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# Trull Parish Council Newsletter

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## Local Rave!

Party in the Park 2008 along with Trull Church's heptacentennial events proved again to be very popular with locals and visitors. Our congratulations go to Barry Bloxham, the PitP team, Adrian, the Church Team, Trull Scouts and others for their hard work in organising a fun and entertaining day for all ages. Mark McDermott is also thanked for his enlightening talk on the early history of the church.

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## Getting Noticed

The Parish Council wishes to thank John White for his excellent work in repainting the two name boards at the Memorial Hall entrance and Trull School. His skills saved the Council a considerable expense.

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## Cut above the rest!

The Parish Council's thanks go to Ron Vining for his efforts in trimming the vegetation overhanging the pavement along Honiton Road from the Dipford Road junction to Gatchell Oaks.

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## Hanging About

New gates have now been installed where Pokes Lane crosses the Bell House drive.

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## Next Full Parish Council Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> September 2008 @ 7.15 pm  
Pearce Suite, Memorial Hall

Depending on the receipt of planning applications, a planning meeting may have to be convened on 18<sup>th</sup> August at 7:15 pm. Please check on website to confirm details.

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## Might Oaks

Representatives were given a three-foot oak sapling at the WI National Conference recently, as part of their green environmental campaign. The trees were donated by Sainsbury's and the Woodland Trust, to plant somewhere locally. Peter Parris, our Parish Council Tree Warden, has had recent experience of the difficulties of establishing this particular species. He would be glad of suggestions for a suitable site – please contact him on 284873.

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## Death Knell!

Sid French reported to the PC on his recent attendance at TDBC seminar on national changes to the current 'planning obligations' (Section 106) arrangements. It is proposed that the current system be replaced by a more systematic, less ad hoc, basis by the introduction of a flat rate fee that would be linked to the development of new-build properties. The amount to be charged will be decided locally and TDBC's draft proposal was for a charge of £13,597, plus administrative and legal charges, per property, based on the estimated costs of necessary community infrastructure e.g. education provision; play and sports facilities; and support to the Arts.

The present requirement to provide a proportion of affordable homes would remain as is and they would be subject to the above charge. The charge could be varied in particular circumstances – for example, housing for the elderly would be exempt from the education and play elements.

In the current housing market, the initial response from developers has not been favourable.

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## Dragon's Den

Simon Trump, Chairman of the Dragons Football Team, reported that a recent break-in to the pavilion on the playing field had caused damage to the panelling of the access door, which has since been repaired and strengthened. The Community Support Police Officer has been informed, and there was a suggestion that the damage had been caused by youths from outside of the area, possibly linked to the Castle School Prom, as there had been other associated disturbances. Fortunately nothing appeared to have been stolen. The PC is fully supportive of the Club and thanked Mr. Trump for his encouraging report.

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## Bench Mark?

The bench beside the footpath on the Trull side of Cotlake Hill has now been put back securely in its original position, having been 'borrowed' by someone living rough in the area.

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## Blown Away!

Pupils and teachers of Trull School had extracurricular activities on the penultimate day of the school year, when the parent of one of the pupils arranged the landing of a Royal Navy Sea King Helicopter on the playing field. The helicopter was there for over an hour, during which time some pupils had a guided tour. MoD Police are investigating a rumour that the reception class's Teddy Bear "Trull Ted", who went missing at the time, stowed away onboard for the flight back to Yeovilton. The red faced, oily, bear was returned on the following Wednesday.

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## Dizzy?

This year's RoSPA report on the playing field play equipment identified several items needing attention:

- **Roundabout** - Protruding bolt threads to the underside of the roundabout had again been classed as a high risk despite recent efforts to address this issue. As it was a matter of some urgency, the bolts are to be ground down using specialist equipment. (There has been a suggestion to move the roundabout to the top of the playing field – what do you think?)

- **Timber climbing frame** - There was insufficient safety surfacing to comply with the current safety standards, some timber supports were rotten and various bolts were missing, although not of immediate concern.

- **Free standing slide** - The safety surfacing and barrier did not meet with the current standards. These items were not of immediate concern and will be addressed when time and resources become available.

Findings from the Party in the Park survey for park improvements will be presented at the next PC meeting.

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## Know your Onions

Probably because of rising food prices and the growing waiting list for allotments, it has been noted that the standard of Trull's allotments are currently very high, with the plot of Mr. Simon Moore (No. 10A) of particular note. If you pass that way please look, but do not pick!

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## New Councillor?

Congratulations to Councillor Fiona Drew and husband Steve on the recent birth of their daughter Holly.

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## Park-Drive-Chop

The Parish Council decided to **support** the planning applications for:

- Siting of an agricultural worker's mobile home for a period of three years at Hamwood Farm, Daw's Green;

- Erection of metal storage building on the site of timber building (to be demolished) at Trull Memorial Hall.

TDBC had requested any observations that the PC may have on the following applications that were outside of the Parish boundary. The PC decided **not to comment** on applications for:

- Demolition of existing building and erection of three detached dwellings with associated garaging at The Croft, Stonegallows, Taunton;

- Erection of two dwellings within the residential curtilage at The Croft, Stonegallows.

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## TAP

Trull Parish Plan, which reflects villagers' viewpoints on numerous aspects of how our village should be developed, and would also be the basis for accessing further funding, is overdue a revision – it was completed in 2005. (If you don't have a copy and would like one, please contact Don Archer on 333394).

Members of the Trull Action Plan group, which originally drafted it, plus two Parish Councillors, will be reviewing it in the autumn, to assess which of its recommendations still need implementation and what other issues need to be tackled. Watch out for their public consultation.

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## Footpaths

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All welcomed to PC Meetings. Minutes of July's meeting can be viewed at Post Office or on website.

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