
Trull Parish Council Newsletter

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Not in My Trull

There has, for some time, been an anomaly in that a small area of Trull Parish, the Killams ward, falls within the Taunton borough ward of Killams and Mountfield. Although all residents of Killams have received Trull Parish newsletters for years, TDBC states that concern has been expressed that these households, mainly properties in Killams Green, do not feel a natural connection with Trull Parish. The Borough Council is considering a formal consultation to seek the views of Killams residents, and other interested parties, as to changing Trull Parish boundary to exclude this small area. Any changes would take place to coincide with the four-yearly Parish Council elections in May 2011. Residents will be notified when any formal consultation commences, and will have ample opportunity to express their views to Taunton Deane. If you require further information in the meantime please contact David Greig, Parish Liaison Officer, at d.greig@tauntondeane.gov.uk.

Worst Case

Last month, the Playing Fields suffered its worst case of vandalism for a long time. The changing room door was smashed in; paint tipped over walls and equipment; line painter, clothes and balls spread across the field and some items stolen. Police, who took away beer bottles and cans, have identified a possible culprit, but not before numerous parishioners had spent a lot of time cleaning up the mess and mending the damage. Phone the Police if you see or hear disturbances in this area, particularly in the early hours.

Not In Our Trull

Few of us relish the thought of new large housing estates to the south of Taunton. But the draft of the Bridgwater, Taunton and Wellington Transport Strategy for 2009-2026 refers to the transport infrastructure that would be needed if the development at Comeytrowe went ahead. As this document is currently out for consultation, a member of the review team has been invited to the October PC meeting to discuss its implications for our parish. As some might recall, the entire new Taunton transport infrastructure is based on the north of the town.

Weird

The Land Registry has been contacted to try and establish the ownership of Staplehay Weir, as the County Council is unlikely to proceed with repairs until this is known. Somerset Industrial Archaeological Society has written to express their concern over its condition. They also give their support to the PC in their efforts to remedy the situation, by writing to the Environment Agency and TDBC. The Environment Agency is now involved with Staplehay Weir, which was apparently the responsibility of TDBC until 2006. Enquiries into the limit of its responsibilities have so far proved fruitless.

Crossing too Far

Following a petition for a pedestrian crossing for Honiton Road, the PC understands that it has not generate enough points on SCC "Local Transport Plan" criteria to be cost-effective, so it will not be installed.

Slippery Slide

Trull Councillors, Youth Leaders and Teenagers have met to consider possible use of the money for play and outdoor recreation facilities from the Dipford Road development. Meeting twice recently, and with a visit to a local modern site, the teenagers have compiled a 'wish list', and the possible siting of the equipment was discussed. The young people were very receptive, and pleased that there was such a large area in the playing fields for the items. As £6,000 of the money has to be spent on sporting facilities a cycle track or volleyball court were also suggested. The costings for the four favourite ideas will be considered by the PC, and bids put in by April 2010. The money would be released by June 2010 at the earliest. If costs are in excess of the sum allocated, TDBC may consider contributing to any overspend. These developers' contributions are only made on sites of five houses or more, so Trull may not receive another in the near future. The PC needs to take a long term view and possibly phase the work.

Trull Maizes

The bottom horizontal timber under the stile at each end of the new bridge at Three Bridges is preventing easy access and egress for dogs. SCC is not prepared to alter the construction of the bridge.

- The southerly gate on Pokes Lane at The Bell House does not self close when opened to its limit.
 - The footpath off Dipford Lane is impassable because of a crop of maize; and nettles beside the footpaths off Comeytrowe Road make them more difficult to walk, but not impassable.
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Guns in Trull!

At the PC meeting, local PC Claire Griffiths distributed a handout about Community Speed Watch, including a copy of the letter sent out to motorists who have been identified as speeding. It was suggested that, as equipment costs are high, Trull share equipment with an adjacent village.

Mr Smith of Bishop's Hull reported that monitoring in yellow jackets acts as a deterrent, and numbers caught speeding reduced each of the ten times that volunteers with cameras were out. SCC will be reviewing all speed limits in the next 18 months and monitoring speeds on the roads might help with efforts to change the speed limit on Church Road.

Speed Watch has to be a community-led initiative, which the PC agreed to support, but not to take part in directly. Other members of the community may wish to do so. Results of monitoring could add support to the campaign for a crossing on Honiton Road. Claire informed the Council that the scheme needed to be up and running in 6-12 months. She was happy to ask Mr Smith to assist monitoring in Trull during the next 6 months at times identified, and she will report back in March.

If anyone is interested in working with Bishop's Hull Community Speed Watch monitoring Trull, please contact PC Claire Griffiths tel: 07917529465, email claire.griffiths@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Not to Plan

The PC decided to support the erection of an amended two storey extension to rear of Kibbear Barton, Trull; and to unanimously object to the erection of a new dwelling at 2 Church Road, Trull.

On your Bike

More cyclists are out on the roads, without lights on, in the hours of wintery darkness, often in poor weather. This is a serious safety issue. Bikers are obviously less visible if unlit and not wearing reflective clothing and it will also cost them £30 if prosecuted for cycling without lights. Switch them on half an hour before lighting up times (½ hour before sunset until ½ hour after sunrise). Street lamps are a good indication of these timings.

Lights can also protect your home in winter. Most burglaries are committed by opportunists who target vulnerable properties that display open windows, property in darkness, milk etc. left out, with hedges offering cover. Thieves don't like light. Timers can be easily set up to switch lights on and off while you are out.

PCSO 7582 Simon Parry

Local Diary

Next Film Night Star Trek – 9th Oct. at 7:30 and next film on 6/11.

Police PACT meeting – 19th Oct. at 7:15pm in PC Meeting.

Table Top Sale – 7th Nov. 10am-2pm in the Memorial Hall.

Scouts Firework Night – 7th Nov. from 6pm in Playing Fields

Trull Players' Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs – tickets available from 20th Oct.

Next PC Meeting

Mon. 19th Oct 2009 @ 7.15 pm

Pearce Suite, Memorial Hall

Everyone welcome. Allotment tenants meeting from 6:45pm

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