
Trull Parish Council Newsletter

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Tarmac Tales

Somerset Highways has reported the following:

- The motorway bridge on the Pitminster road is now closed for maintenance. This technically applies also to pedestrians and cyclists, who cross 'at their own risk'.
- The patching of the pavement at Gatchell Green has been completed.
- The pavement outside the shop has been repaired.
- A resident of New Road has raised concerns about motorists speeding out onto Comeytrowe Road. The former is a private road, and the appropriate parish councillor will make enquiries.

Although hedges have been trimmed in Honiton Road from Claremont Lane to Littlefields, only the lower level has been cut and branches at eye level pose a danger to people using the route. The PC is to request re-cutting of the hedges.

It was also reported that the potholes past Eastbrook have reappeared; and that there was a 'groove' in the road in Church Road.

Teddy Bear's Picnic

The monthly playing field check found all was in order except for cracks appearing in the rubber seats of the toddlers' swings. Wickstead will be contacted to effect repairs. The new picnic benches are due to be delivered during the second week of July.

The ROSPA inspection report has been received and will be discussed at the next PC meeting.

Aid

In the past year, the Parish Lands Charity has passed £3,800 to both the Parish Church and Primary School; with £8,300 going to Relief in Need for which there were 43 beneficiaries. A balance of approximately £6,000 has been carried forward, which is an increase about £500 on last year.

See-Saw

There has been some speculation that the Government had 'called in' the Dipford Road Affordable Housing application. TDBC has confirmed that this is not so, and that full planning permission has been granted. Construction is well under way.

Developers now pay a fixed sum per unit for the development of local play and outdoor recreation facilities. This totals £16,848 in respect of the Dipford Road scheme. This sum will be paid to TDBC when the housing is half-occupied. The PC can propose how the money is spent, since it currently provides play facilities locally and is best placed to know what local residents need.

Most such schemes are for young children. TDBC is keen to develop more facilities for teenagers, and those that can also be used by adults of all ages, such as a smaller version of the exciting new facilities at French Weir. The siting of play equipment on the western fringe of the village might also be a possibility. It is an essential element of any proposal that it is based on full consultation with the young people who would benefit from it.

It was agreed to set up a working group in the autumn to explore the options and report back to the PC,

which would make a formal proposal to TDBC. This will consist of several parish councillors – Jo Wooldridge, Peter Parris & Don Archer - plus representatives of local groups providing for young people, such as the uniformed organisations and the Church, and of the young people themselves.

If you have ideas on how to improve the play and outdoor recreation facilities within the village, please contact the parish clerk or one of these parish councillors (see details overleaf) before September 1st 2009.

Pack-ed Out

Trull Scouts celebrated their centennial year, both at their AGM and the special Jamboree held in the playing fields. The events were well attended by both current and ex scouts/guides, along with pack leaders of the past. The scouts have kindly offered to repaint the railings that run from the end of the playing field to the bridge over the Sherford Stream.

Wilting

The Staplehay and Trull Flower Show will not take place this year due to lack of support. A balance of £257.95 was passed to the Parish Clerk for safe keeping.

Our Thanks

The PC wishes to thank Jack Matthews and family, Trull Post Office and Trull Stores for their help given in the distribution of the PC newsletters throughout this last year. Keep the rising costs of Trull PC Newsletter distribution down by getting a digital copy. Email requests to jo@jandtwooldridge.co.uk

Blocked

Improvements to Poke Lane between the playing field and the school side entrance have been completed, and use of the Jubilee Gate will stop except on special occasions.

A splendid new footbridge at Three Bridges across the Sherford Stream has now been installed.

The best way of dealing with the landfall at Staplehay Weir, where the footpath has been closed for six-months, is still under consideration. The PC is doing all it can to get this resolved. It was reported that there had been some vandalism there. This has been reported to PCSO Perry.

Sizzler

On Tuesday 28th July, the road leading from Church Road to the Memorial Hall will be closed for resurfacing.

Lego Land

The PC decided to support:

- Erection of a single storey garden room extension, porch and veranda at Amberd House East, Amberd Lane, Trull.
- Construction of a steel framed agricultural portal building for the storage of straw, with a lean-to on one side for the storage of machinery, at Lower Kibbear Farm, Trull.

Local Diary

Village Barbeque on Sun. 23rd August from 12:30 at the Memorial Hall. Tickets £5 each.

Next Film Night – 11th September

Next PC Meeting

Mon. 20th July 2009 @ 7.15 pm

**Pearce Suite, Memorial Hall
All Welcome**

This will include a report on the local Community Speed Watch scheme.

Open and Shut

Most burglaries are done on the spur of the moment, with burglars seeing an open window or door and taking their chance. With a hot summer, we will be spending more time in the garden, so it's easy to become complacent and leave the home insecure. Propped open doors or open windows are attractive to the opportunist burglar, so spare a few seconds to think about securing your home before you start gardening or light up a barbecue for family and friends. This could prevent the upset and inconvenience of being a victim of crime.

We have recently been receiving reports of a lottery scam whereby "lucky winners" are sent letters that appear to be from a Euro lottery fund. To claim the money the recipient is asked to complete an attached form giving their bank details. Beware that this is a scam and, as a general rule, if an offer looks too good to be true it usually is. Safeguard your bank details and don't become a victim of identify theft.

Usual numbers 0845 456 7000 for all requests for police assistance, and you can reach us on Voicemail 01823 363287 and 70108 at the prompt. PCSO 7582 Simon Parry.

Book It

Somerset County's Mobile Library vehicle has been a familiar sight within Trull for decades providing books for all ages, but its future is not assured. Please use it or lose it! Mondays 6th & 27th July

Crown Inn, Staplehay 13:15-13:45
Garage, Trull 13:50-14:10
Dipford, Trull 15:20-15:30
New Road, Trull 15:35-16:00

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