
Trull Parish Council Newsletter

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New Lamps for...

No! Not the pantomime again, but a change of ownership for our wonderful Trull Stores. Ray and Dee Luke, and Neville Fish, are handing over to a new owner, Terry Hayes.

Many will recall asking for something special and Dee rubbing her "lantern" to make the required items appear as if by magic. The Paper Rounds will continue for three months with Nev in charge, then, he too will be moving on to new things.

To mark their 20 years at Trull Store, the Parish Council is co-ordinating a collection in respect of Dee and Ray's considerable efforts in making the shop an asset to the village, a focal point of our communal spirit, and Trull a nicer place for people to live in.

Considerations (in envelopes) can be given to a local Councillor or to Trevor at Trull Post Office.

Highways

Somerset Highways have been informed again of the flooding on Comeytrowe Road between Horts Cottages and Victoria Terrace. This regularly occurring problem is caused by a blocked gully and has become a traffic safety issue.

Vacancy

The Parish Council has a vacancy and, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, is able to appoint a Councillor under the co-option scheme.

If you are interested in this opportunity and would like to contribute to life within the community, please contact either Geoff Hewett (PC Chairman) or Steve Watts (Clerk) details over.

Evenly Matched

On 19th November, TDBC Planning Committee considered the planning application by West of England Developments for seven affordable houses and two affordable flats on the old orchard site in Dipford Road, opposite Dipford Cottage.

TDBC's Planning Officer recommended refusal, on the grounds that such a development would be in breach of their accepted planning policies. Some dozen residents of Dipford attended to put their case against the scheme. They argued that the site was unsuitable, because of the dangers of traffic and flooding, for its impact on the properties opposite the site, and because it was in open countryside.

The case for the scheme was put by the applicant and his agent, and supported by Falcon Housing Association, the Parish Council, and the TDBC's Housing Enabling Manager and Ward Councillor. They claimed that there was a proven need through the recent Survey; that no more suitable site was available; and that the problems with this site had been greatly exaggerated.

The Councillors were divided, with six in favour and an equal number against. The Chairman used her second, casting, vote against the application, so permission was refused. We wait to hear if the applicant will appeal. If so, it will be finally decided by a government Planning Inspector.

Next Trull PC Meeting

Monday 8th December 2008

@ 7.15 pm

Pearce Suite, Memorial Hall

Everyone welcome

Under Review

At the November PC meeting the Chairman requested possible items for consideration in the 2009/10 budget, to be decided at the budget set meeting on 8th December. He led a discussion on various items and the following were identified:

- Phased resurfacing of Pokes Lane over a three year period, and extension of low walling.
- Development of the web site.
- Play area surfacing.
- Repainting and minor repairs to the changing room in the pavilion and the Honiton Road bus shelter.
- Additional dog waste bin.
- Increased two year quotation for playing field maintenance.
- Barbeque area & picnic tables.
- Cutting back the lime trees at the top of the playing field.

In PACT

CPSO Kelly Browning talked about the Partners And Communities Together (PACT) initiative and requested information of any community issues. The constituent members of the working group, such as the Police, TDBC, Health and Education Authority, would assess all local issues and report on a three-month rolling basis. The problem with parking at Staplehay and Bradbeers would be eligible for consideration. Additional street lighting to the highway adjacent to Bradbeers was raised, and CPSO Browning will take the two items forward to the PACT and update the Council in due course.

Hangover

The majority of Ladylawn residents were not willing to allow any work to be carried out to reduce the height of their trees on the bank beside the allotments to let in light, even though the PC is convinced that a trimmed and layered hedgerow would eventually be in everyone's interest. The estimate is £500 just for trimming the branches overhanging the ditch, and this would make little real impact on the problem. Therefore no work will be carried out to the overhanging trees at the present time.

Footie

The PC are going to ask TDBC to arranged a Play Rangers undertaking risk based play session in the playing field during the next summer.

An adult football team has asked to use the playing field pitch, but because of concerns about adequate facilities, deterioration of the playing surface and the lack of goal posts, an additional football team using the field was not considered feasible.

Underfoot

SCC Rights of Way team has requested a survey to be undertaken of the condition of all parish footpaths and to be provided with feedback. This will take some time as it requires each footpath to be assessed individually. John White is being assisted by Don Archer. Additional help would be welcomed – please contact John White.

To reduce recent complaints about mud and access, the ROW team intend to relocate the kissing gate in the middle of Trull Meadow closer to Sherford Stream.

Cooking the Books

The Memorial Hall's kitchen refurbishment work has started. Ticket sales for the pantomime sold out immediately. An additional performance has now been arranged to cope with the demand – see details below.

Sprouts

Oddly, a suitable site for a W.I. donated Oak tree sapling has yet to be found, although the ideal planting time has now passed. The PC is considering options.

House Collapse

Maybe a reflection of the times, but the PC had no planning applications to consider at the November PC Meeting.

Local Diary

Trull Film Club's *Mama Mia* on Sat. 13th Dec. at 7:30pm in Memorial Hall.

Jack and the Bean Stalk runs Wed. 3rd, Thur. 4th, Fri 5th, Sat 6th Dec. at 7:30pm & Matinee Sat. 6th Dec. at 2:30pm in the Memorial Hall. Only return tickets are available from Juliet Maddren Tel. 284972.

Trull School Christmas Events on Fri. 12th Dec. **Fayre** at 2:30pm and **Carols by Candlelight** at 5.00pm, both in the school.

Call Centres

Both BT telephone kiosks in Trull and Staplehay will remain operational, for the time being at least.

Wetlands

The leaking tap at the allotments has been repaired and the mains water supply system is OK, although it has been turned off for the winter.

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