
Trull Parish Council Newsletter

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Staplehay Weir

Stephen Fawcett of the Mill Stream Improvement Committee reported to the PC on progress with work on the Mill Pond. All the silt had now been removed from the pond and the next stage of the work, clearing the banks, had begun. Although short of water the pond is looking very good, and he thanked the students from Queen's College for their help with the work and the PC for their support. Stephen has written an interesting article about this work in the October Parish Magazine, illustrated with his wife Heather's photographs.

Fireworks

The Scouts' Annual Family Firework Display will take place on Saturday, 6th November on King George V Playing Field.

Admission

Adults £3.50

Children £1.50

Trull Christmas Craft Fair

Trull Village Memorial Hall

Saturday, 6th November

10am – 2pm

Admission Free

Come along and buy your Christmas presents!

Post Office

Mr Patel, who has been running the Post Office on a temporary basis since the retirement of Trevor Smith, has now signed a permanent contract with Post Office Ltd. Hopefully this means the future of the Post Office in Trull is secure and the service will continue.

A Message from Trull Community Police

October is here along with the darker evenings, and this means the darker nights may catch us out and what may be an oversight on our part may be an open invitation to an opportunistic burglar.

Remember to dig out the timer switches from that bottom drawer and use them around your house, especially if you are going away for an autumn break. You should also use them to automatically turn lights on if you are out for the afternoon and perhaps will be back later than you expected.

Another idea is to use the timer to turn on/off radios in your house preferably tuned to a mainly talking radio station.

Across Taunton as a whole, one of our largest problems has been bike theft. Whilst this has centred around the town centre more, it is possible for the crime to spread further afield. Please ensure that you store your bike at your house securely and out of sight and even use a good quality lock at home as well. When you park your bike away from your home, again make sure you are using a good quality lock, and that you use it properly – we would suggest locking the frame and the back wheel at an absolute minimum – we see many whilst out on our beat that are only locked by the frame.

Remember that if we are to deal with anything positively we need to hear from you as soon as possible.

Take care and be safe.

PCSO Simon PARRY – 07917 529 465

PC Claire GRIFFITHS – 07584 140 985

Crime Reporting Line – non urgent – 0845 456 7000

Taunton Police Station

In response to concerns about the loss of Taunton Police Station. PC Griffiths told the PC that the proposed closing of the police station in Taunton was in fact only a partial move. Due to severe overcrowding the administration staff would move to a new larger headquarters on the J23 Business Park, whereas uniformed staff will remain in Taunton. Hopefully all staff will be retained.

Footpaths

The Parish Council was informed that:

- Crops were blocking the footpath from Amberd Lane to Kibbear Lane.
- Requests have been made for the latch gate at the Amberd Lane end of Poke Lane to be made wheelchair friendly.
- T2130 - Dipford Lane to Honiton Road had been padlocked but is now open.
- On the footpath from Amberd Lane to Pitminster the handrails at Three Bridges had been pushed out but new handrails and gates had been fitted each end.
- The footpath in Trull Meadow from the Mill Pond to Queen's Drive becomes waterlogged in winter, but SCC ROW say this is low priority especially in the current economic climate.

The PC has boarded the edges of the planting area in Carter's Way to prevent the bark chippings being washed down the lane into the drains and causing a blockage.

Playing Field

The new picnic bench and the square bench on the playing field were damaged by vandals and broken glass left around the area during the summer holidays - on GCSE results day!! . Repairs have been made to the benches and the PC are considering whether moving the benches to the top of the field would make them more visible to families using the play area where they may be safer .

Phone Box

The adoption of the phone box at Staplehay is near completion. The PC has received the signed contract from BT. With this in place the next step – removing the equipment – will follow shortly. On completion work on the conversion to a noticeboard and informal book exchange can start.

Local Development

Mr Archer outlined to the PC the effect on the TDBC Core Strategy and Local Development Framework of the change of government. The Regional Spatial Strategy, which had been in its final draft form, had been scrapped, in favour of allowing more local decisions about the scale of development. The TDBC Executive has agreed a figure of 15,000 homes and 11,000 jobs for its area between 2008 and 2026, effectively reverting to the original draft RSS which was supported by TDBC, SCC and Trull Parish Council, before the numbers were increased after the Examination in Public. Mr Archer informed the PC that he understands that the statutory responsibilities of the South West Regional Assembly have now been transferred to the Strategic Leaders Board, part of South West Councils.

Planning

The PC decided to support:

- Change of use of part of paddock to form extension of garden for children's play area at Little Oaks, Staplehay
 - Erection of agricultural building at Grassy Rivets, Higher Comeytrove.
 - Erection of 1m high wooden fence, gate and planting of hedge to front at 12 Barton Green.
 - Alteration and extension of garage roof, including of dormers on first floor, at 6 Ladylawn, Trull
 - Erection of single storey extension to side and rear at 8 New Road, Trull.
 - Erection of part two storey / part first floor extension at Amsaegbi, Staplehay
 - Erection of side extension at 4 Granary Way, Trull
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Trull Players

present

Dick Whittington

by

Damian Trasler, David Lovesy
and Steve Clark

at

Trull Memorial Hall

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Performances at 7.30

from

Wednesday 1st December

to Saturday 4th December

plus a Saturday Matinee at 2pm

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Tickets available from the Box

Office at the Church car park

Tues 19th to Sat 23rd October

from 9am to midday.

Adults £7, under 16s £4.50

After Oct 23rd tickets are available

from Linda Brierley, 9 Bradbeers

Tel 336150

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