
Trull Parish Council Newsletter

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Winter Weather

SCC has provided Trull with three grit bins for residents use placed around the village. In addition to these small bins the primary school has a larger bin on site so that access to the school can be kept clear and safe. The small bins are sited in Church Road between the Post Office and the school, in Comeytrove Road between Dipford Road and Private Road and on the Honiton Road near the junction with Amberd Lane. SCC will re-fill the bins as and when required.

Following last winter's problems with grit supplies during the severe weather, information received from Highways confirms that, at present their barns are fully stocked.

There has been some confusion and concern in recent years over the legal position if anyone slips and is injured as the result of snow being cleared by residents. To help clarify the situation guidance information entitled "Clearing snow and ice yourself" can be found on the Direct.gov.uk website.

Staplehay Phone Box

Ownership of the phone box has been transferred to the PC after receipt of the Notice to Complete from BT. Work can now go ahead on repairs and the conversion of the box into an information noticeboard and informal book exchange.

LOST

A WWII Civil Defence Medal and two china figures in traditional costume. Great sentimental value. If found please contact the Parish Clerk on 01823 331309

Local Government Cuts

SCC District Councillor, Mr Martin-Scott addressed the PC at their last meeting with information from the recent SCC Council budget meeting. He told them that £43,000,000 in savings had been approved at the meeting but that cuts and efficiencies of £30,000,000 are still to be made.

Job losses are inevitable some of which will be through voluntary redundancies and whilst there may not always be sympathy for local government officers, with 39% of locally employed people working in local government, the loss of their jobs will affect the whole community.

Areas that may be affected by the cuts include road repairs, subsidised bus services and adult care. Some local public libraries and recycling centres may close but others will remain open with the opening hours reduced.

Mr Martin-Scott told the meeting that in the present climate of cuts the Cabinet has been reduced from nine to six members and that he has stepped down.

Speed Watch

The PC is making enquiries through SCC Highways into the possibility of installing temporary speed indicator warning signs on Honiton Road. Evidence of need will be required by them and the recent Community Speed Watch monitoring can help the PC provide this. If evidence proves insufficient for SCC funded signs the PC can apply to make an annual financial contribution to obtain shared signs. The cost of this will be based on contributions from 8 sharing communities and the signs will be deployed in each of the communities for 2 weeks in every 4 months.

Playing Field

The PC reminds residents that all dogs must be kept on a lead on the playing field. This reminder follows reports that a chicken belonging to a resident near the playing field had been killed by a loose dog.

Trull Community Police

PCSO Simon PARRY – 07917 529 465
PC Claire GRIFFITHS – 07584 140 985
Crime Reporting Line – non urgent – 0845 456 7000

Next PC Meeting

Monday 6th December 2010
at 7.15 pm

**Pearce Suite, Memorial Hall.
All welcome!**

Planning

The PC decided to support:

- Erection of extension and alterations to 6 Southwell Close, Trull.
- Application to carry out management work on one field maple at Westbrook, Church Road, Trull.
- Erection of two 3 bed semi-detached affordable houses at Dipford Orchard.

Planning decisions received.

- A Certificate of Lawful Use or Development granted for proposed dormer window to the north elevation and velux rooflights at 10 Brookside Close, Trull.

Full permission granted for:

- Alteration and extension of garage roof including dormers at 6 Ladylawn, Trull.
- Erection of two storey extension to the side of 4 Granary Way, Trull.

The application for the demolition of outbuildings and erection of a 3 bed house at The Old Vicarage, Trull Road has been withdrawn.

Affordable Housing

A planning application has been received by TDBC for two additional affordable 3 bed semi detached houses in Dipford Orchard.

The developer, Mr Andy Lehner, attended the November meeting of the PC to address concerns raised by members of the public.

The concerns raised were:

- The new development would lead to an increase in traffic and cars parked in the road would add to the problem for vehicles who have on occasions had to drive onto the verges to pass.
- There are still no warning signs in Dipford Road.

- Foul water drainage – there is no water coming out of the drainage pipe and the gradient of the existing system is not great enough to deal with the volume of water. In addition to this the drop was not sufficient to meet current regulations.
- The run-off from the Dipford Orchard development site was causing flooding in Dipford Road.

In reply Mr Lehner said that signage and traffic are the responsibility of SCC who can be contacted direct but have indicated that they are happy with the present situation.

There had been reports of an unpleasant smell surrounding the site and the manufacturers of the sewage system had visited the site to investigate. Modifications that they have made should remedy the situation. Mr Lehner told the meeting that it is thought that the efficiency of the system was causing the problem because water use is very low leading to low dilution of waste.

Mr Lehner confirmed that no water runs off the site onto Dipford Road and the lack of water running from the drainage pipe into the ditch indicates that the 180m soakaway is working efficiently and is able to deal with the volume of water. He confirmed that the gradient of the pipe is well within what is required by building regulations.

Mr Lehner agreed to requests that the boundary fence is erected before work begins and that no work on the site would take place between the hours of 7pm and 7am.

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