry Bloxham (Tel: 279595)

You Take the ...

Somerset Highways has:

- undertaken patching work in Kibbear Lane, but has not yet diverted the underground spring
 - has yet to liaise regarding work to the bridge at Mill Lane
 - has yet to undertake further work to the ditches at Brown's Elm.
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Park-Drive-Chop

The Parish Council decided to support planning applications for:

- garage at 7 Orchard Close
 - new access and driveway at Oakwood House, Dipford.
 - Felling of several trees and management work to others at Earlswood House, Gatchell Green
 - Conversion of garage for living space at 93 Killams Green.
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Written Word

Our thanks go to Becky Howat for her excellent work in producing the Parish Newsletter over the last four months.

Cold Snap

No, nothing to do with 30-40°C temperatures on my recent travels, although it is cold and damp here!

Avon & Somerset Police are working with Trading Standards to stamp out 'cold callers'.

Unscrupulous individuals prey on the vulnerable by targeting an area, knocking on doors and offering services such as building work, resurfacing drives, gardening, etc., often quoting low prices and escalating the price when they claim unforeseen problems.

If your home does require work, take some simple precautions to protect yourself against becoming a victim of rogue traders.

- Always obtain quotes from at least three companies or ask family or friends for recommendations.
- If you are approached by cold callers who arouse suspicion or you feel intimidated, notify the police on 08454 456 7000.
- If the cold caller is genuine they will not object to being checked out.
- Our advice is that you do not employ the services of cold callers. Word will soon get around that our community is not a 'soft touch'.

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Trull Parish Council Meeting

16th June 2008 @ 7.15 pm

The Pearce Suite
Trull Memorial Hall

All welcome. Minutes of May's meeting can be viewed at the Post Office or on the website.

From On High

• Taunton Deane Borough Council Planning Committee, at its meeting on 22nd May, endorsed the recommendations of its officers and refused planning permission for both the affordable housing schemes in Trull, in Comeytrowe Road and Dipford Road.

The latter was deemed to be too far from the village facilities to justify building on agricultural land – the guideline of no more than 400 metres was quoted.

All the multiple objections to the former scheme were upheld, particularly the unsuitability of Comeytrowe Road for any additional traffic, and the vulnerability of the area to flooding. But, rather ominously, the likely eventual use of those fields for housing was anticipated, in the comment that any piecemeal building there would prevent proper planned development of the area. We will know more when the final version of the Regional Spatial Strategy is published by the government later in the year.

So are we back at square one as far as affordable housing in Trull is concerned? Well not quite. At least we have our Survey of Housing Need, proving that a modest scheme is required locally. This was acknowledged by the planning officers, who recommended "that efforts should be redirected towards finding a more suitable site elsewhere within the village to meet the current and future local needs for affordable housing". The search goes on.

Footpaths

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