
Trull Parish Council Newsletter

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Maurice

At the June PC meeting, the Chairman referred to the recent death of Maurice Collard age 93. He had lived in the Parish for most of his life, and was extensive involvement in local activities such as the Parish Council, the Memorial Halls, Trull Church, St. John Ambulance and Trull School. Condolence had been sent to his wife Jean, and it was agreed by all that his commitment to the community would be sorely missed.

Pot of Gold?

As part of the Local Initiatives Budget scheme, each County Councillor has access to funding to address their local community's one-off needs outside of that raised by local precepts. It complements the £5,000 Community Budget Scheme, giving a potential sum of £20,000. Within the strict criteria for the funding, each Councillor could make a maximum of five applications between the ranges of £2,000 to £15,000. Suggestions discussed were resurfacing of Pokes Lane, and an extension to the low walling at the Church Road end of Pokes Lane.

Taking Notice

John White was thanked for his work in preparing and treating the boards at the entrance to the car park and at the school.

Sir Les Patterson?

SCC has recently appointed staff to develop a culture strategy for Somerset.

Party in the Park

Saturday 12th July

2:00 – 10:30pm

King George V Playing Field

Programmes are available from Trull Stores, Trull Post Office and the Winchester Arms for only 50p. Parking is available in the Memorial Car Park and also at the bottom of the Playing Field. Help is required in setting up on Saturday morning and taking down of stalls etc. on Sunday. Contact Barry Bloxham (Tel: 279595).

To mark the 700th anniversary of Trull Church, Mark McDermott will be giving a talk on its early history at 11am on the Saturday; an exhibition tracing its history will be in the Parish Rooms on Saturday and Sunday; and an open-air Songs of Praise will be held on the Glebe Land opposite the church at 3:30pm on Sunday, followed by a cream tea.

Affordable Homes

Following the TDBC's refusal of both planning applications for affordable homes in Trull, the PC reconfirmed that it had long supported the provision of small-scale affordable housing as recommended in the Trull Parish Plan. West of England Homes was not intending to appeal against the decision at Dipford Road, and was actively looking for alternative suitable sites within Trull.

Trull Parish Council Meeting

21st July 2008 @ 7.15 pm

The Pearce Suite

Trull Memorial Hall

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

Supportive

Trull Parish Lands Charity Annual Report revealed that allocations of the income received from the capital investment, after expenses, was £13,522. This was apportioned between Trull Church and Trull School, with a further £8,493 being distributed to 34 separate Trull and Galmington beneficiaries, many of whom were students. A balance of £6,345 would be carried forward for future years. The Charity's capital has a current value of £455,100.

No Spring Chicken

Are you having sleepless nights listening out for those familiar quarterly chimes? Trull Church Clock has not worked properly for some time with irregular time keeping, chimes missing and other problems. Hopefully, final repairs and adjustments made to the clock this week will have a lasting effect.

Park-Drive-Chop

The Parish Council decided to **make no comment** on the planning application for:

- installation of replacement windows on the southern and western elevations of Little Kibbear, Trull, a listed building;

and to support applications for:

- erection of single storey extension with balcony over existing flat roof element to rear of Farthing Cottage, Higher Comeytrove, Trull

- felling of eight trees & management of others at Canonsgrove Halls of Residence, Staplehay.

- erection of single storey extension and two-storey extension to form garage and annex at The Old Rectory, Wild Oak Lane, Trull.

Polygon

PC Claire Griffiths 3857, assisted by PCSO Kelly Browning (mob: 07917529465), has recently taken over from PC Polly Livingstone as Trull Beat Manager. Claire's contact details are: mob: 07717700671 or email: claire.griffiths@avonandsomerset.police.uk Kelly states:

"Community intelligence is crucial to modern day policing. If you witness a crime or any suspicious behaviour, make a note of the vehicle's registration number or descriptions of people involved and let us know. All information received is analysed and either 'hotspot' locations or offenders are targeted. Police officers are briefed at the beginning of their tour of duty and are directed where to patrol based on the most up-to-date intelligence.

The Police are constantly carrying out operations and investigations, many of which by their nature are kept secret, but your information could prove to be the missing part of the jigsaw. Recent successes in intelligence-led policing have resulted in drug seizures. By deploying resources by this method there has been a 41% decrease in theft from motor vehicles this year.

Information should be passed either to the Force Service Centre (tel: 08454567000) or Crime-stoppers (tel: 0800555111). All information is treated in the strictest confidence."

.....And Byways

It had been noted that speed limit and other signs, around the village, were obscured by overgrown vegetation. Somerset Highways is to be asked to address the situation. It was also noted that delayed road maintenance work was now in hand.

Stylish

It was reported at the Parish Council meeting that:

- The second stile in from the road on footpath T21/5 from Kibbear Lane to Cotlake Hill is in poor condition and needs attention.

- A dead elm has fallen across the footpath T21/35 adjacent to Trull Tennis Club and is leaning on the back of the clubhouse. Although no damage has been done, the tree needs to be removed. A piece has been cut out of the tree to allow access along the path.

- Reports that the footpaths around Chilliswood Farm are difficult to access because of overgrown vegetation is to be investigated and remedial work carried out where possible.

The bench at the top of Cotlake Hill had been removed to the adjacent copse. It was evident that a person had been living rough in this area and using the bench. Stronger brackets would be needed when it is reinstated back onto its concrete plinth.

An examination of the blocked drain at Carter's Way revealed that the drain diverted under the garden of the adjacent property and a tree in the garden was the probable cause of the blockage. Investigations are on-going.

The landscaped area beside Carter's Way has now had its scheduled summer weeding and a mulch of wood chippings has been applied.

Going, Going, Gong

The names of a number of suitable candidates were proposed and will be considered for the SCC Chairman's Service to the Community Award next year.

Footpaths

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