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8,000+ New Homes

The Draft Local Development Framework (LDF) went to TDBC on 30 November. It is now in the public domain, and will be discussed at various Consultation meetings in January. It implements at a local level the government's Revised Draft Regional Spatial Strategy, the final version of which has still to be published.

The LDF includes outline plans for the provision of 21,800 houses in Taunton Deane as a whole. The impact on Trull would be significant, with 8,000 houses within the parish boundary, in the open countryside to the west of Comeytrowe Road. TDBC have received 'ECO funding' from government. TDBC's local consultation meetings are at:

• **Trull Memorial Hall on Tues. 19th January 4pm to 6:30pm**

• **Bishop's Hull Community Centre on Tues 26th January 3.30pm to 7.30pm.**

• **The Community Hall in Comeytrowe on Wed 27th January 4.30pm to 7.30pm.**

At the December PC meeting Mark Edwards, our TDBC Councillor, urged people to study the information and make their comments. Although government has to plan for the future, we should question the number of houses and their impact locally. Mark said that the implementation of the plan could be thirty years away, and that the LDF document was part of the consultation process extending into next year. The Regional Spatial Strategy was being challenged, but a government directive means that this consultation must take place. Mark also recognised that the Trull

Parish Plan is very important as it asserts Trull's determination to retain its identity as a separate community from Taunton. Mark stated that employment land and infrastructure such as schools would be built into the plan.

Parishioners are urged to attend these consultations and make their views known.

The Parish Council will consider and decide upon its formal response to the Draft LDF proposal at its meeting on Monday 15th February.

Since the above was announced, a further **private** development for 250 homes, 'Broadlands', at Staplehay has been proposed. This would cover five fields, including land between Canonsgrove and Bradbeers. The developers are mounting preliminary public consultation displays at the Canonsgrove Halls of Residence from Thursday 7th January for three days.

Water under Bridge

Mark Edwards also gave an update on progress with repairs to Staplehay Weir. The DLO has liaised with an engineer, who has given an estimate cost of £30,000.

A report has been sent to SCC for approval which, if accepted, will commit SCC to £22,000 towards the overall cost. Mark is trying to find the remaining £8,000, and Stephen Martin-Scott has indicated that there may be some money in his community budget. The PC was asked to consider including a one-off contribution from its annual precept for this project, which would demonstrate its importance and encourage other bodies to contribute. (See item below for its response.) Ownership of the weir was still unknown and

setting up a trust could be a means for future fund raising.

Setting Precept

The PC discussed setting monies aside for resurfacing the whole of Poke Lane, but decided that these were less urgent than the Weir repair, although patching of certain stretches of Pokes Lane would be beneficial.

Queen's College has indicated that it would accept £100 per annum from the PC for leasing an additional strip of Trull Meadow to extend the allotments.

Also discussed were a circular bench round the cherry tree on the playing fields, and Public Toilets in Trull.

The PC agreed to: -

- The Parish Precept for 2010-11 being set at £14,000, to include:
- £500 for repair & maintenance of the Staplehay ex-phone box.
- £2,000 for extending the allotments.
- Up to £4,000 towards the cost of Staplehay Weir repairs.

Dipford

The clearance work has been carried out on the footway between the Dipford Orchard development and Honiton Road. Most major building works should be completed by the end of 2009, with full completion by March 2010. Applications for the five houses for sale have been sent to TDBC for approval. Rented units will be allocated by Falcon Rural Housing, and a representative from the association will be reporting to the March PC meeting.

Water Bus?

Since the raised kerb was installed at the bus stop opposite Trull Stores, the shelter has been unusable in wet weather because of rainwater ponding in the shelter. This is being investigated as it was not previously a problem. The long term issue of overhanging trees and leaf drop is also being considered.

Access Denied

Following concerns raised by the local Community Police over parking and pedestrian access to Trull School, the Headteacher met with Police, Councillors and representatives from Somerset Highways and Trull Memorial Hall to discuss the ongoing problem. The drivers of the Blagdon Hill school bus are refusing to drive right up to the school as there have been several 'near misses' involving children. To help remedy this, Highways are looking into the possibility of using extended zigzag parking restriction lines down to the access to the Memorial Hall. This would enable the old pedestrian gate into the playground, opposite Wild Oak Lane, to be opened to allow access to school bus passengers only, at specific times.

To help divert traffic away from the congested village centre, it was suggested that the sign post at Brown's Elm direct traffic to Taunton down Amberd Lane.

Wheelbarrow Jam

A Wild Oak Lane resident is concerned that the proposed extension to the allotments would increase demand for parking near the allotments and exacerbate the existing inconsiderate parking.

Happy New Year

Look out for the TAP Parish Plan Review to be delivered to your home in January.

White Goods

Despite a sprinkling of snow, the Annual Charity Bring and Buy Sale held in the Memorial Hall on 2nd Jan raised approximately £1250 jointly for a scanner at Musgrove Park Hospital and the local homelessness charity 'The Open Door'.

Thank You

Trull Yuletide Carollers, 16 local singers and musicians, braved the cold on 19th December to raise £139 for the Children's Hospice South West. Thanks go to local residents and The Winchester Arms for their support.

Path Finder

John White reported that the main bridge at Three Bridges had been inspected and several minor faults would be repaired, including a broken handrail, missing splayed fencing and the addition of kick boards.

SCC Rights of Way team is trying to establish ownership of the footpath at the abattoir on Comeytrowe Lane, as it needs access to carry out repairs.

Century

Our congratulations go to Mrs Lorna Hooper, a life-long resident of Trull, who celebrated her 100th birthday in December.

Next PC Meeting

Mon. 18th Jan 2010 @ 7.15 pm
Pearce Suite, Memorial Hall
All welcome

Local Diary

Next Film Night – UP, Fri. 8th
Jan. 7:30pm in Memorial Hall.

Footpaths

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