

Trull Parish Council Newsletter

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Red Carpet

Trull PC and many locals were pleased to hear that at a recent ceremony in Glastonbury, David Marks was presented with a Somerset County Council Chairman's 'Service to the Community' Award in recognition of his forty years plus service as a local Scout Leader. Our warm congratulations to David on a very well-earned award.

Resigned

Because of family and work pressures, Simon Jeffrey has tendered his resignation as a councillor. He will be missed. If you want to become involved in helping run our parish, please see the advertisements placed on local Notice boards and contact the Parish Clerk (details over).

Tap on the Head

The 2005 Parish Plan is being reviewed and an addendum to the plan updating its contents is to be produced. There are some items that can be easily addressed like the planting of more flowers and trees around Trull, so please watch this space! Additional dog loos were also under consideration although any increase on the current maintenance charge of £600 p.a. for three bins would impact on the precept.

It was noted that the Bus shelter needs maintenance; and a pedestrian crossing is needed for Honiton Road, although SCC previously considered it not to be cost effective.

Everyone welcome

Over-development

SCC, TDBC and Comeytrove PC are all opposing the inclusion in the latest draft of the Regional Spatial Strategy of 3,000 dwellings for the south-western side of Taunton. Trull PC has added its support to this objection, and has urged the Government Office for the South West (GOSW) to revert to the original plan concentrating new housing in Taunton itself and in a north-east urban extension. The objection is because the intrusion into green-field farming land will have a negative impact on Trull and the associated amenities; and the increase in scale is not deliverable either by the planning authorities or the developers.

The Works

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

- Erection of a single storey rear extension at 71, Killams Green
- Construction of a new driveway at Oakwood House, Dipford
- Erection of a single storey extension to front elevation at The Bell Cottage, Staplehay
- Erection of a steel framed cattle storage area at Hunters Oak, Sweethay
- Erection of seven affordable homes and two affordable flats on Land opposite Dipford Cottage, Dipford Road.

And to **object** to:

- Erection of a dwelling on land adjacent to 2, Church Road.

Stop Vandalism

Following the monthly inspection of the playing field the follow was reported:

- A milk crate had been taken from Trull pre-school and the bottles smashed around the playing field. The glass, on both tarmac and grass, has been cleared up where found, together with numerous empty beer cans and Police advised.

- It was noted that some owners are still letting their dogs off the lead in the playing field, contrary to local byelaws.

Please pick up a copy of the playing field users questionnaire from Trull Stores and let us know what playing field improvements you would like, as TDBC has a limited amount of funding available for a 50% grant on purchasing play equipment. This item will be discussed at the budget setting meeting in December, so please return the questionnaire as soon as possible. The PC wishes to thank George Langdon for cutting the hedges around the field.

Recycling Leeks

At the Allotments meeting a number of issues were raised, such as overhanging trees from Ladylawn and a possible mains water supply leak that would need to be addressed at a later date. Allotment holders are hoping to reduce the burning of waste material by setting up a communal composting system.

The PC is also supplying more compost for usage on the allotment.

Next Trull PC Meeting

Thursday 20th November 2008

@ 7.15 pm

Main Hall, Memorial Hall

Please note meeting not on usual 3rd Monday in month

Highways

At a recent meeting with the Somerset Highways (SH) manager, the following issues were discussed:

- An assessment of local pavements requiring sealing was underway, funding permitting.
- Blocked gullies and water congregation points on Honiton Road are being attended to.
- Hedge cutting, e.g. in Comeytrove Road, is the landowner's responsibility, and SH will only cut for safety reasons.
- Structural repairs to Mill Lane Bridge have not progressed and Mr. Peter Radford of SH structures section is to advise of the current position. The missing resurfacing work in Mill Lane will be rectified in 2009
- The speed limits in a number of areas, such as Eastbrook and Church Road, are to be reviewed.
- The persistent drainage issues at Eastbrook/Amberd Lane may be caused by incorrect surface levels, so the roads there are to be re-levelled.

Landslide

Many of you might have already noticed that the footpath following Sherford Stream from the Winchester Arms to Amberd Lane is closed and it will remain closed for approximately 6-months.

The problem lies near the waterfall with an overflow pipe, which has subsided and the footpath is in danger of collapsing with it. Major reconstruction work is necessary before the path can be reopened. Poke Lane provides a safe alternative route between Church Road & Amberd Lane.

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Local Diary

Trull Scout Group AGM on Fri. 7th Nov. at 6:30pm in Memorial Hall.

Memorial Hall Jumble Sale on Sat. 8th Nov at 2:30pm.

Trull Film Club's WALL•E on Fri. 14th Nov. at 7:30pm in Memorial Hall.

Quiz Night on Fri. 21st Nov. at 7:30 pm in the Memorial Hall.

Jack and the Bean Stalk runs Thur. 4th, Fri 5th, Sat 6th Dec. at 7:30pm & Matinee Sat. 6th Dec. at 2:30pm in the Memorial Hall. Tickets available from Trull Stores and Post Office.