
Trull Parish Council Newsletter

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Local Seats

Geoff Hewitt has been re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council with Jo Wooldridge as Vice-Chairman, replacing Sid French who stood down. Each individual Councillor's responsibilities stay as listed at the end of this newsletter.

Country Seats

Two Picnic Tables have been ordered for the Playing Field, which will be delivered in mid-July. Results of the annual safety checks by RoSPA are expect soon.

Weird

Part of the bridge at Three Bridges is rotting and will be replaced in the next three weeks, whilst the long saga with the repair of Staplehay Weir continues.

No Smoke

New compost bins at the allotments are being well used, and have greatly reduced the need for burning waste

Very Cross

A resident of Bradford Close has been campaigning for a pedestrian crossing on Honiton Road near the junction with Church Road. This road is crossed very frequently to access the Trull Stores, Post Office, School and Bus Stop. The danger to parishioners, old and young, is considerable. She has received a great deal of support from local residents and the Parish Council. SCC Highways has refused in the past to install a crossing near a junction, although there is now a local precedent set in Wellington. Please sign the petition at the Post Office.

No expense spared

At the Annual Parish Meeting, the Chairman welcomed the new Clerk, Alison Harding, and co-opted councillor, Dee Luke. He also thanked John White for his tireless work on Trull's footpaths. He reviewed the year's events, Councillors' expenses (none) and precept - see minutes for full details. The Council's expenditure has been independently audited. Our County Councillor, Stephen Martin-Scott, reported on local issues, and said that SCC Councillors' expenses will be published on the SCC website quarterly.

Fast Track

The issue of parking in Bradbeers by students from the SCAT Halls of Residence has been settled. An assault recently took place in Trull, and the victim was hospitalised. A window at Trull Stores was recently smashed and the culprit apprehended.

Four Community Speed Watch sessions by trained volunteers have taken place opposite Wayside, with only vehicles travelling at the speed limit + 10% + 2mph (i.e. over 35mph) being recorded. These drivers are reported, and receive an information pack and a letter from the police pointing out that they have been speeding. Analysis shows 32 of the 1100 vehicles were speeding, with one driver recorded overtaking at 43mph. This is undoubtedly an under-estimate, since the volunteers are deliberately highly visible and many vehicles had slowed down by the time their speed was checked. This is the purpose of the exercise - to encourage drivers to observe the

speed limit, not to punish them. Two new sites are to be set up, opposite Southwell and Queens Drive, both approved by the road traffic department. The Speed Watch team are looking for funding from the Parish Council for radar guns, jackets etc., which has been provided in many of the other parishes with successful schemes across the county and country. The team will be out five times a month between 8am and 6pm, but not in bad weather. The results, to date, will be posted on the website and on Trull PC Notice boards.

Lego Land

The PC decided to support:

- Deposit of soils to form noise attenuation bund at Canonsgrove Farm.
- Single storey garden room extension, porch and veranda at Amberd House East.
- Felling one pine tree and pruning another at Canonsgrove Halls of Residence, Staplehay.
- Ground and first floor extensions with internal alterations at The Forge, Daw's Green.
- Rear single storey extension at 2 New Road, Trull.

Local Diary

Trull School Fete on Fri. 12th June 3-6pm at Trull School.

Trull Film Club's *Bolt* on Fri. 12th June at 7:30pm in Memorial Hall.

Trull Scouts AGM on Fri. 19th June at 6:30pm in the Memorial Hall followed by **Centenary Jamboree** on Sat./Sun. 20th/21st camping overnight in King George V Playing Field.

Next PC Meeting

Mon. 15th June 2009 @ 7.15 pm
Pearce Suite, Memorial Hall
All Welcome

Project Taunton

Project manager Mark Green, based in the old East Reach Hospital, reported at the Annual Parish Meeting that:

- At the Old North Goods Yard, Firepool, local builders Gadds are developing the first phase and have detailed planning permission for work to start in approximately 2 months. This consists of 110 housing units but no affordable housing. The second phase will follow and this has 40 affordable units. The total scheme when finished will be mixed housing with 1¼ parking spaces per unit.
- At the Large Firepool Site, the Livestock Market and car park site will be developed by St Modwen, a Midlands based developer which specialises in brownfield sites. The work will be in 4 or 5 phases each requiring a separate planning application, and taking about 10 years. Only when all phases are completed will the development be handed over to the developer.
- What happens next? In the short term, demolition will take place and vehicular infrastructure created at the Morrison's junction, Canal Road, Canal Terrace, Priory Road car park, possibly late this year or early next. There has already been interest from 3 or 4 occupiers and the scheme will take 10-12 years to complete.
- Cricket Club: Phase 1 of the building is due to be completed in the next 3-4 weeks and the public square next to the Brewhouse should be finished late August or early September. A planning application has been submitted for the Botham Stand which will house a conference centre and banqueting facility with up to 80 covers.
- Goodland Gardens/Castle Green:

Work has started on the Museum building which should be completed next year and opened in early 2011, transforming the museum. A large public area will be created starting in the New Year with an approximate 10 month contract. The Castle Hotel car park buildings will be removed to improve the view.

- Tangier / Old Town Gas site, de-contamination of the site has been completed. The scheme has a possible start date of 2010/11 and an 18 month contract. It will consist of 225 4 and 5 storey dwellings along the river and will have a very modern look.
 - Refurbishing in the Pig Market is financed by US Bank, J P Morgan. Work started last week with completion by October 2009. J P Morgan is also interested in redeveloping the High Street area, and talks have begun.
 - Flood storage: because of increased capacity at Long Run Farm, the Wild Oak Lane site will not be needed at present.
 - Park and Ride: proposals have been made for a 400 space increase at Silk Mills, and work on the 1000 spaces at the Cambria Park site has started. This will provide sites either side of Taunton with a bus service every 6 minutes.
- In the question and answer session that followed, the development of the Bus Station was raised. The present thinking is that it will be developed on its present site, part owned by TDBC, but this may change as the option to relocate it near the Railway Station is explored.

More details of **Project Taunton's** work is available on the website – www.tauntonproject.co.uk

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